**Worship for The Voice of this Calling**

**Greeting**

Lord, let your light shine upon us:

**As we lift our voices in praise.**

**Song (as candles are lit)**

Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,

night will soon fall.

Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,

Light in our darkness.

**Reading: Luke 1.46-49**

Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

**Song (as Round)**

Magnificat, Magnificat

Magnificat anima mea Dominum

Magnificat, Magnificat

Magnificat anima mea

**Reflections on Ministry (with a verse of the Magnificat chant between each)**

*Concluding with final round of Magnificat*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

In peace let us pray to the Lord

**Response (sung):**

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust, in God I trust.

Jesus, Light of the World, we give you thanks for women around the world and across the centuries, who have carried the torch of faith. **R**

Jesus, Voice of Hope, on the eve of the 80th anniversary of her ordination to the priesthood, we give you thanks for Florence Li Tim-Oi, for her faithful ministry in the heart of conflict and persecution. **R**

Jesus, Lord of the Years, we give you thanks for all who ministered in your church as lay workers, missionaries, deaconesses and deacons, who served with dedication and prayerfulness. **R**

Jesus, Bread of Life, we give you thanks for the women across the country ordained to the priesthood in 1994, whose wisdom and ministry has been a blessing. **R**

Jesus, Light of the World, we give you thanks, and pray, for us, for women who have answered your call as ordinands, deacons, priests, and bishops; as vicars, chaplains, canons, deans and archdeacons; may we be faithful to our calling. **R**

Jesus, Voice of Hope, help us to lift our voices in praise to you, in love for those in need and in challenge where there is injustice. **R**

Jesus, Lord of the Years, send us to shine as light and hope, that we may, in this generation, pass on the torch of faith to the women yet to come. **R**

**The Lord’s Prayer (said)**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

**Song:**

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I will rejoice

Look to God, do not be afraid;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near

**Dismissal:**

Let us bless the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**