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**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

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**Prelude** "My Lord, What A Morning" Annette Nolan

**Pastoral Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

L: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

**C: We bring the burdens of the week.**

L: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

**C: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.**

L: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

**C: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Sharing the Peace**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

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**Prayer of the Day**

**The First Reading** Amos 5:18-24

**The Holy Scripture** Matthew 25:1-13

**The Message** Pastor Ward

**Song of the Day** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" Arlene Cash

**Prayers of the Faithful**

*At the end of each petition, the Leader will say, "Lord in your mercy,"  
and the Congregation will respond, "hear our prayer."*

## The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

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### Benediction

**L:** May you never feel alone in the struggle for justice and peace. May you know the support of family, friends, and people who feel as passionately about the world as you do.

May you feel a part of the great cloud of witnesses, who through the ages, did God's work and prayed for the coming of the Kingdom.

May you never feel alone.

And if you do, may you carry in your heart the words of Jesus, who told his friends: "I am with you always."

**C: Amen.**

### Dismissal

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Song**

"Soon and Very Soon"

Annette Nolan