

A SERVICE FOR VE DAY

Heaviness may endure for a night:

But joy comes in the morning.

God has been our refuge and our strength:

A present help in time of trouble.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15.18–24 *The welcoming joy of God*

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

RESPONSORY

Your salvation is near to those who fear you,

that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

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Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

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that glory may dwell in our land.**

HOMILY

PRAYERS

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;**

**give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.**

O Lord our God,
as we remember, teach us the ways of peace.
As we treasure memories, teach us to hope.
As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past,
help us to make your future in this world,
until your kingdom come. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

A PRAYER FOR THE SOVEREIGN

THE BLESSING