

Opening Prayer

Thursday

A Devotion in the Early Evening

From The Book of Common Prayer

Gather Us In

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Here in this place,— new light is stream ing,now is the dark ness,van-ished a - way.
We are the young,our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old, who yearn for your face.
Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,here wi will take the bread of new birth.
Not in the dark of build ings con - fin - ing,now in some heav - en,light years a - way, but



See, in this space, our fears and our dream-ings,brought here to you in the light of this
We have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu man
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh ters,call us a - new to be salt for the
here in this place, the new light is shin - ing,now is the King dom, now is the



day. _____ Ga-ther us in, the lost and for - sa - ken; Ga-ther us in, the
race. _____ Ga-ther us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; Ga-ther us in, the
earth. _____ Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; Give us to eat the
day. _____ Ga-ther is in, and hold us for - ev - er; Ga-ther us in, and



blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a - wa - ken,
proud and the strang; Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion,
make us your own; Ga - ther us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving 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 through all the worlds.

A Reading

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation--the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

The Lord's Prayer

A Collect as we gather to meet, praying together

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Association for Episcopal Deacons 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.