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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Light and Peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus said, "***You are the light of the world.***"

"A city built on a hill cannot be hid."

No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket,

***No! a lamp belongs on a stand
where it gives its light for everyone
in the house.***

And we, like that lamp, must shed light throughout humanity,

***So that, everyone may see the good we do,
and give glory to God in heaven.***

It is not ourselves we proclaim;

***We proclaim Christ Jesus and
ourselves as his servants,***

For Jesus said, "***Out of darkness let light shine,***"

***Jesus has caused a light to shine within us,
the light of revelation - -***

This revelation is the glory of God.

***Almighty God, we give you thanks for
surrounding us, as daylight fades,
with the brightness of the vesper light;
and we ask you to have mercy that,
as you enfold us with the radiance of this light,
that you will shine in our hearts the brightness
of the Holy Spirit; and touch us
through Jesus Christ, Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 96

REFLECTION: “*firmly establish*”

THE LIGHTING OF VESPER CANDLES

(*firmly establish*)

O GRACIOUS LIGHT (Phos hilaron)

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everlasting Father in Heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light;
We sing your praises, O God;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised
by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified throughout all the worlds.

Benediction: (*in unison*)

***"Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh;
Shadows of the evening, Steal across the sky.
Jesus give the weary Calm and sweet repose;
With thy tend'rous blessing May our eyelids close."***

POST SERVICE MUSIC

Psalm 96

***Sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise God's name:
proclaim salvation day after day.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.***

***For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise:
God is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are in God's sanctuary.***

***Ascribe to the Lord, o families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the Holy Name:
bring an offering and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord with the splendor of holiness:
tremble before him: all the earth.
"Say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns.'"
The world is firmly establish,
it cannot be moved;
God will judge the peoples with equity.***