

All the Light We Cannot See

The Shepherd in Darkness

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Faith passes through the thick darkness, and, no matter what clouds may gather, it goes straight to the truth, and holding to it firmly will never let it go.

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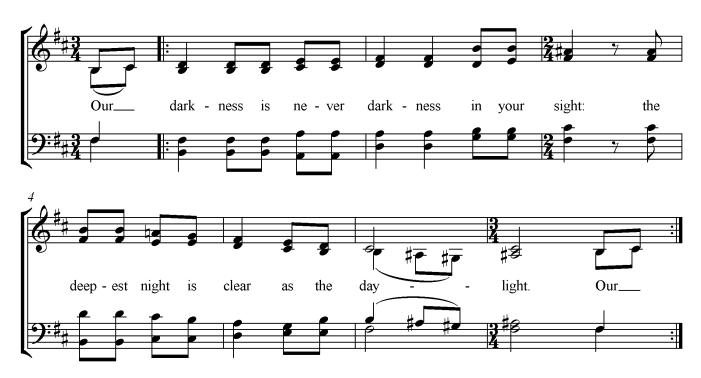






As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

"Our Darkness is Never Darkness in Your Sight"



Praying for Ourselves

Response: "Give us life by your love."

- God our Father, you gather us into the communion of your Church: (R)
- God our Father, you never take back your call and your gifts: (R)
- Son of the living God, your faithfulness enables us to remain always faithful to you: (R)
- Son of the living God, you are familiar with our trials and our poverty: (R)
- Holy Spirit, in our lives you place a desire for peace and justice: (R)
- We pray together: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name . . .



Praying for Others

- Eternal God, you created us in your image and you saved us through your Son Jesus:
 - Look with compassion upon the entire human family.
- Eternal God, source of justice and peace, establish peace among the nations, the fruit of your salvation: May all peoples sing your praises.
- Eternal God, your love brings healing to our hatred and our sadness:
 - Bring peace to your Church, to the nations, to families . . . and bring inner peace to each of us.
- Eternal God, your Spirit of life dwells within every human being:
 - May the Spirit enable us to tear down walls of mistrust and fear.
- Christ Jesus, you came to proclaim the joyful news of peace:
 - Work through us to bring an end to deprivation, poverty, and oppression in our societies.
- Eternal God, you walk alongside the people of every land:
 - Show the leaders of nations how to follow the road of justice and of peace.
- Christ Jesus, you wish to reconcile the whole human race:

Teach us to welcome the stranger and the alien, and to form with them a single people that belongs to you.

There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - ti-sm; there is one God who is Fa-ther of all.

Silence

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. Consent to God's loving action within you as your surrender and descend into this silence. Simply be here now. Breathe deeply. Center your attention in your heart. If it helps you to center in your heart, use a sacred prayer word such as Peace, Love, Jesus, or Spirit. Or follow the rhythm of your breath.

"The Lord is My Light"

"There is One Lord"





Each of the two themes can be sung *separately*, either in union or as a round (two voices only: coming in on A1 and B1). The two themes can also be sung *together*, preferably with theme 1 for female and theme 2 for male voices.

Receiving Holy Communion and Prayer around the Cross

You may receive Holy Communion at one of the Communion stations or move to the cross. You may touch the cross as an expression of your communion with the crucified Christ and with all who suffer. As you touch the cross, silently entrust your burdens and those of other people to Jesus. Christ accompanies every person in his or her suffering.

