

Order of Service

A Chant may be sung

Opening responses

In light and in darkness, in peace and in confusion, Jesus Christ wants to make his home and meet his friends.

He is the Light of Life: **He is the hope for the world.**

In him there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither insider nor outsider:

All are one in Jesus Christ.

He is the Light of Life: **He is the hope for the world.**

In him there is neither rich nor poor, neither black nor white:

All are one in Jesus Christ.

He is the Light of Life: **He is the hope for the world.**

In him there is neither male nor female, neither master nor servant:

All are one in Jesus Christ.

He is the Light of Life: **He is the hope for the world.**

Song or Psalm may be sung or said

Prayer followed by silence

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for God
and God bent down to hear me.

God lifted me from a murky pit and set me firmly on a rock where I can stand confidently.

God put a new song on my lips,
a song of praise to my maker:

**Many will look on in wonder
and put their trust in God.**

Countless are your wonders, O God;
in goodness you have no equal.

**We would proclaim all your works
were they not too many to number.**

A reading from Holy Scripture

Silence or discussion of the text

Prayers for others

Let us now, in prayer, remember and call out to God for those whom the following words of scripture bring to mind.

Remember those who tonight will cry, 'I wish to God it were morning,' and come morning will cry, 'I wish to God it were night.'

Silence or sung response

Remember those whose pillows are soaked with tears and whose eyes are tired and dim with weeping.

Silence or sung response

Remember those who, for whatever reason, may want to say, 'Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.'

Silence or sung response

Remember those for whom the light that was in them has turned to darkness.

Silence or sung response

Remember those who in looking to tomorrow,
deeply hope that the sick will be healed,
the stranger welcomed, the prisoner released,
the poor hear good news.

Silence or sung response

And let us, in confidence, share
with God our own hopes and longings.

Silence or sung response

Glory to God our maker; to God's Son who is Christ
our Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts
both now and for ever. **Amen.**

A song may be sung

Closing responses

God of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses
and Miriam, of Mary and Joseph,
stay with us now.

God of Joshua and Rahab, of Rizpah and
David, of Dorcas and Paul,
stay with us now.

God of Simeon and Anna, of Martha and Thomas,
God of the Eunuch at the Pool and the Woman at the
Well,
stay with us now.

Stay with us and go with us,
for we leave as we gathered in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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