

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.**

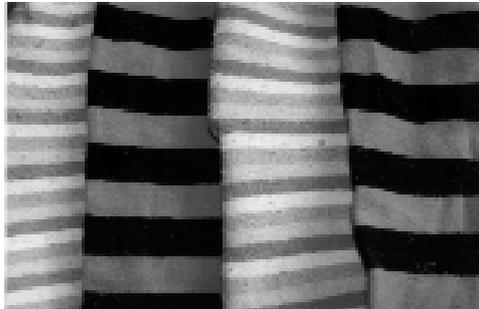
Prayer
L: Master and Lord Almighty,
Look down from heaven upon
your Church,
And upon all your people, and all
your flocks,
And save all of us your unworthy
servants, the creatures of your
fold;
And grant to us your peace, and
your love, and your help,
And send down upon us the gifts
of your most Holy 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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