The Work of God



L: Go in peace and serve the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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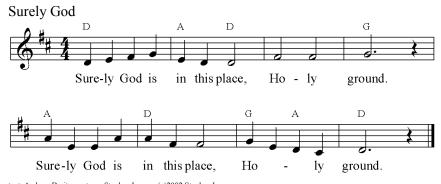
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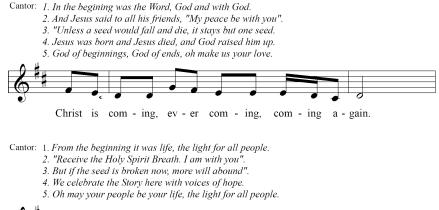
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INVOCATION

L: We gather in the name of the Father + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen!

SONG - To the Lamb and To the Lord

OPENING LITANY

L: God of night and rest; new mercies each morning, **P: Open our hearts fresh, blameless, and new.**

L: God of absence and presence, estrangement, belonging, **P: Open our minds to being present in your now.**

L: God of friendship and laughter, companionship, care, **P: Open our arms to welcome the stranger.**

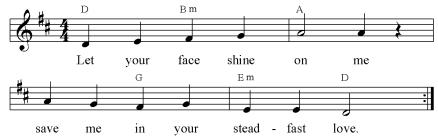
L: God of creation and beauty, ineffable, free, **P: Open our eyes to the awe that is you.**

L: God of silence and space of pregnant pause and flubbed delivery, **P**:

L: God of word written, spoken, listened, and lived, **P: Open our mouths to the proclamation of grace.**

PSALM 31

Cantor sings verses, congregation joins in the antiphon:



1. In you O Lord I take my refuge, deliver me in righteousness, Incline your ear to hear my crying, deliver me make haste, make haste (antiphon)

2. Oh be my rock, my castle, stronghold, and by your name lead me guide me Out of this net that was set for me you came and loosed me, my strong tower (antiphon)

3. Into your hands I lay my spirit, You have redeemed me God of truth My time remains in hands that save me, not in the hands of enemies. (antiphon)

MESSAGE - From There to Here (John 14:1-14) Karoline Lewis

PRAYERS

Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy" and we respond:



P: We lift these and the unspoken prayers of our hearts to you, trusting in your mercy,



THE LORD'S PRAYER



SENDING

L: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever,

P: Amen.