

ANCHORING OUR FAITH

Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 62 // Evening Prayer

This revisits Luke 10:38-42 through the lens of Psalm 62. It encourages us to trust in God and continually anchor our faith in God's promises. Here are some materials to get you started creating your own worship service.

MAIN THEME: *Anchoring Our Faith*

CHOOSING MUSIC // FOR SINGING

- 🎵 **Hosanna (Praise is Rising)** [Key of G]
Text and Music: Brenton Brown
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- 🎵 **Psalm 62** [Key of D]
Text and Music: Aaron Keyes and Stuart Townend
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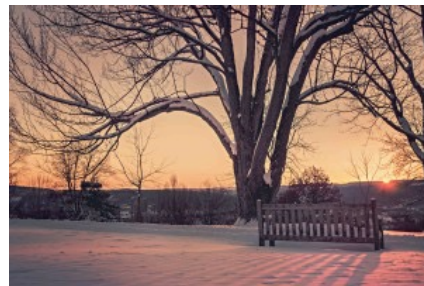
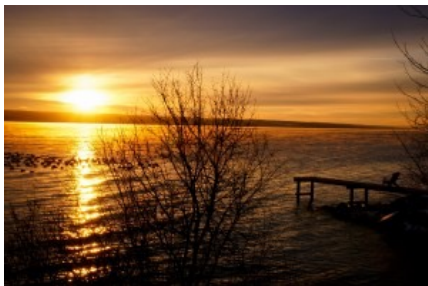
- 🎵 **God of Day and God of Darkness** [Key of F]
Text: Marty Haugen © 1985, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.
Music: BEACH SPRING by B.F. White

CREATING DRAMA // FOR HEARING

Use a video about how we can better know God through out day to day activities. We suggest using Christianity Today. [www.christianitytoday.com]

FINDING ART // FOR SEEING

Displaying images of the sunset in various areas of nature is a way to help set the scene and establish the time of day within worship. The emphasis on light within this photos will give your worshippers a visual aid if you choose to have a prayer of thanksgiving for the light.



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LIVING WORSHIP // FOR DOING

Challenge your worshippers to focus in on one part of their lives that they may turn over to God, trusting God to be faithful.

*Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. -Psalm 62:8*

MAKING SPACE // FOR WORSHIPPING

Similar to the morning prayer, hold your worship service in a space that allows for natural light of the sunset to be present. You may find a place outside at dusk or a room inside with windows that allow the haze from the end of the day to seep in.

WRITING POETRY// FOR PRAYING

In worship, give your worshippers resources needed so that they may write their own versions Psalm 62. How would they describe their faith in God? What elements of nature or daily observations would they compare it to?

SAMPLE WORSHIP SERVICE

Evening Prayer // Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 62 // Anchoring Our Faith

GATHERING AND WELCOME

PREPARING TO PRAY

One: When God sends the Spirit...
All: **we are created.**

One: When God sends the Spirit...
All: **all things are made new**

from Psalm 104:30

SUNG MEDITATION

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Words and Music: Wilson Niwagila

tr. Howard W. Olson; arr. C. Michael Hawn

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit and the church cry
out:

ALL: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: Those who await his appearance
pray:

ALL: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: The whole creation pleads:

ALL: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

from ELCW Book of Worship, 309

SONGS OF PRAISE

Jesus, Light of Joy

Words: David Gambell, Music: John Goss

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Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Text and Music: Brenton Brown

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord,
our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks
and praise. God Almighty,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Grant us, we pray, to be
grounded and settled in your
truth by the coming of the Holy
Spirit into our hearts. That
which we know not, reveal; that
which is wanting in us, fill up;
that which we know, confirm;
and keep us blameless in your
service, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 62

SONG OF REST

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

Words and Music: Stuart Townend, Aaron Keyes

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CRAFTING OUR FAITH

“Forging the Future” // a video reflection

from Christianity Today // This is Our City

SILENT MEDITATION

“A self is not something static, tied up in a
pretty parcel and handed to the child finished
and complete. A self is always becoming.”

from Madeleine L'Engle, A Circle of Quiet

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

SILENT OR SPOKEN MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung Refrain: *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Words and Music Martin Luther

Source: Psalms for All Seasons, p45B

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Sung refrain

One: No matter where we are, where we are going, or what we are doing, we know that we find our help in you, Lord.

All: **You are the creator and sustainer of all that has been made and will be made. And yet, the immensity of creation does not distract you from caring personally for every person in it.**

Sung refrain

One: God, we know that you are not distracted in your care for us, either! You do not daydream or become weary in that care.

All: **We thank you that you not only watch over us with diligence but that you will guide us so that we will not fall- so that we won't even stumble.**

Sung refrain

One: Whether we are awake or asleep, you are there, sheltering and protecting us from all that would hurt us. We know that you watch over all our living— you have in the past and we know you are now.

All: **You promise holds for the future and for eternity, and we praise and thank you for that.**

CLOSING PRAYER

One: O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows

your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

from the ELCW Book of Worship

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BENEDICTION

One: The cross,

All: **We shall take it.**

One: The bread,

All: **We shall break it.**

One: The pain,

All: **We shall bear it.**

One: The joy,

All: **We shall share it.**

One: The Gospel,

All: **We shall live it.**

One: The love,

All: **We shall give it.**

One: The light,

All: **We shall cherish it.**

One: The darkness,

All: **We shall perish it. Amen.**

Words: Iona Community

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