

Midweek Advent Worship

Evening Prayer at Calvary



**“Sing Psalms, Hymns and
Spiritual Songs”**

A Service of Hymns and Anthems for Advent

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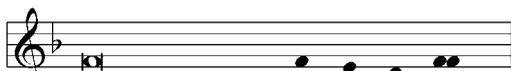
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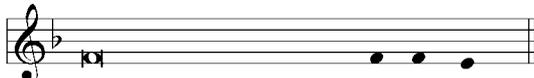
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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

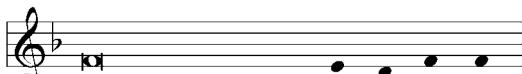
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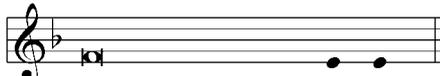
M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



C: the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



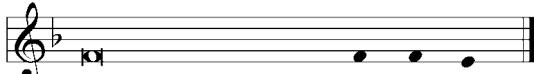
M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning,



C: and the day is almost o - ver.



M: Be our light and scat - ter the dark-ness,



C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.

Candles may be lit as the hymn is sung.

HYMN

O Come, Little Children

Text: 1794 by Christoph von Schmid (1768-1854),

Tune: Johann A. P. Schulz (1747-1800)

Children grades 3-8 sing

1. *O come, little children, O come one and all,
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small,
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.*
2. *He's born in a stable for you and for me,
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels the heavenly Child.*

Congregation and children

3. **See Mary and Joseph, with love beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies,
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.**

Children grades 3-8 sing

4. *Kneel down and adore Him with shepherd today,
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the Heavenly Host.*

M Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Be Seated

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

Psalm 141

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice." The score ends with a double bar line.

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

M Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

READING Revelation 12:1-6

Mark the contrast between what Jesus' birth looked like from behind the curtain and what it looked like to human eyes. One was a "not-so-silent-night" while the other appeared serene.

REVELATION 12:1 A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. ⁴ His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. ⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶ The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

HYMN

60 – Silent Night! Holy Night

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848, abr.; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85.

Children grades PK-8 sing

*1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

Congregation joins to sing

- 2 Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**
- 3 Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

READING Isaiah 52:7-10

Those who, like the shepherds, announce the Good News from the mountaintops have “beautiful feet”!

ISAIAH 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.⁹ Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

HYMN

27 – Go Tell It on the Mountain

Text: African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, refrain; John W. Work, 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Children grades PK-8 sing the first refrain and the verses.

Congregation joins to sing the subsequent refrains

(Refrain)

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.*

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed the Savior's birth.*

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

- 3. Down in the lowly manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.*

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

READING Philippians 2:5-8

Jesus' birth is a humble birth.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

- ⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped,
⁷ but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a
servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a
man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death –
even death on a cross!

HYMN

68 – Away in a Manger

Text: Little Children's Book, Philadelphia, 1885, st. 1-2; Vineyard Songs, Louisville, 1892, st. 3.

Children grades K-8

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.*
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.*

Make it a Melody with a Message

Stand



Congregational Hymn

12 – Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield,
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor,
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51, abt., alt.

Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820, alt.

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

Be Seated

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER, OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY

Stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



C: Thanks be to God.

M In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



C: A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

50 – Once in Royal David's City

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–95, abr., alt

Children grades 3-8 sing

- 1 *Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

Congregation joins to sing

- 2 **He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

Children grades 3-8 sing

- 3 *But our eyes at last shall see him Through his own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above,
As he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.*
- 4 *Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars his children crowned, All in white, his praise will sound.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

63 – Angels We Have Heard on High

Text: Nouveau recueil de cantiques, 1855; tr. The Crown of Jesus, Part 2, London, 1862, alt.

Children grades PK-8

- 1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*
- 2. Shepherd, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*