

Introduction

The services and rites in this worship booklet will appear in the new WELS hymnal to be introduced in congregations in Advent 2021. They have been edited for practical use in the daily chapel services of our ministerial education schools.

The Service

The main liturgical order of service, used in most congregations on Sunday morning, is entitled simply *The Service*. Based on historic Christian and Lutheran forms but also aware of more recent practices, *The Service* presents a single text with a variety of musical settings. A single text serves a need to know well and even memorize portions of the worship experience as we do in the creeds and the Lord's Prayer. Three musical settings will appear in the print edition of the hymnal, and six additional settings will be available in digital resources. In this way congregations are able to offer variety and select musical styles which are most fitting in their context.

Two of the new settings are included in this booklet: The Service II by Marty Haugen and The Service III arranged by Ricky Manalo.

Confession and Absolution

Confession/Absolution begins worship in The Service. In this worship booklet, two forms stand alone for use even when The Service is not used.

Morning Prayer

The services of the Daily Office have their roots in the monasteries of the Middle Ages but have a long history and use in the Lutheran Church. English titles usually identify these services in modern hymnals, but they are based on services known as Matins, Vespers, Compline, etc. Since the services of the Daily Office were often used in educational settings, they serve well for our ministerial education schools.

Two musical settings of Morning Prayer (Matins) are included in this booklet. Morning Prayer I is similar to the setting in *The Lutheran Hymnal* and *Christian Worship* and will appear in the print edition of the new hymnal. Morning Prayer II, composed for piano, will be available in digital resources.

Devotions

A set of devotions also based on the services of the Daily Office and planned for the print edition are included for times when shorter rites are called for. The historic titles appear with English headings and connect the services to their history. The devotions allow the option of singing or speaking the traditional song texts. Worshipers will find that speaking these ancient texts provides a very different worship experience.

Psalms and Hymns

Worshipers will have an opportunity to become acquainted with new psalm settings and hymns which will be distributed as they enter chapel. Through a stand-alone worship resource entitled *The Psalter*, worship planners will be able to choose from hundreds of psalm settings of all 150 psalms.

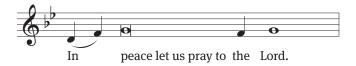
The Service

Setting Two

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie







For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us



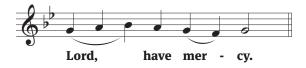


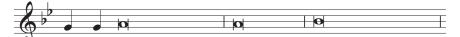


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of

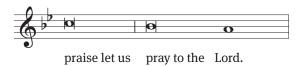


God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.





For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and







Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



Glory to God in the Highest Gloria in Excelsis





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

The Prayer of the Day is spoken, concluding with:

... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

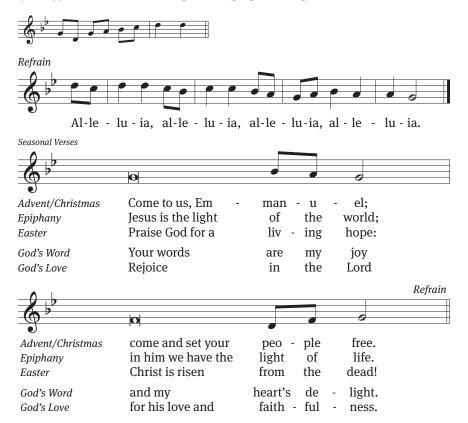
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Introduction to the Gospel

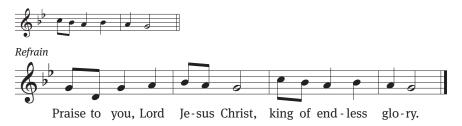
Stand

Gospel Acclamation

If the appointed verse is not sung, the congregation sings a seasonal verse.



During Lent, if the appointed verse is not sung, the congregation sings the seasonal verse.





The reason the Son of God ap-peared was to destroy the dev-il's work.

Gospel

After the reading of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

An intercessory prayer may be spoken.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

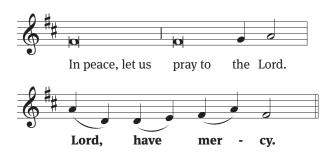
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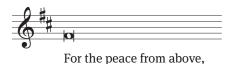
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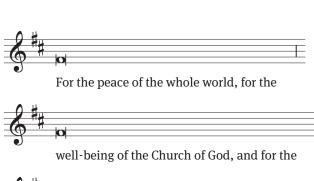
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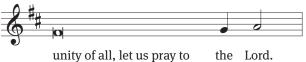




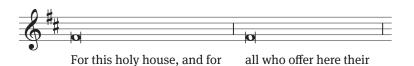


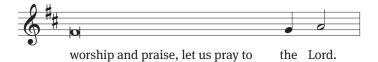


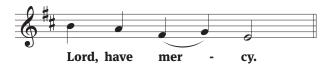


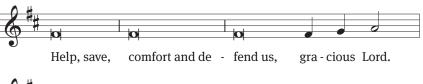














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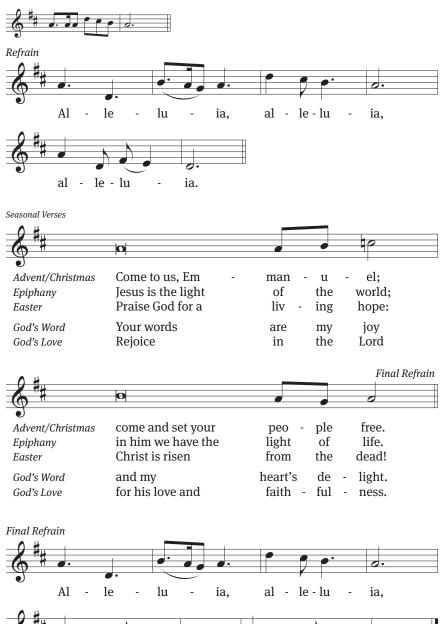
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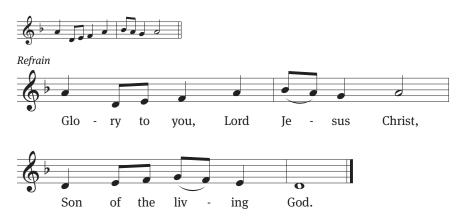
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Amen.

Confession

Confession 1

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

or

Confession 2

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

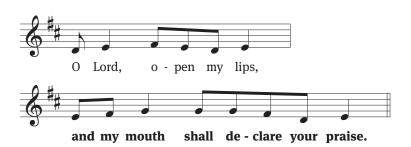
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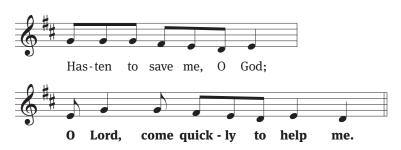
Morning Prayer - I

Matins

A hymn may be sung.

Stand



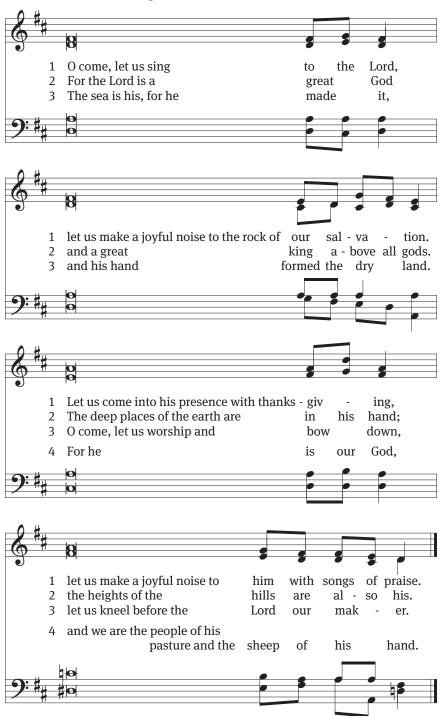






Praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Venite



Be seated

Introduction to the Gospel

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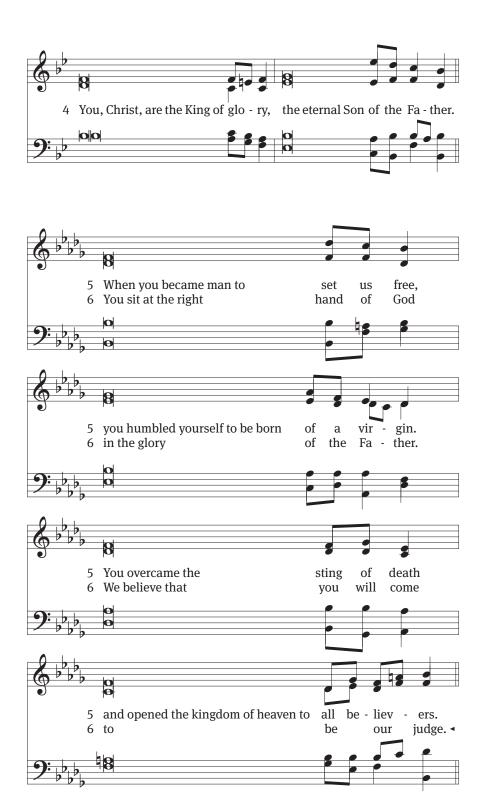
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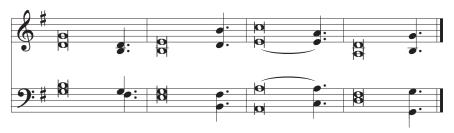
After the reading of the Gospel: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

We Praise You, O God Te Deum Laudamus







- 1 We praise you, O / God, we acclaim you as / Lord; all creation / worships you, the Father ever-/lasting.
- 2 To you all angels, all the powers of / heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless / praise: holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and / might, heaven and earth are full of your / glory.
- 3 The glorious company of apostles / praise you.
 The noble fellowship of prophets / praise you.
 The white-robed army of martyrs / praise you.
 Throughout the world the holy Church ac-/claims you:
- 4 Father of majesty un-/bounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all / praise, the Holy / Spirit advocate and / guide.
- 5 You, Christ, are the King of / glory, the eternal Son of the / Father. When you took our flesh to set us / free, you humbly chose the Virgin's / womb.
- 6 You overcame the sting of / death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-/lievers. You are seated at God's right hand in / glory. We believe that you will come and be our / judge.
- 7 Come then, Lord, and help your / people, bought with the price of your own / blood, and bring us with your / saints to glory ever-/lasting.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie



When we call to you, O Lord, be merciful and hear our prayer.



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Prayers of intercession, seasonal prayers, and the Prayer of the Day may follow.

One of the following prayers is spoken:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

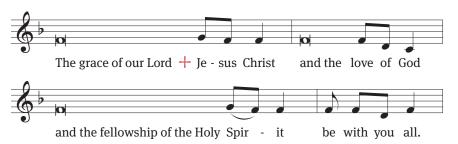
O God, you have called your servants to ventures of faith of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



BLESSING





Morning Prayer - II

Matins

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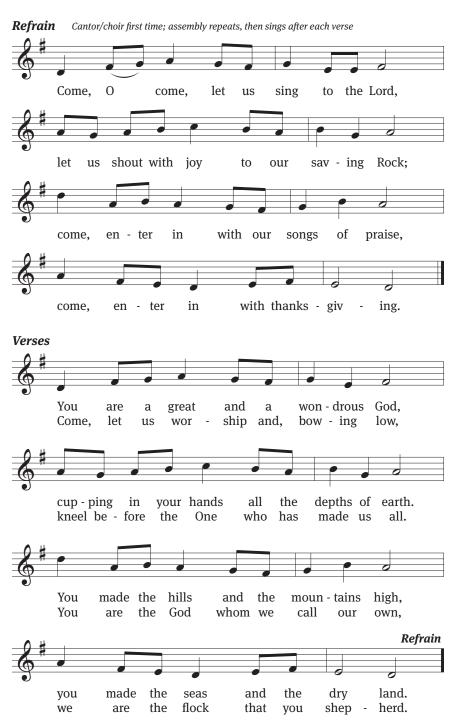


And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.





Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Venite



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Introduction to the Gospel

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Gospel

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We Praise You, O God Te Deum Laudamus



Verses



- 1 With the an gels in heav - en,
- of all things, we praise you, we 2 Cre - a - tor 3 O _____ Christ, King
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With the cher - u - bim and praise you! Je - sus Christ, the You be - came a to



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With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, O _____ Spir - it, most ho - ly, we praise you, we You have ris - en to free us;





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Lord Have Mercy Kyrie



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Let us praise the Lord.



Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.





The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.





The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



Morning

Matins

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God.

O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Praise and thanks to God!

A psalm or hymn is sung.

Reading

We Praise You, O God Te Deum Laudamus

"We Praise You, O God" or another canticle is sung or spoken.

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'nly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.The glorious company of apostles praise you.The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Dawn

Lauds

Hasten to save me, O God. **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; **praise him in the heights above.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

A psalm or hymn is sung.

Reading

Song of Zechariah Benedictus

"Song of Zechariah" or another canticle is sung or spoken.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance. **Govern and uphold them now and always.**

Day by day we bless you.

We praise your name forever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we have put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope: **let us never be put to shame.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Start of Work

Prime

Hasten to save me, O God.

O Lord, come quickly to help me.

The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

From Zion, perfect in beauty, **God shines forth.**

God says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

A psalm or hymn is sung.

Reading

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. We humbly pray that you would guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us praise the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Doxology

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

Amen.

Midday

Terce

Hasten to save me, O God. **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

Evening, morning, and noon

I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.

You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.

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

A psalm or hymn is sung.

Reading

Matthew 5:3-10 or another Scripture reading is spoken.

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord's Prayer

One of the following prayers is spoken:

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." Do not remember our sins, but remember your mercy, and bring us to the peace and unity of that heavenly city where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him. **Amen.**

Service for Wednesday Morning Chapel

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you.

Prayer

Psalm

Reading

Anthem or Hymn

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Service of Prayer Before Traveling

I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber; **Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand; The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

A psalm or hymn is sung.

Reading

Prayer

Merciful Father, bless our partings with the grace and affection that come from you; We entrust each other to your providence and tender care.

Renew our bodies and minds with this break in our routine; Then bring us together again, if this is your will for us.

Let us not take for granted the pleasure of earthly reunions;

Let them lift our thoughts to our joyful reunion in heaven, through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Now may the almighty and merciful Lord direct and preserve us on our way, and may he send his holy angels to accompany us, that we may travel in peace, in safety, and in joy, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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