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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 105

REFLECTION: “*all the glorious things*”

THE LIGHTING OF VESPER CANDLES

(*praise the wonders*)

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.

HYMN: “*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*” 60ph (v.1-2)

POST SERVICE MUSIC

Psalm 105

*Thank the Lord for all the glorious things he does;
proclaim them to the nations.*

*Sing to God, praise his name;
tell of all his wonderful acts.*

*Glory is his holy name;
let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Look to the Lord and to his strength;
seek his face always.*

*Remember the wonders God has done,
the miracles, and the judgments
that have been pronounced.
O descendants of Abraham his servant,
O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones,
He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.*

*God remembers his covenant forever,
the word he commanded,
for a thousand generations,
the covenant God made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.*