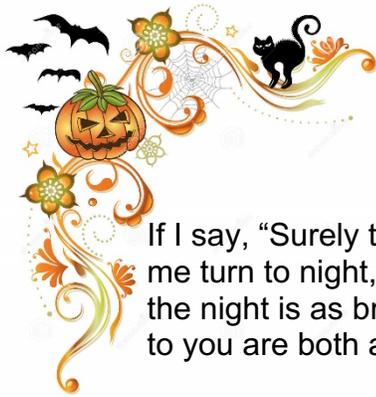




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## SERVICE OF LIGHT



Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10-11*

Let us pray.

***Lighten our darkness, we pray, O Lord; and by your great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **☉ Gracious Light** **Phos hilaron**

***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.***



# THE WITCH OF ENDOR

Samuel 28:3-25

Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the mediums and the wizards from the land. The Philistines assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, not by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, 'Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.' His servants said to him, 'There is a medium at Endor.'

So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, 'Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you.' The woman said to him, 'Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?' But Saul swore to her by the LORD, 'As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.' Then the woman said, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?' He answered, 'Bring up Samuel for me.' When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, 'Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!' The king said to her, 'Have no fear; what do you see?' The woman said to Saul, 'I see a divine being coming up out of the ground.' He said to her, 'What is his appearance?' She said, 'An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe.' So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

Then Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?' Saul answered, 'I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.' Samuel said, 'Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has turned from you and become your enemy? The LORD has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor David. Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you today. Moreover, the LORD will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the LORD will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.'

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. The woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, 'Your servant has listened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to what you have said to me. Now therefore, you also listen to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.' He refused, and said, 'I will not eat.' But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he listened to their words. So he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. She put them before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

Here ends the reading.



## Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; \*  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*

**O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you; \*

**therefore you shall be feared.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*

**in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \*

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*

**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption, \*

**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**



Let us pray. (Silence)

***Almighty and everliving God, you have made all things in your wisdom and established the boundaries of life and death: Grant that we may obey your voice in this world, and in the world to come may enjoy that rest and peace which you have appointed for your people; through Jesus Christ who is Resurrection and Life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.***



## THE VISION OF ELIPHAZ THE TEMANITE

Job 4:12-21

'Now a word came stealing to me,  
my ear received the whisper of it.  
Amid thoughts from visions of the night,  
when deep sleep falls on mortals,  
dread came upon me, and trembling,  
which made all my bones shake.  
A spirit glided past my face;  
the hair of my flesh bristled.  
It stood still,  
but I could not discern its appearance.  
A form was before my eyes;  
there was silence, then I heard a voice:  
"Can mortals be righteous before God?  
Can human beings be pure before their Maker?  
Even in his servants he puts no trust,  
and his angels he charges with error;  
how much more those who live in houses of clay,

whose foundation is in the dust,  
who are crushed like a moth.  
Between morning and evening they are destroyed;  
they perish for ever without any regarding it.  
Their tent-cord is plucked up within them,  
and they die devoid of wisdom.”

### Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? \*  
**how long will you hide your face from me?**  
How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
**and grief in my heart, day after day? \***  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?  
Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
**give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**  
Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” \*  
**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**  
But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
**my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**  
I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
**I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.**

Let us pray. (Silence)

**You, O Lord, have made us from the dust of the earth and to dust our bodies shall return; yet you have also breathed your Spirit upon us and called us to new life in you: Have mercy upon us, now and at the hour of our death; through Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Amen.**



## The Woman and the Dragon

Revelation 12:1-12

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,  
'Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.  
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.  
Rejoice then, you heavens  
and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you  
with great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!'

Here ends the reading



### **Psalm 103:17-22**

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, \*  
**and his righteousness on children's children;**

On those who keep his covenant \*

**and remember his commandments and do them.**

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*

**and his kingship has dominion over all.**

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*

**and hearken to the voice of his word.**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*

**you ministers of his who do his will.**

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \*

**bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Let us pray. (Silence)

**O most merciful and mighty God, your son Jesus Christ was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring us salvation and to establish your kingdom on earth: Grant that Michael and all your angels may defend your people against Satan and every evil foe, and that at the last we may come to that heavenly country where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## You are God

Te Deum laudamus

***You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord: we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.***

***To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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 true and only Son, worthy of all worship, 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 did not shun the Virgin's womb.***

***You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.***

***You are seated at God's right hand in glory.***

***We believe that you will come and 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.***

### The Lords Prayer

***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.***

### Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### The Blessing

