

ROZS-NAGY Szilvia

## *Liturgy for Opening Service of the School Year*

Music  
Opening Words  
Call to Worship  
Leader: How good  
and how lovely it is,  
**All: To live together  
in unity.**  
L: If the Lord's disci-  
ples keep silent,  
**All: These stones  
would shout  
aloud.**

L: Surely, it is God who saves  
me,  
**All: I will trust in God and not  
be afraid.**

L: For the Lord is my stronghold  
and my sure defense,  
**All: And God will be my  
Saviour.**

L: Make God's deeds known  
among the peoples;  
**All: See that they remember  
that God's Name is exalted.**

L: Sing the praises of the Lord,  
for God has done great things  
and this is known in all the  
world.

**All: Cry aloud, inhabitants of  
Zion, ring out your joy, for the  
great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.**

Prayer

L: Master and Lord Almighty,  
Look down from heaven upon  
your Church,  
And upon all your people, and all  
your flocks,  
And save all of us your unworthy  
servants, the creatures of your  
fold;  
And grant to us your peace, and  
your love, and your help,  
And send down upon us the gifts  
of your most Holy Spirit,  
That, with pure heart we'll be  
able to learn your beauty and  
depth. Amen.

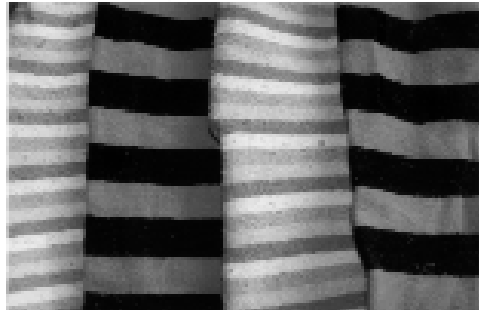
Song  
Bible Reading (Acts 10:9-15;  
34-46a)

Song  
Bible Reading (Matthew  
21:28-32)

Song  
Silence

Candles of Professors, Staff and  
Students

*(While silent music is played [for  
instance by solo guitar] the*



*professors, the staff and the  
students light one candle each  
and place them onto the altar)*

Reading

L: "You are the light of the  
World," says the Lord.

The light emanating from these  
candles is symbolic of that light  
we ought to be:

A light to shine in darkness,  
A fire of the Spirit to warm and  
burn.

Let your Light shine before  
women and men.

Let your Fire warm and burn  
women and men with the Holy  
Spirit,

So that they may see our good-  
ness, and give glory to the  
Father who is in heaven.

A Light becomes witness in a  
world of darkness ...

And a candle can ignite many  
more candles without losing its  
own flame; like Love

It can be freely given to all  
without diminishing.

Instead it increases a hundred-  
fold

Like the light that increases  
every time a candle ignites  
another; yet, to give its flame

The candle that can potentially  
ignite other candles also dies ...  
It consumes its wax ...

So must we give away something  
to be able to really Love;

So must we give away something

to build the One Church of God.  
Nicene Creed

Intercessions

For the Unity of the Church  
For the professors and the staff  
For the students  
For our common vocation and  
task

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of peace

L: Christ is our peace. The peace  
of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Let us offer each other a sign  
of peace and reconciliation.

Blessing

L: May God go before you to  
show you the right way.

May God be beside you to wrap  
you in God's arms and protect  
you.

May God be behind you to keep  
you safe from the treachery of  
evil people.

May God be beneath you to catch  
you when you fall and pull you  
out of the trap.

May God be within you to  
comfort you when you are sad.

May God surround you to defend  
you when others attack you.

May God be above you and bless  
you.

Blessed be the God of Goodness  
now and forever.

**All: Amen**

Song

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