Grow ... Go ... Gather December 2, 2020



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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 Kina" (verses 1, 2, 6) 1 The of ad - vent our King Our prayers must now em - ploy, 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be, $\triangle 6$ All glo - ry to the Son. Who comes to free, set us And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy. ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free. Him-self a Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty. With Fa - ther.

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

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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

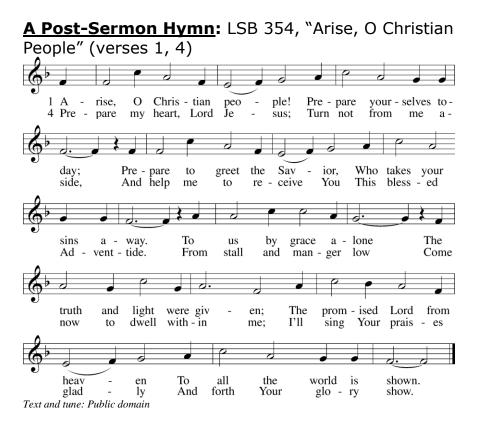
Wonderful powerful my hope and my defender Mighty God Emmanuel my dwelling place forever

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"



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

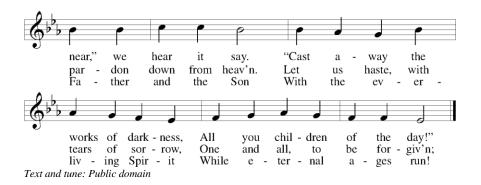
C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;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

<u>A Hymn</u>: LSB 345 "Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" (verses 1, 3, 5)





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)



Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.



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