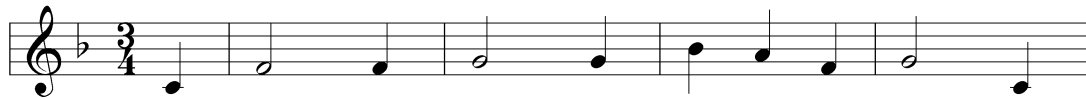


MIDWEEK
ADVENT
December 11, 2024

Evening Advent Devotions

Remain Seated



L The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last. **G** A -



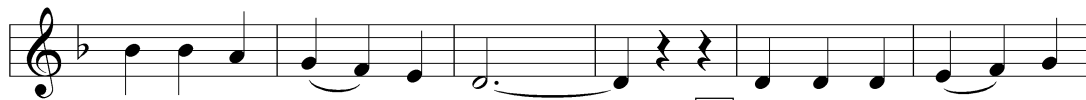
- - men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the



Lord, **G** To sing praise to your name, O Most High;



L To her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** Your



truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber



me when you come in - to your king - dom.



G Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -



to your king - dom.

Prayer

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely here this evening. Bless us as we gather to meditate on your Word. Give us joy and comfort in knowing that you willingly suffered death in our place in order to give us the gift of heaven. Help us hold onto you by faith as our redeemer until our last day when you take us to be with you forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rules over all things with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray, Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



And guard and keep your peo - ple now.
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

PRAYER

P: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight, O God. Be with us as we hear you speak to us in the Scriptures. May we see our sins, our need for repentance, and your willingness to hear us.

C: Amen.

Psalm 111

Refrain

Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone

Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**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

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷ Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." ⁸ When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. (EHV)

No Fear of Failure

The musical score is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 3/2. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. You have re-deemed me, O Lord, God of truth. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and a triplet of eighth notes on the second staff.

L In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. **G** In - to your

hands I com-mend my spir - it. **L** You have re-deemed me, O

Lord, God of truth. **G** In - to your hands I com-mend my

spir - it. **L** Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **G** In - to your

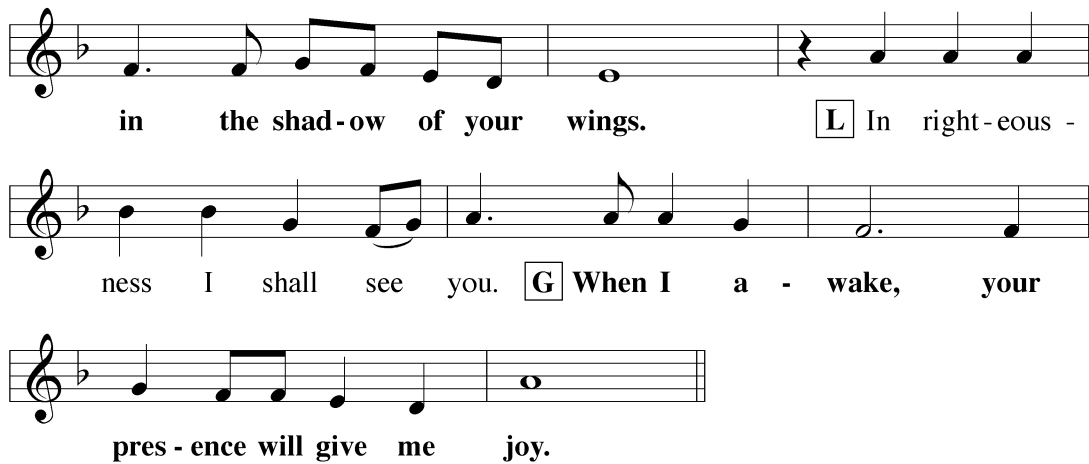
hands I com - mend my spir - it.

PRAYER

The musical score for the prayer is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "Hear my prayer, O Lord. Lis-ten to my cry. Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye; Hide me". The score includes various musical notations such as rests and beams.

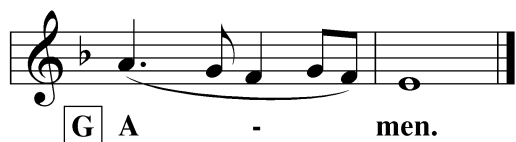
L Hear my prayer, O Lord. **G** Lis-ten to my cry.

L Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye; **G** Hide me



in the shad-ow of your wings. [L] In right-eous -
ness I shall see you. [G] When I a - wake, your
pres - ence will give me joy.

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

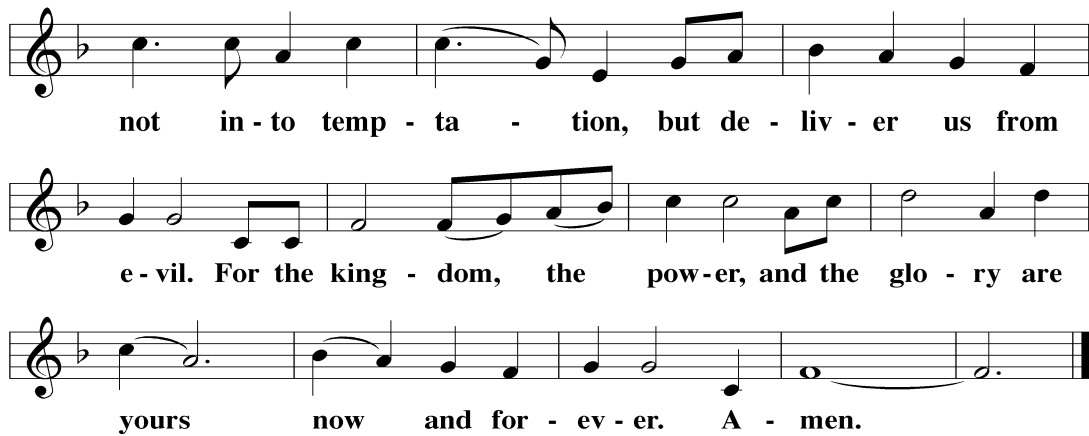


[G] A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



[G] Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us



not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
 e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
 yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
 You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CWS 750*
CW 7

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"
"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



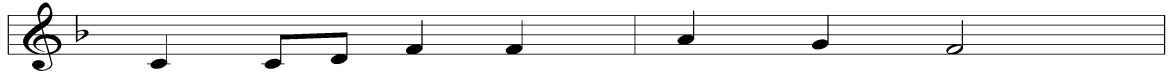
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate,
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful Shep - herd,
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing
 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga;



Lord and Son of A - bra - ham;
 Food for bod - y, food for soul;
 From the stump of Jes - se's tree;
 Watch - ing all your lambs and sheep;
 To the Fath - er's home on high;
 Christ, the first - born from the dead;



Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 Christ, the man - na, dai - ly giv - en,
 Christ, true vine, you nur - ture branch - es
 Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive;
 Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion;



Per - fect God, the great I Am;
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole.
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly.
 Nev - er fail - ing vi - gil keep.
 Christ, the life that can - not die.
 Christ, the Church's glo - rious head:



Christ, the Light, you shine un - van - quished,
 Feed us with the food of heav - en,
 Graft us in - to you, O Sav - ior;
 When we stray, Good Shep - herd, seek us,
 Me - di - a - tor to the Fath - er,
 Praise and thanks and a - do - ra - tion



Light and life you bring to all;
 Fore - taste of the feast to be;
 Prune our hearts so we re - main
 Find us, lift us, bear us home;
 Sac - ri - fice and Great High Priest:
 And un - end - ing wor - ship be



Light our path with your own pres - ence,
 Quench our thirst with liv - ing wa - ter,
 Fruit - ful branch - es in your vine - yard
 Lamb of God, our Shep - herd, keep us;
 Lead us to your heav'n - ly man - sions,
 To the Fath - er and the Spir - it



Grant us grace to heed your call.
 Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 Let us hear your voice a - lone.
 There to share your wed - ding feast.
 And to you e - ter - nal - ly.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the
 3 You saints, who here in pa - tience Your cross and
 4 A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus,



lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing,
 Bride - groom near; Go forth, as he ap - proach - es,
 suf - f'ring bore, Shall live and reign for - ev - er
 now ap - pear, The Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion



And dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom
 With al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage
 When sor - row is no more. A - round the
 Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here. With hearts and



is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,
 feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand. A -
 throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold; In
 hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see The



pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
 tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.
 day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722, abr.; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.
 Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG (76 76 D) *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901.

SONG OF SIMEON



G In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant now de -



part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -



va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a

light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple

Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

THE BLESSING

P: The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son (✠) and the Holy Spirit— bless us and keep us.
 C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 9

“Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes”

ADVENT

9 Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes

1 Je - sus, your Church with long - ing eyes For your ex -
 2 E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try
 3 Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our sins for -
 4 Oh, come and reign o'er ev - 'ry land; Let Sa - tan
 5 Teach us in watch - ful - ness and prayer To wait for

pect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised
 clouds o'er - cast the sky, Your words with plea - sure
 give, our foes sup - press, Our root - ed en - mi -
 from his throne be hurled. Let na - tions bow to
 your ap - point - ed hour, And fit us by your

light a - rise And glo - ry beam from heav - en's gates?
 we re - call And know that our re - demp - tion's nigh.
 ty sub - due, And crown your gos - pel with suc - cess.
 your com - mand; Let grace re - vive a dy - ing world.
 grace to share The tri - umphs of your con - qu'ring pow'r.

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