

Lead, Kindly Light (Hymn)

Written for the Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of La Crosse

"O Pillar of Cloud" by John Henry Newman (1801-1890);
adapted by Joseph O'Brien

Tune: LUX BENIGNA by John Dykes (1823-1876);
adapted by Mary Ellen Hauptert

1. Lead, kind - ly Light, to dis - tant un - tamed lands, _____ Lord, lead me
 2. For those who knew not faith, nor trust - ed You, _____ You led them
 3. How long Your pow'r has graced our di - o - cese, _____ Lord, lead us
 4. One hun - dred fif - ty years of his - to - ry, _____ You led us
 5. The ri - vers thread their blue through this our land, _____ Yet, Lord you

on! Through storm - ing seas, and yet the faith still stands, _____ Lord, lead me
 on! The light of Christ, a bea - con in clear view, _____ You led them
 on! Though tor - rents rage in spring or win - ter freeze, _____ From dusk to
 on! Streng - thened by sim - ple gifts of mys - te - ry, _____ You led us
 lead! The bluffs do boast their green from where we stand, _____ Yet, Lord you

on! _____ Bless and make way, this mis - sion for _____ to _____ see,
 on! _____ From Dark - est wil - der - ness, des - pite _____ our _____ fears,
 dawn! _____ The bloom of faith did sprout with love _____ for _____ You,
 on! _____ By foot, by wa - gon, train, or plain ca - noe,
 lead! _____ Lord, bless us still with gold of grain and _____ cross,

Your will un - fold; Your will be done _____ through me! _____
 You blessed with hope, our count of days _____ and years. _____
 Who plant - ed seeds of cha - ri - ty _____ and truth. _____
 May we Your ves - sels, show Your word _____ is true. _____
 A Kind - ly Light to shine u - pon _____ La Crosse! _____