



All Saints Episcopal Parish, Hoboken

A Table Grace for Lent, based on An Order of Worship for the Evening

The people gather at the table. The room is dark, or partially so, as the Grace begins.

The Leader says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The following may be read.

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

The Leader says

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following hymn may be sung as the candles on the table (and other candles around the room, if desired) are lit.

O gracious Light

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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Find a simple setting sung as a round on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/m6mgKNJOBo>.

Leader and People

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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

The Leader says

Let us pray.

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all your mercies, and
make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**