

COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

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A pathway into community

GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

SENDING
The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Johan Dodge

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so, if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Doxology



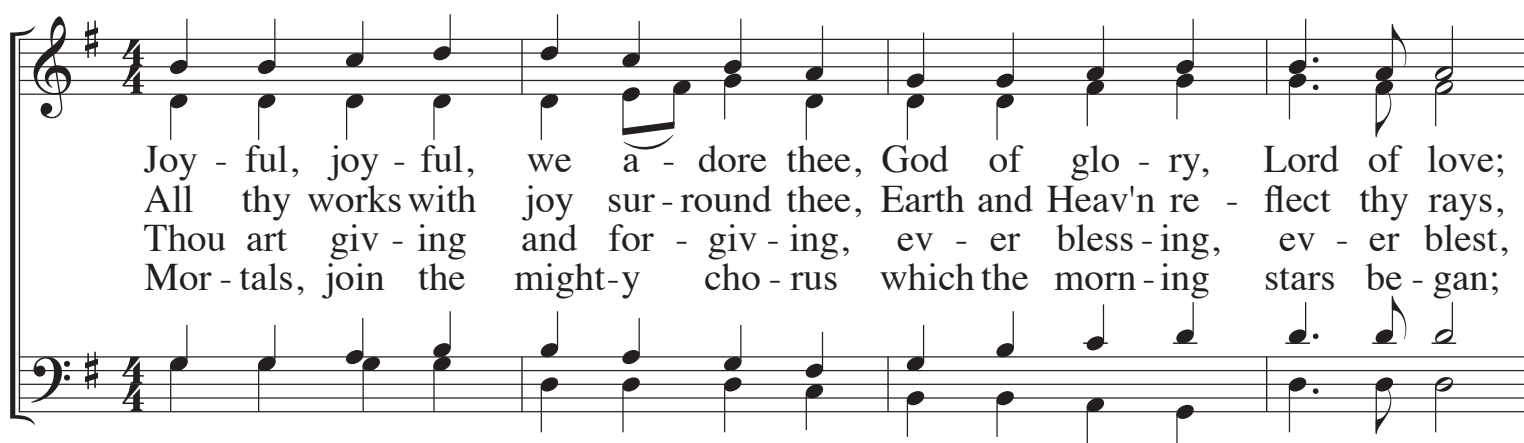
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures
here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system covers measures 1-5, the second system measures 6-9, and the third system measures 10-13. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. The lyrics are placed below the right-hand staff.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — Taylor White

O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves. Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve and and teach us to serve, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ("Ode to Joy")



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and Heav'n re - flect thy rays,
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. The lyrics are placed below the right-hand staff.

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hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, ope - ning to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bind - ing all with - in its span.

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Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 God, cre - a - tor, Christ our bro - ther, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

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Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, in the tri - umph song of life.

[please be seated]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — Rev. Johan Dodge

***[A time of silence is kept between intercessions —
 please use that time to lift those on your heart this day.]***

Dear, Holy Jesus who taught the first among us the way of service as our high priest of a new relationship with God, guide our prayers today and help us to see where we might be the hands and feet of God at work in the world as the body of Christ.

We pray for the local, national, and global church — that it might exhibit the way of service in faith and love.

We pray for the international community that it might learn the way of peace.

We pray for anyone who suffers — help us be the healing they need.

We pray for the earth — help us to be proper stewards of your creation.

We remember those who have finished their course in faith, and we wrap our loving arms of comfort around those who grieve.

We lift up the prayers that we hold in our hearts and the prayers that bind us — for you know our needs before we ask.

Loving God, we ask all these things in the name of our creator, our servant priest Jesus and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

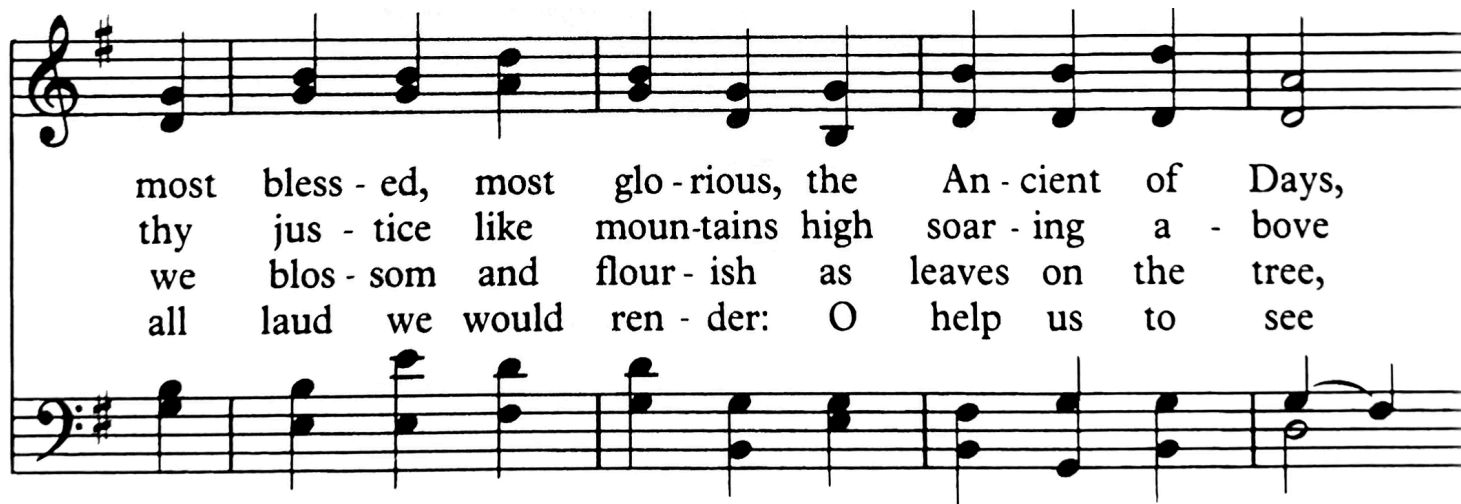
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT — Prince Pierson

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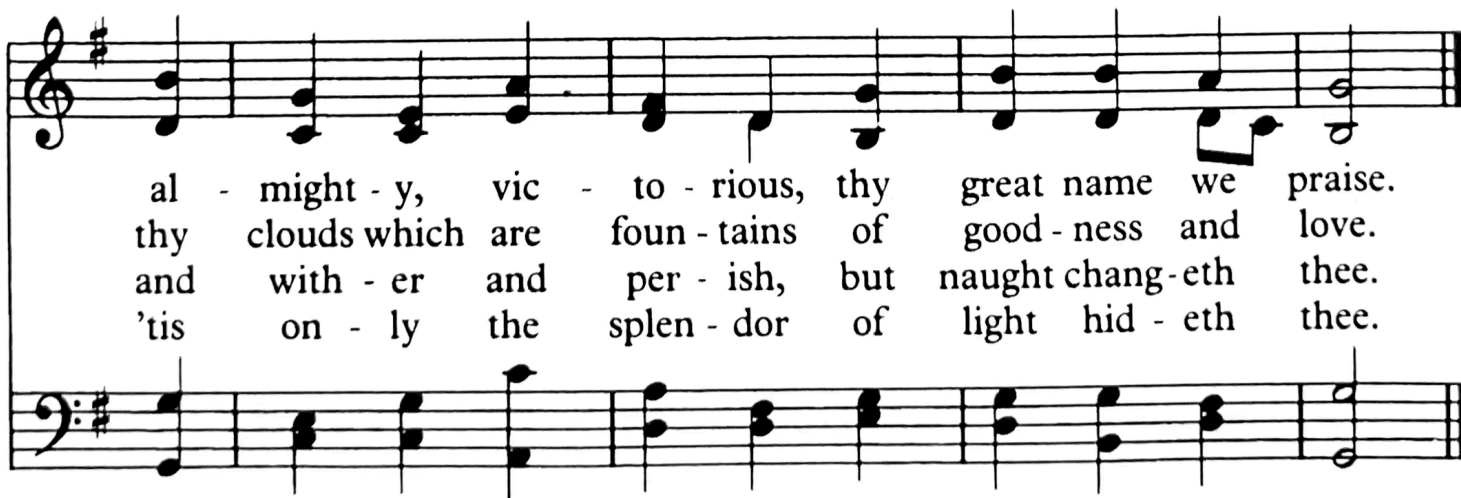
HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

[please be seated]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Taylor White

O Lord, by the power of your Spirit, lift us up into your presence to hear the promise of your word and know the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE — Taylor White

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;
⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation
for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

MESSAGE: “God’s Judgment Is Love!” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

We live in a time when love is trying to turn the world around and hate is trying to bind it still. How does knowing that God has judged you and everyone else and the judgement from God is love free you to accept the gift of God’s love and grace? How do you respond to the gift of God’s love and God’s grace for you? How do you share the message of God’s love and grace for others? Especially those who are bound up in hate?

REFLECTION: “Every Sunset” — John Fluker, *pianist*

An original piece for piano, composed by John Fluker

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Taylor White

Jesus said: those who wish to be great must become servants to all. With humility and hope let us offer our gifts and our lives to God.

[Ushers, please come forward]

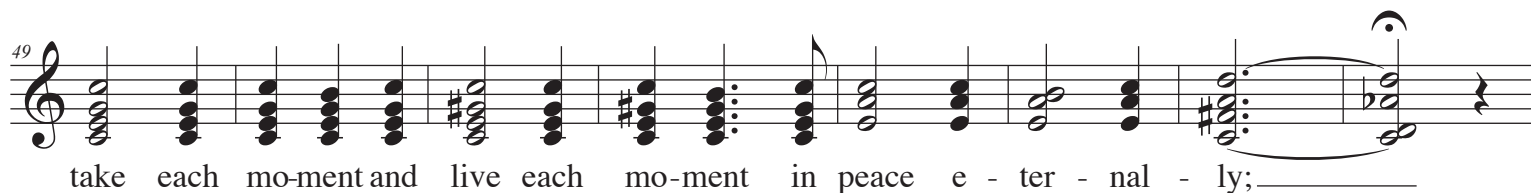
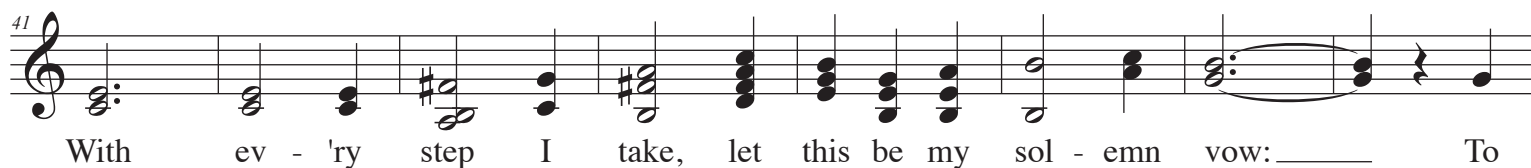
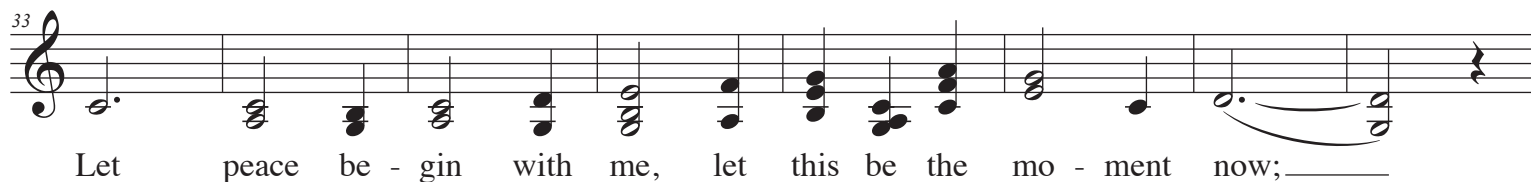
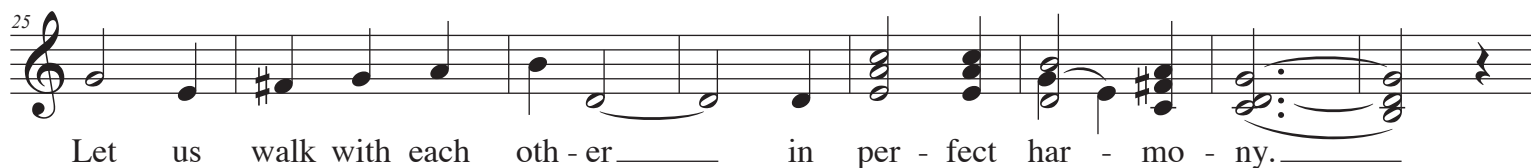
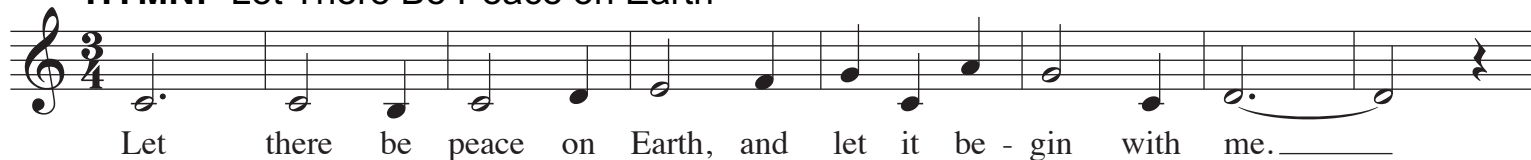
OFFERTORY: "All Are Welcome" — Dave Albulario, *tenor*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Taylor White

Holy God, we give you thanks for all your gifts of goodness and grace. Receive these gifts from our hands as a sacrifice of praise to you and teach us to honor you each day by our obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"



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Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me.

BLESSING — Rev. Johan Dodge

The Son of Man came to serve, not to be served. May the knowledge and love of the one who knit the earth together rest upon you and give you the strength to serve as the Spirit leads you, and to rest where the Spirit says rest. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The
fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

Music Team: Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*
John Fluker, *Pianist*

Jennifer Scoullar, *Soprano*
Hannah Yi, *Pianist*

Doxology (Old Hundredth LM)
Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Words by Thomas Ken, 1674

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Tune: "Ode to Joy" by Ludwig van
Beethoven, 1824. Arr. by Edward Hodges,
1864. Words by Henry Van Dyke, 1907

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*,
1839; adapt. by John Roberts; Words by
Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)

"Every Sunset"
Music and piano arrangement
by our own John Fluker

"All Are Welcome"
Music & Words by Marty Haugen\

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Music & Words by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
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Lee Music, Beverly Hills, California

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Dennis SM)
Music by Johann G. Nægeli, 1768-1836
Words by John Fawcett, 1740-1817
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Jo Rousey – Jo Rousey passed away on October 5, 2024. Prayers of comfort for her family, and peaceful rest for Jo. A Memorial Service in her honor will take place **tomorrow**, Monday, October 21, 2024, at 9:30 AM, in the Cathedral Chapel at Forest Lawn, 1500 E San Antonio Dr, Long Beach, CA 90807.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Flowers for today's service and refreshments for Fellowship are provided by Betty Ku. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. Sandy Walker coordinates arrangements.

STEWARDSHIP: Please find the attached Offering Envelope containing your Pledge Card. Leisure World Community Church is **your** church – we ask that you prayerfully consider tithing to the church through your pledge at either a weekly, monthly or annual schedule. Pledged giving allows our finance team to prepare a budget that both meets our needs and guides our activity for the coming year. “What is a tithe?” you might then ask. That’s a good question. For an answer, consider Deuteronomy 26:1-11 where the instructions on giving concern both the first fruits of our labor and 10% of our income. And when you read Deuteronomy, your first response might be — “Yeah, but we have Jesus, so do we really need to follow these old rules?” The answer is no. In Jesus we can move beyond the tithe and the first-fruits giving, but Jesus invites us to give everything we have as the first disciples did in the Book of Acts, where we are told that they had all things in common, they sold what they owned individually and gave to anyone as they had need. Suddenly, the first fruits and 10% sound like a bargain. The reality is most of us find ourselves somewhere in the middle.

Please fill out the Pledge Card, include it with your offering, and place it in the collection plate, or submit it to the Church Office, at your convenience.

SOCK-IT TO EM



Our annual “Sock It to ‘Em” sock drive continues!

Please bring new packages of men's and women's white athletic socks to Sunday worship or to the church office during the week.

You may also provide a cash/check offering toward the purchase of socks.

Socks will be given to the Veterans Administration for distribution.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known ...
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
"All are welcome in this place."



Autumn in New England

October 20, 2024



GROW PRAY STUDY

Notes from the Service

My Prayers this week:

Prayer Journal

Use these prayers in your time with God each day.

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, keep me humble this day and guide me to seek your wisdom as I stand in service to others. In your name I pray.
Amen.

Household Prayer: Midday

Loving God, give me wisdom for the remainder of this day and give me grace for the times when my thoughts and desires have gotten in the way of serving you and your children. Abide with me as I rejoice in you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, thank you for keeping me today. Thank you for the awesome works you have blessed my eyes to see. Continue to bless my community and me throughout the night. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.