

EVENING WORSHIP - SUNDAYS @ 5

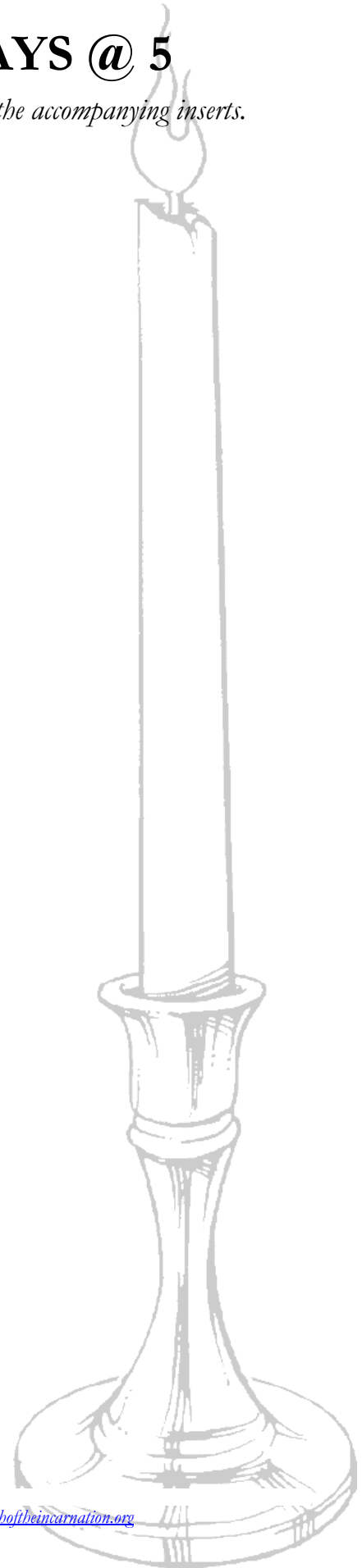
*Everything you need to participate fully in the service is found in this leaflet and the accompanying inserts.
Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.*

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020**

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SENTENCES

It's six o'clock in the evening,
I am standing at my back gate.
The sun is sinking, the evening shades are setting,
The reflection of the sun's rays is illuminating the sky.
Standing there, I wonder at the beauty of God's creation,
The serenity of the evening
Brings peaceful feelings to my soul,
I feel a sweet soft breeze across my face,
And say aloud "GOD IS IN THE WIND!"
The birds take flight in the sky –
As if to say 'we're going home',
Then gracefully they move across the Eastern sky.
I look at the luscious green grass
And plants that adorn the earth,
At the coconut, tamarind, plum and breadfruit trees,
And among all this greenery nestles a flamboyant tree,
Covered with beautiful red flowers – all in full bloom.
Their shadows now silhouetted
Against the beautiful pink color of the sunset.
"Truly", I say, "There is beauty in God's creation!"
A few passers-by say a quiet 'good evening'
As they make their way along the winding path
To their homes within the peaceful neighbourhood.
Strange enough, there are no noises to be heard
No noises of children's laughter,
No noises of children's games,
The evening is one of pure serenity.



– “The Beauty of God’s Creation” by Yvonne Branch

PRAYER BELL

ACCLAMATION

Officiant: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

People: Let us rejoice and sing God’s praise for ever.

GLORIA *Please mute your microphone but do sing along!*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

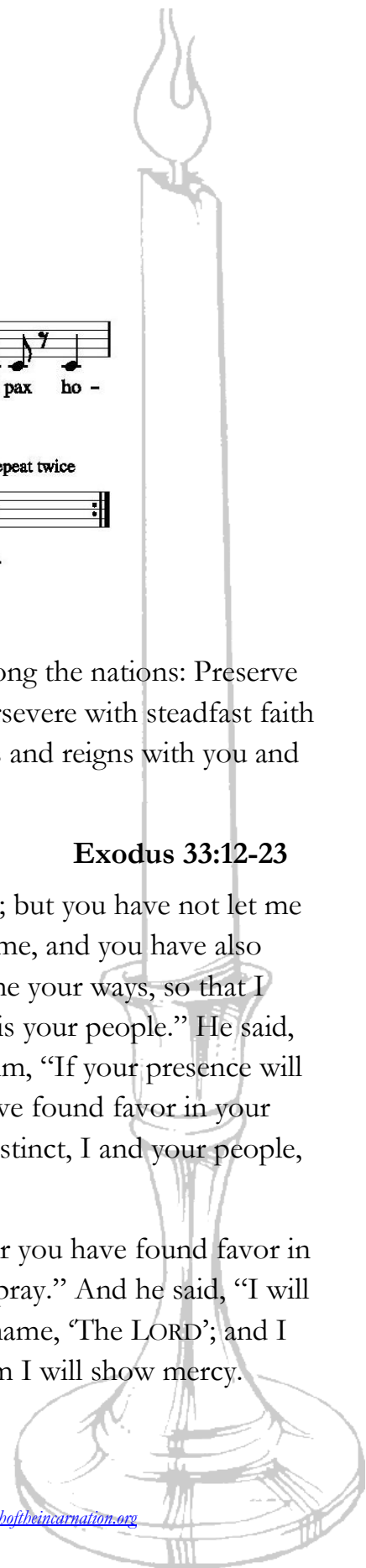
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”



And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

At the conclusion of the reading:

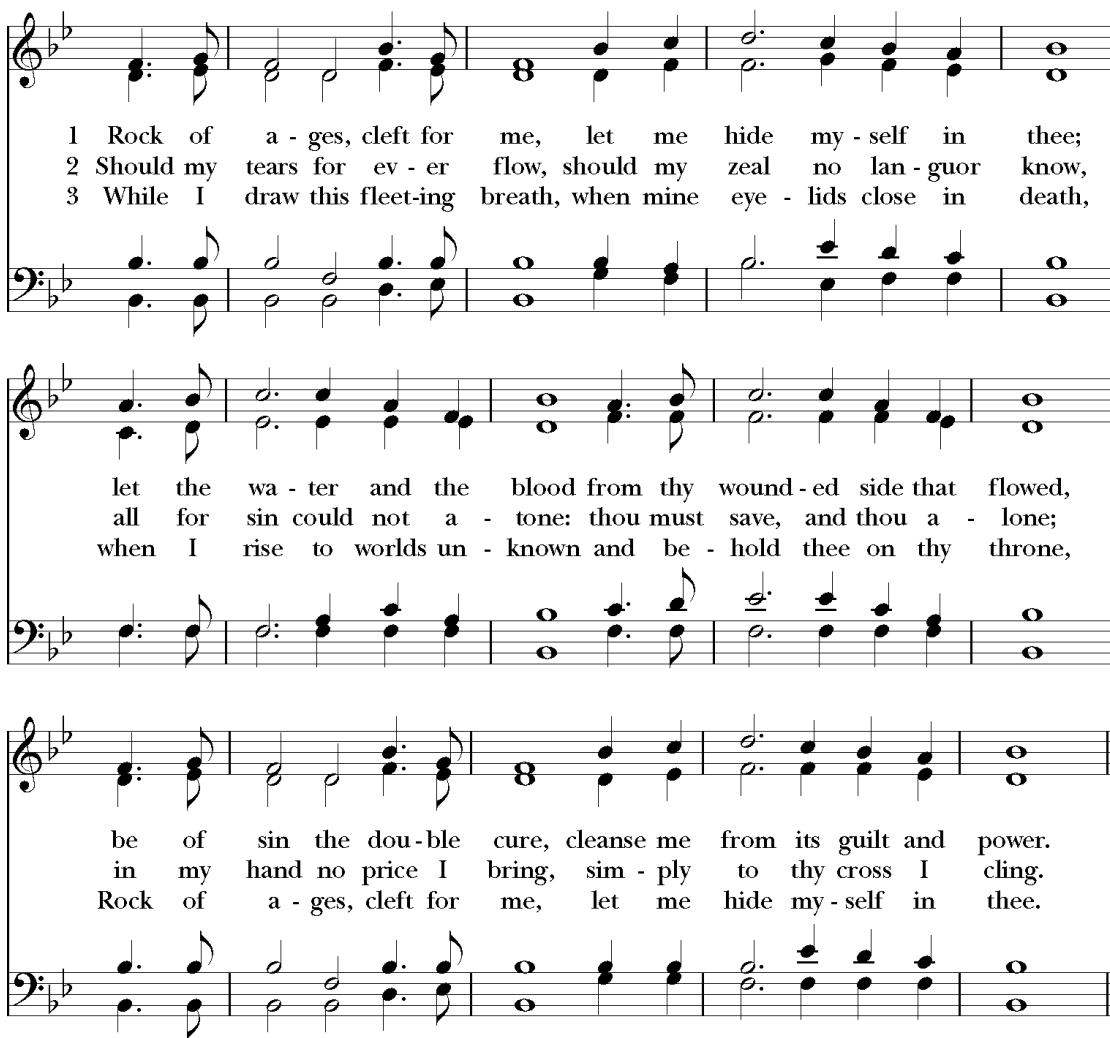
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence follows the reading.

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

HYMN *Please mute your microphone but do sing along.*

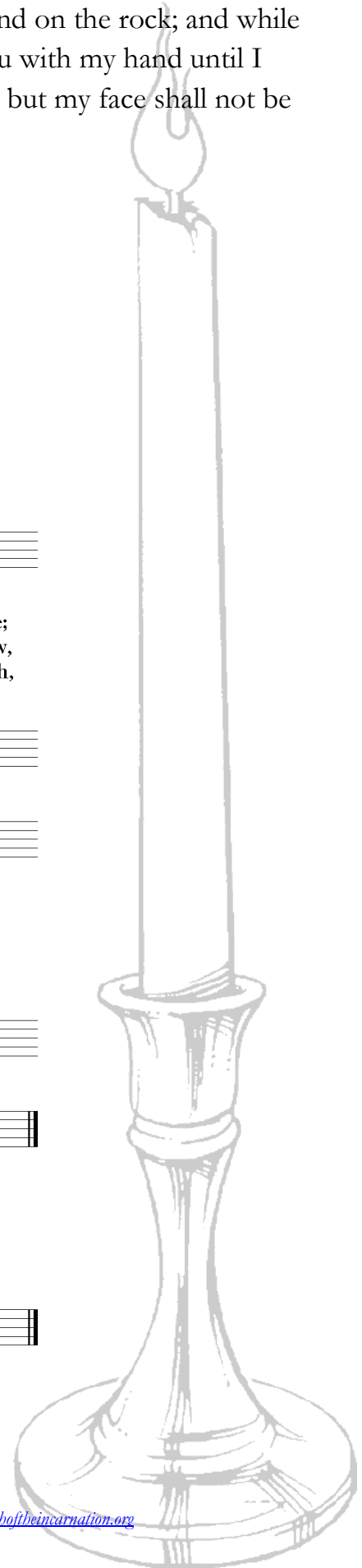


1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: God of heaven and earth, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore with confidence and trust, we pray in faith: Teach us your ways, O Lord.

Leader: For the Church, that all who serve God and all who seek God will follow the path that leads to new life. We pray in faith,

People: **Teach us your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: For our nation and its leaders, that we may be a beacon of hope and justice in the world, preserving the dignity of all people in our land. We pray in faith,

People: **Teach us your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: For all the people of the world – for those whose lives are scarred by poverty, oppression, and violence. Help us put an end to war and conflict and empower those who seek peace. We pray in faith,

People: **Teach us your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: For our community – for those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those who live with depression and anxiety, for those who are lonely, and for those who struggle with addiction. We pray in faith,

People: **Teach us your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: We ask your healing presence for all those in need and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Carla, Frank, Al, Jim, Joan, Roger, Cherri, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Joe, Tony, Edgar, Rose Ann, Charles, Rosalyn and Wendell. We pray in faith,

People: **Teach us your ways, O Lord.**

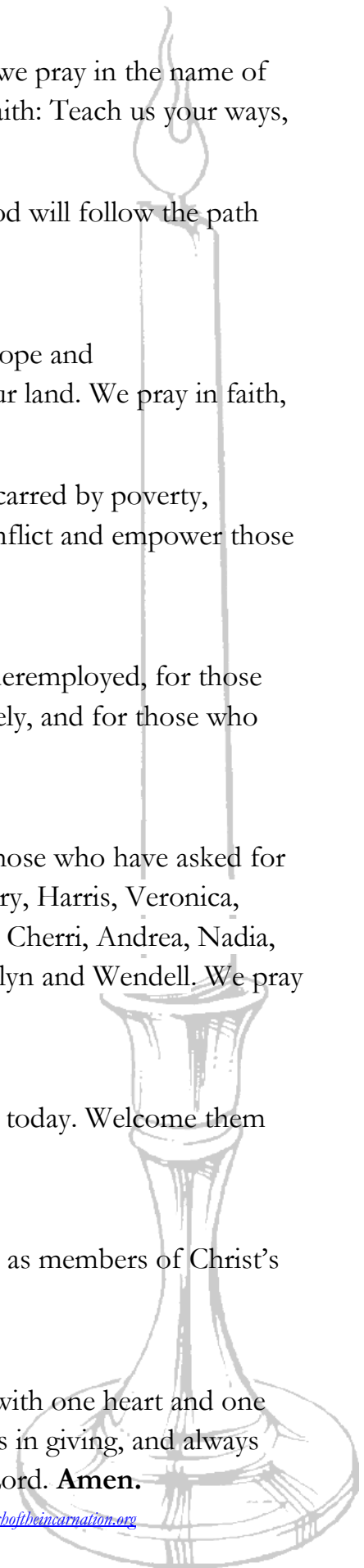
Leader: We pray for those who have died and for those who will die today. Welcome them fully into your loving embrace. We pray in faith,

People: **Teach us your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: We seek your forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body. We pray in faith,

People: **Teach us your ways, O Lord.**

Officiant: Loving and generous God, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; make us open to others in listening, sensitive to others in giving, and always instruments of your healing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



THE PEACE

Officiant: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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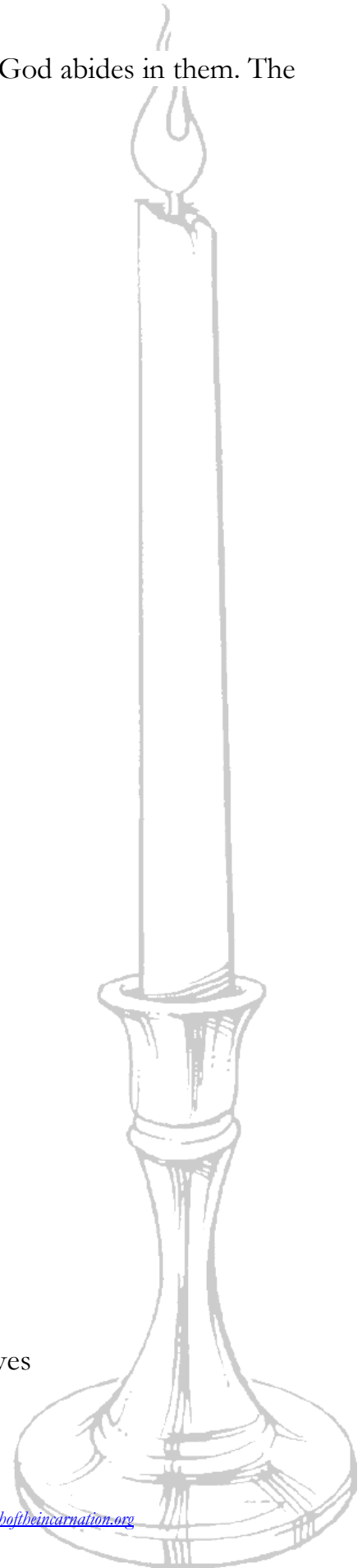
LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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.**

NIGHT PRAYER AND DISMISSAL

Officiant: Lord,
it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives
rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,



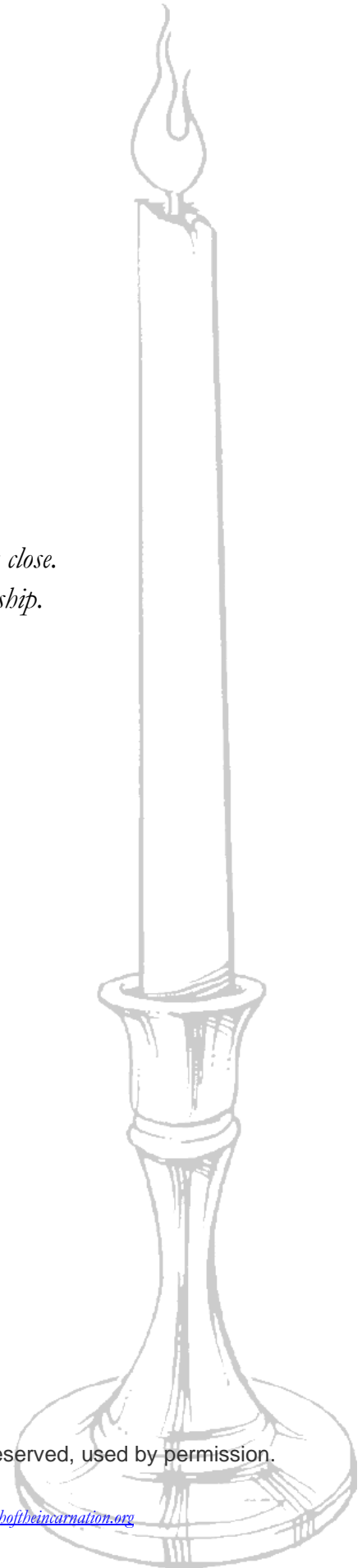
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Go in peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER BELL

*The sound of the prayer bell brings our Evening Worship to a close.
You are invited to remain on Zoom for a brief time of fellowship.*



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