

KEEP ME SAFE, O GOD

John Foley

*Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope;
You are my hope, O God.*

I say to God, "You are my only God,
I have no good except in you."

I find in God always my cup of joy;
And God will keep my life secure.

The path of life you reveal to me,
And in your presence is my joy.

The Canticle of Simeon

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
a light no darkness can conceal;

Left: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

Right: *My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:*

Left: a light to reveal you to the nations

Right: *and the glory of your people Israel.*

Left: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Right: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
a light no darkness can conceal;

Leader: Guard us, O Lord, while we are awake
and keep us while we sleep,
so that waking, we may watch with Christ,
and sleeping we may rest in peace.

In Jesus' name we pray.

All: *Amen.*

DAY OF SILENCE

Night Prayer

Leader: Our help (+) is in the name of God.

All: *The maker of heaven and earth.*

Leader: Even darkness is not dark for you, O Lord.

All: *Night is as clear as day.*

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.*

EYE HAS NOT SEEN

Marty Haugen

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus; teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.

Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,

We sing s myst'ry from the past
in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

From the Prologue of John's Gospel

All: I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Left: In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

Right: *He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without God nothing came to be.*

Left: What came to be through God was life,
and this life was the light of all people;

Right: *the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Left: The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

Right: *He was in the world,
and the world came to be through him,
but the world did not know him.*

Left: God came to what was his own,
but his own people did not accept him.

Right: *But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to those who believe in his name,
who were born not by natural generation
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision
but of God.*

Right: *And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,*

Left: and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

Right: *From his fullness we have all received,
grace in place of grace,*

Left: because while the law was given through Moses,
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Right: *No one has ever seen God.
The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side,
has revealed him.*

All: I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

The Reading (John 9:4-5)

Reader: At that time Jesus said, "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
The Word of God.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Leader: In silence we reflect on God's word.

Examination of Consciousness

All: *Lord our God, this day is ending.
Darkness has wrapped us in her embrace,
and now we seek to be embraced by you, our loving Creator.
We pause to thank you for the multitude of gifts
that have come to us from you, Giver of Life.*

Leader: (As we look back over this day we ask ourselves in silence:
"Of all that has happened today, for what am I most grateful?")- PAUSE

All: *We cannot live with a divided heart.
If, by thought, word or action, we have divided
ourselves from you or others, We are sorry.
Remove from our hearts the blindness and barriers
that keep us separated.*

Leader: (As we look back over this day we ask ourselves in silence:
"Of all that has happened today, for what am I least grateful?") PAUSE

All: *Blessed are you, Lord our God, who never slumbers
but keeps vigil over all creation.
Shield us from evil this night.
May the lamp of gratitude that burns within our hearts,
shining upon the many gifts of this day and of our lives,
be for us a night-long security and guard.*

*Creator of Day and Night, God of Life and Death,
we place ourselves in your loving hands.*