

Discernment Prime

(Traditional hour: morning/start of the day)

As we begin the day, we focus on our calling to live faithfully, for who knows what today holds?

Opening Show our hearts your way,
and we shall follow.

Prayer O God of love, you are the true Sun of the world, evermore risen and never going down. We pray you to shine in our hearts and drive away the darkness of sin and the mist of error. We pray that we may, this day and all our lives long, walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, which is Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting.
Amen.ⁱ

Praise

Lead Me, Guide Me

(Music, if desired, may be found in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #194.)

Words and Music: Doris Akers (1923-1995)

Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray,
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, oh, Lord, lead me.

I am lost if you take your hand from me.
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, oh, Lord, lead me.

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For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, oh, Lord, lead me.

Scripture

Meditation

Affirmation

**We believe that Jesus took the form of a slave,
so we commit ourselves to serve others.**

We believe that God is love,

so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.
We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit,
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.
We believe that God is the light of life,
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.
We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of
abundant life in
the world God loves.

Prayers Loving God, in our faith, we pray:
For reconciliation between the violated and the violent,
that we may rest in your peace.
For generosity between rich and poor people everywhere,
that we may share the abundance of your creation.
For the growth of love between broken peoples and nations,
that we may shape our common life as your kingdom.
For mutual respect between immigrants and insiders,
that we may welcome your image in all who come to us.
For protection for the weak and humility for the strong,
that we may serve others as you serve us in Christ.

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

For all the joys and concerns of our hearts,
that we may live with gladness and trust.

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**ⁱⁱ

Going Out Show our hearts your Way,
and we shall follow.

ⁱ Erasmus of Rotterdam, 1466-1536.

ⁱⁱ Prayer for Guidance, *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 100.