

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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An Advent Mid-week Service December 2, 2020

Daily Prayer (The Close of the Day, LSB 298)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 331, "The Advent of our King" (verses 1, 2, 6)



1 The ad-vent of our King Our prayers must now em-ploy,
2 The ev-er-last-ing Son In-car-nate deigns to be,
△ 6 All glo-ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho-ly joy.
Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
With Fa-ther, Spir-it, ev-er one Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Versicles

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

C: Amen.

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

C: to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

P: To herald Your love in the morning,

C: Your truth at the close of the day.

Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I

know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

A Hymn: “My Dwelling Place” (Getty)

Verse 1

My dwelling place is God Most High
My refuge and my fortress
When plague and pestilence draw nigh
I’m hidden in His presence
When terrors fall and arrows fly

His shield will be my safety
When stones across my pathway lie
On angels' wings I'm carried

Verse 2

My dwelling place is God Most High
A present help in danger
I rest secure in Love's pure light
Beneath My Master's favor
He freed me from the fowler's snare
Where sin and shame had bound me
Deceived I made my refuge there
Till fearless He came for me

Chorus

Wonderful powerful my hope and my defender
Mighty God Emmanuel my dwelling place forever

Verse 3

My dwelling place is God Most High
I'll never seek another
For I am His and He is mine
My heart He'll keep forever
I know the Name on Whom I call
He promises to answer
With life he satisfies my soul
And crowns me with his pleasure (**Chorus 2Xs**)

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The Sermon: Exodus 33:18, 20, "God Wears Masks"

A Post-Sermon Hymn: LSB 354, "Arise, O Christian People" (verses 1, 4)

1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -
day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed
sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come
truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es
heav - en To all the world is shown.
glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

**C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of
every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.**

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**A Hymn: LSB 345 "Hark, A Thrilling Voice is
Sounding" (verses 1, 3, 5)**



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the

near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -
works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayers:

At close of the day

P: Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 878, "Abide with Me"
(Verses 1, 2, 5, 6)



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.



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