

Advent Worship 2021

December 1, 2021

Order of Service: Prayer at the Close of Day Compline Service

P: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: (sing) Amen.

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: (sing) To sing praise to your name, O Most High;

P: To herald your love in the morning,

C: (sing) Your truth at the close of day.

P: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Song of Zechariah

Now bless the God of Israel,
Who comes in love and pow'r,
Who raises from the royal house
Deliv'rance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn
To free us from alarm,
To save us from the heavy hand
Of all who wish us harm

Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
That we might serve in holiness
And peace from year to year;
And you, my child, shall go before
To preach, to prophesy,
That all may know the tender love,
The grace of God most high.

In tender mercy God will send
The Dayspring from on high,
Our rising sun, the light of life
For those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace
That death shall reign no more,
Sing praises to the Holy One!
O worship and adore!

Confession of Sins

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L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

L: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: Amen.

Psalm 98

Refrain

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Refrain

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**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.**

Refrain

The Word became flesh and lived among us.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lesson – Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call out to her.

Her warfare really is over.

Her guilt is fully paid for.

Yes, she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice is calling out:

In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD.

In the wasteland make a level highway for our God.

⁴Every valley will be raised up,
and every mountain and hill will be made low.

The rugged ground will become level,
and the rough places will become a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all flesh together will see it.

Yes, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

⁶A voice was saying, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry out?"

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like a wildflower in the countryside.

⁷Grass withers, flowers fade,
when the breath of the LORD blows on them.

Yes, the people are grass.

⁸Grass withers, flowers fade,
but the Word of our God endures forever.

⁹Get up on a high mountain,

O Zion, you herald of good news.

Lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, you herald of good news.

Lift it up! Do not be afraid!

Say to the cities of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

¹⁰Look, God the LORD will come with strength,
and his arm is ruling for him.

Look, his reward is with him.

The result of his work is in front of him.

¹¹Like a shepherd he will care for his flock.

With his arm he will gather the lambs.

He will lift them up on his lap.

He will gently lead the nursing mothers.

P: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

C: (sing) Into your hands I commend my spirit.

P: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth

C: (sing) Into your hands I commend my spirit.

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: (sing) Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Hymn 391 vv. 1-3 God Loved the World So that He Gave

1 God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ is the solid rock of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

3 God would not have the sinner die-His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach How we the blessed goal may reach.

Text: Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Sermon

Offering

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Prayer

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord.

C: (sing) Listen to my cry.

P: Keep me as the apple of your eye.

C: (sing) Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

P: In righteousness I shall see you.

C: (sing) When I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C: (sing) 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 forever.

Amen.

Hymn 1 The Advent of Our King

1 The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on To set his servants free.

3 O Zion's Daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
Nor let a faithless heart despise The peace he comes to bring.

4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And his true members all unite With him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning Day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.

Gospel Canticle

P: Guide us waking, O Lord,

C: (sing) And guard us sleeping:

P: That awake we may watch with Christ,

C: (sing) And asleep we may rest in peace.

C: (sing) In peace, Lord, in peace you let your servant now depart according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for every people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. In peace, in peace.

Blessing

P: The almighty and merciful Lord - the Father, the Son,† and the Holy Spirit - bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn 8 Come, O Precious Ransom, Come

1 Come, O precious Ransom, come,
Only Hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to you all portals.
Come, your beauty let us view;
Anxiously we wait for you.

2 Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When you are my guest divine!

3 My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray you.
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay you,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, your merit through your grace.

4 Hail, hosanna, David's Son!
Help, Lord; hear our supplication!
Let your kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation
That forever we may sing
Hail, hosanna! to our King.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635-1711; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.