

**Connecting Music to Mass**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 6, 2016**

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**The full Sunday hymn texts are below.**

We're approaching the end of the liturgical year (November 20). The last Sundays of Ordinary Time present a challenge for priests, musicians, readers, and even the people in the pews! In these last Sundays of OT, and even into Advent, we hear apocalyptic or end-times scripture. This, of course, is kicked off by the Solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls which we celebrated this past week. It's easy to focus on the negatives – death, destruction, end of the world, and so on. ***But, there is good news too!***

As Christians, we're called to view death as a ***transition*** rather than the end. To quote the funeral Mass "Indeed for your faithful Lord, life has **changed, not ended.**" As humans, our perspective is narrow, so it's hard for us to grasp the concept of life after death. Where will we live in heaven? Does everyone wear the same clothes? What's the weather like?!?! The good news is that it's a joyful continuation of our journey, and an even better part than life here on earth. In today's gospel, the Sadducees (sa-juh-sees) challenge Jesus with complicated questions wrapped up in worldly laws. Jesus reminds us that the ways of this world do not translate to the eternal Kingdom of God. And that's ok!

Jesus reassures them of the resurrection of the dead – "***They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.***" The closing hymn "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" easily fits into this statement. The third verse perfectly sums up our journey as Christians – "I'm looking for the coming of Christ... When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus." The refrain - paraphrased lines from the Book of Revelation - perfectly depicts an image of the eternal Kingdom of God.

The best news of the gospel reading is the last sentence – "***God the father is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.***" Our opening hymn takes its cue from that statement. "Lord of All Hopefulness" is a beautiful prayer pleading for God's presence in our lives. Our God, the God of the living, is with us each day. You'll notice that each verse ends by asking the Lord to be with us during a part of the day – the break, noon, eve, and end. And in the third line of each verse, to be with us when we wake, when we're at work or school, when we come home, and when we sleep. The Lord's presence in our daily living is essential for keeping us on our path to him, our ultimate goal of heaven.

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## Lord of All Hopefulness



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

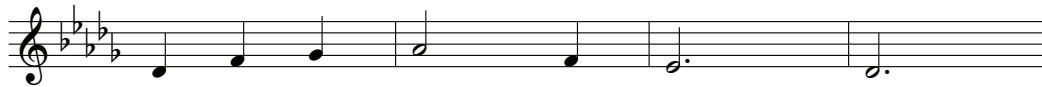


Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path. And  
When we have run with pa-tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



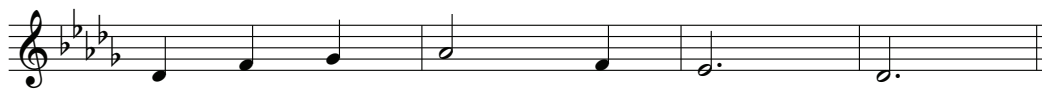
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.