

Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Convention Worship - November 14, 2025

Noonday Prayer

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

Gracious Spirit

Wilson Niwagila, tr. Howard S. Olson

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
2. Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
3. Come and stir us, come, and heal us, o - pen our eyes, we pray.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Light our fire — for the mis - sion we have been called by grace.

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
Swahili: Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Psalm 126

Cuando el Señor cambió la suerte de Sión, *
éramos como los que sueñan.
Entonces nuestra boca se llenó de risa, *
y nuestra lengua de gritos de alegría.
Y decían entre las naciones: *
"Ha hecho el Señor proezas con ellos".
Proezas ha hecho el Señor con nosotros, *
y estamos sumamente alegres.
Tú, oh Señor, has cambiado nuestra suerte, *
como los torrentes del Neguev.
Los que sembraron con lágrimas, *
con gritos de alegría segarán.
Los que van llorando, llevando la semilla, *
volverán entre cantares, trayendo sus gavillas.
Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo:
como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

Malachi 1:11

Thanks be to God.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the ministry we share in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. In this season of discernment, we ask your blessing and the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we prepare to call our next Bishop. Guide us in this important work, that your mission may be furthered, and your Gospel proclaimed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, our deacons and priests, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Guide My Feet

African-American spiritual

1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet
 2. Hold my hand Hold my hand
 3. Stand by me Stand by me
 4. I'm Your child I'm Your child

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Yes, my Lord!

while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me
 I'm Your child

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Yes, my Lord!

race, For I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

The third system concludes the piece with a final melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Evening Prayer

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Gathering Hymn – Yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazon

Quién dijo que todo está perdido

Yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón

Tanta sangre que se llevó el río

Yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón

No será tan fácil / ya sé que pasa

No será tan simple como pensaba

Como abrir el pecho y sacar el alma / una cuchillada de Amor.

Luna de los pobres siempre abierta / yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón

Como un documento inalterable / yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón.

Y uniré las puntas del mismo lazo

Y me iré tranquilo, me iré despacio

Y te daré todo y me darás algo / algo que me alivie un poco más...

Cuando no haya nadie cerca o lejos / yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón

Cuando los satélites no alcancen / yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón.

Y hablo de países y de esperanza

Hablo por la Vida y hablo por la nada

Hablo de cambiar ésta nuestra casa

De cambiarla por cambiar nomás

Quién dijo que todo está perdido

Yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón

Quién dijo que todo está perdido...

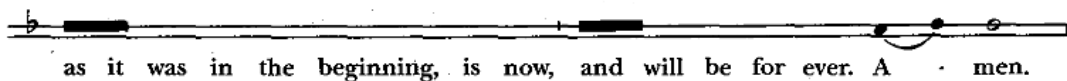
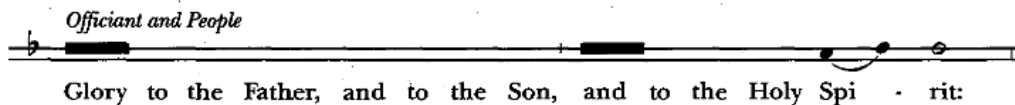
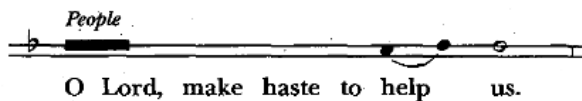
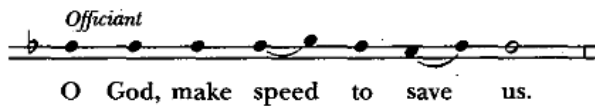
Yo vengo a ofrecer... mi corazón

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2

Daily Evening Prayer II

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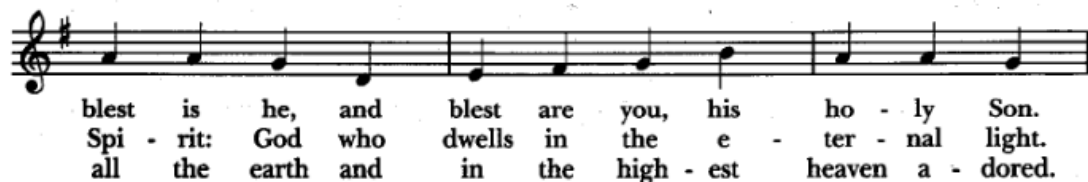
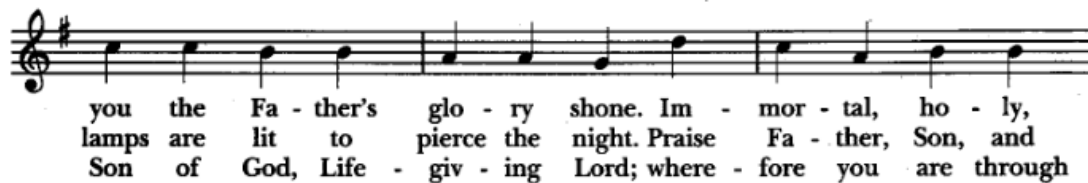
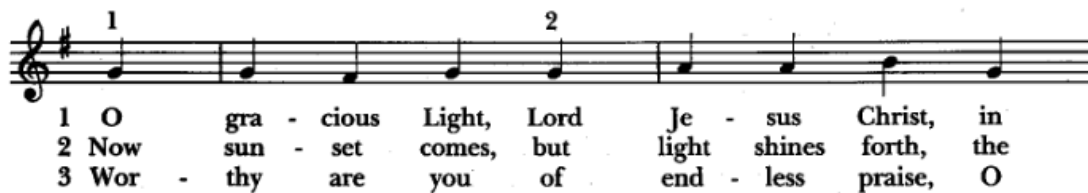


Except in Lent, add:



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Evening



This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*

Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

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Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.
Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.
Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The First Lesson

Revelation 19:11-16

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of lords."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

Mi alma proclama la grandeza del Señor;
mi espíritu se alegra en Dios mi Salvador *
que ha notado la humillación de su sierva.
Desde hoy, todas las generaciones me llamarán bendita: *
Dios Poderoso me ha hecho grandes obras
y su nombre es santo.
Su misericordia alcanza a sus fieles *
generación tras generación.
Desplegó la fuerza de su brazo *
y dispersó a los soberbios de corazón.
Derribó a los poderosos de sus tronos*
y levantó a la gente humilde.
Colmó de bienes al hambriento *
y a los ricos despidió sin nada.
Ayudó a su siervo, el pueblo de Israel, *
porque recuerda la misericordia prometida
a quienes vivieron antes que nosotros, *
a Abrahán y a su descendencia por siempre.
Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo; *
como era en el principio, ahora y siempre
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

The Second Lesson

Matt. 16:13-20

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Ahora deja, Señor, que me vaya en paz, *
conforme a lo que habías prometido;
porque mis ojos han visto al Salvador *
que has preparado ante los pueblos:
luz que ilumina a las naciones *
y gloria de Israel, tu pueblo.
Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo; *
como era en el principio, ahora y siempre
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

The Prayers

Daily Evening Prayer II Salutation and The Lord's Prayer

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The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.



Our Father in heaven . . . ever. A - men.

or

Our Father, who art in heaven . . . ever. A - men.

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Suffrages B, Tone II

Daily Evening Prayer II

Cantor or Officiant



That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

People



We en - treat you, O Lord.

(This response is sung after each petition)



That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,



That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of



[___ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

Setting: From the Litany of the Saints; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Friday

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

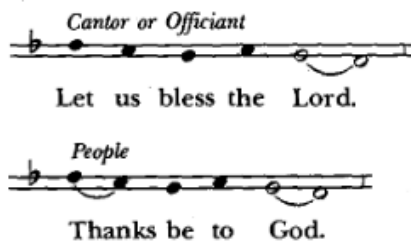
The Commissioning Alex Blenman, Abigail Jeyaraj, and Talia Pott for ministry in the Lawrence House Service Corps

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Daily Evening Prayer II
Concluding Versicle and Response

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Holy God, please be with Marcus, Miguelina, and Susan, as well as with their families and loved ones, as they walk alongside us in this season of discernment. Grant them rest and peace, and help our time together contribute to the flourishing of your beloved community. **Amen**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Worship Leaders:

Chaplain to Convention & Search Process: The Rev. Julie Carson and Will Harron

Musicians: Sergio D'Orsini, guitar; Kell Juliard, piano; Colin Britt, piano

Commissioning Liturgy for the Lawrence House Service Corps: The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, the Rev. Canon Tanya Wallace, Alex Blenman, Abigail Jeyaraj, and Talia Pott

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Sending Hymn - Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, O Lord, won't You lead me

I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r

To help me over my weakest hour

Help me through the darkness Thy face to see

Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Lead me, guide me along the way

For if You lead me I cannot stray

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee

Lead me, O Lord, won't You lead me

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness

Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress

I am putting all my trust in Thee

Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Lead me, guide me along the way

For if You lead me I cannot stray

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee

Lead me, O Lord, won't You lead me

I am lost if You take your hand from me

I am blind without Thy Light to see

Lord, just always let me Thy servant be

Lead me, O Lord, lead me

*Lead me, guide me along the way
For if You lead me I cannot stray
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee
Lead me, O Lord, won't You lead me
Lead me, O Lord, won't You lead me*