

Lead, Kindly Light

Written in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of La Crosse

Text: "O Pillar of Cloud" by John Henry Newman (1801-1890); adapted by Joseph O'Brien, 2018.

Tune: LUX BENIGNA by John B. Dykes (1823-1876); arranged by Mary Ellen Hauptert, 2018.

Soprano



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



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



stands, _____ Lord, lead me on! _____
view, _____ You led them on! _____
freeze, _____ From dusk to dawn! _____
ry, _____ You led us on! _____
stand, _____ Yet, Lord you lead! _____



Bless and make way, this mis - sion for _____ to _____
From dark - est wil - - - der - ness, des - pite _____ our _____
The bloom of faith did sprout with love _____ for _____
By foot, by wa - - gon, train, or plain _____ ca -
Lord, bless us still with gold of grain _____ and _____



see, Your will un - fold; Your will be
fears, You blessed with - hope, our count of
You, Who plant - ed seeds of cha - ri -
noe, May we Your ves - - - sels, show Your
cross, A Kind - ly Light to shine u -



done _____ through me! _____
days _____ and years. _____
ty _____ and truth. _____
word _____ is true. _____
pon _____ La Crosse! _____