

Mid-week Advent 2 December 7, 2022

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

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of day.

Special Music Magnificat

Confession

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
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.

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.

Amen.

Psalm: 98G Sing to the LORD a New Song

Refrain

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

Sing to the LORD a / new song,
for he has done / marv'lous things.
The LORD has made his sal- / vation known
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations.
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to / Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation / of our God. *Refrain*

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 be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Reading: Luke 1:13-15a, 18, 24-25, 57

¹³But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear a son for you, and you are to name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵because he will be great in the sight of the Lord.

¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I be sure of this, because I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years?”

²⁴After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived. She kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying, ²⁵“The Lord has done this for me in the days when he looked with favor on me and took away my disgrace among the people.”

⁵⁷When the time came for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Sermon

Hymn: 325 My Soul in Stillness Waits

Ref For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;
truly my hope is in you.

- 1 O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines in all who look to you;
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. (Refrain)
- 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits;
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word;
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. (Refrain)
- 3 O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
and in your advent draw us all to you,
our hope reborn in dying and in rising. (Refrain)
- 4 O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage;
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain;
open to us the pathway of your peace. (Refrain)

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Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;
when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

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 788 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

- 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night
for all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
rise glorious at the awe-full day.
- 4 Oh, may my soul on thee repose
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
to serve my God when I awake.
- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
my soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no pow'rs of darkness me distress.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Song of Simeon

Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace.

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 ev'ry people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace, in peace, in peace.

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.
Amen.

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