In the name of the Father and of the ✛ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;
hear me and answer me.

Evening, morning and noon
I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;
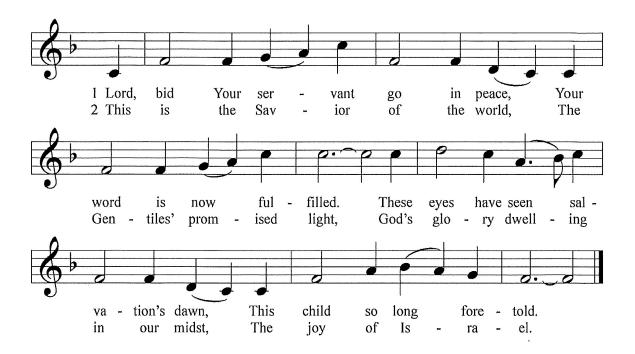**He will never let the righteous fall.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

READING   **2 Corinthians 4:13 -5:1**

(13) Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, (14) knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (15) For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

(16) So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. (17) For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, (18) as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

5 (1) For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" - *Lutheran Service Book,* #937

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, The

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.

Luke 2:29-32

Text: James Quinn, b. 1919

Tune: American

LAND OF REST

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O Lord,
> **have mercy upon us.**

O Christ
> **have mercy upon us.**

O Lord,
> **have mercy upon us.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.
> **Amen.**