

Opening Prayer

Leader: God come to my assistance,

All: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Right: God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.

Left: The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Right: The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

Left: The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Right: Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.
(He burns the shields with fire.)
"Be still and know that I am God,
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!"

Left: The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Right: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Left: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

All: Amen.

