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On the Village Green

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Vesper Service

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight
as the incense,
And let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice.

***Grace be to you, and peace,
from God our Father,
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.***

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Let the whole world stand in awe of You.

***Yours is the day, O God,
Yours is also the night;***

You have established the moon and sun.
You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
You have made the summer and the winter.

***I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
My heart will teach me night after night.***

I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand,
I shall not fall.

***Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion,
that turns deep-darkness into the morning,
and darkens the day into night;***

God calls for the waters of the sea,
and pours them out onto the face of the earth:
the Lord is his Name.

***If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me;
and the light around me turn to night,"
darkness is not dark to you, O Lord;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.***

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 16

REFLECTION: *"I take refuge"*

THE LIGHTING OF VESPER CANDLES

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)*

***"Grant us your peace upon our home-ward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day;
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon your name."***

POST SERVICE MUSIC

Psalm 16

***Keep Me Safe, O God,
for in you I take refuge.***

***I said to the Lord,
"You are my Lord; apart from you
I have no good thing."
As for the saints who are in the land,
they are the glorious ones
in whom is all my delight.***

***The sorrows of those will increase
who run after other gods.***

***I will not pour out their libations of blood
or take up their names on my lips.***

***Lord, you have assigned me
my portion and my cup;
you have made my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me
in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.***

***Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to Sheol,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.***

***You have made known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.***