

Advent Midweek Service

Prayer at the Close of Day

December 7, 2023

Remain seated

CW 225

The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last.
A - men.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,
your truth at the close of day.

The musical score is written in a single system with eight staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains a short melodic phrase. The second staff begins the main text. The third staff continues the text with a long note on 'night'. The fourth staff features a long note on 'A' with a slur over it. The fifth staff continues the text. The sixth staff has a long note on 'to' with a slur. The seventh staff continues the text. The eighth staff concludes the piece with a long note on 'day'.

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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.

Silence for personal reflection

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.

Anthem

At 3:30pm Our Savior Students in 3-8 grade will sing "Angels from the Realm of Glory"

At 7:00pm the choir will sing "The First Noel"

Reading

2 Chronicles 17:1-19

¹Jehoshaphat his son succeeded him as king and strengthened himself against Israel.
²He stationed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah and put garrisons in Judah and in the towns of Ephraim that his father Asa had captured.

³The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the ways of his father David before him. He did not consult the Baals ⁴but sought the God of his father and followed his commands rather than the practices of Israel. ⁵The LORD established the kingdom under his control; and all Judah brought gifts to Jehoshaphat, so that he had great wealth and honor. ⁶His heart was devoted to the ways of the LORD; furthermore, he removed the high places and the Asherah poles from Judah.

⁷In the third year of his reign he sent his officials Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel and Micaiah to teach in the towns of Judah. ⁸With them were certain Levites—Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah and Tob-Adonijah—and the priests Elishama and Jehoram. ⁹They taught throughout Judah, taking with them the Book of the Law of the LORD; they went around to all the towns of Judah and taught the people.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands surrounding Judah, so that they did not go to war against Jehoshaphat. ¹¹Some Philistines brought Jehoshaphat gifts and silver as tribute, and the Arabs brought him flocks: seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred goats.

¹²Jehoshaphat became more and more powerful; he built forts and store cities in Judah ¹³and had large supplies in the towns of Judah. He also kept experienced fighting men in Jerusalem. ¹⁴Their enrollment by families was as follows:

From Judah, commanders of units of 1,000:

Adnah the commander, with 300,000 fighting men;

¹⁵next, Jehohanan the commander, with 280,000;

¹⁶next, Amasiah son of Zikri, who volunteered himself for the service of the LORD, with 200,000.

¹⁷From Benjamin:

Eliada, a valiant soldier, with 200,000 men armed with bows and shields;

¹⁸next, Jehozabad, with 180,000 men armed for battle.

¹⁹These were the men who served the king, besides those he stationed in the fortified cities throughout Judah.

2 Chronicles 19:4–11

⁴Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem, and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim and turned them back to the LORD, the God of their ancestors. ⁵He appointed judges in the land, in each of the fortified cities of Judah. ⁶He told them, “Consider carefully what you do, because you are not judging for mere mortals but for the LORD, who is with you whenever you give a verdict. ⁷Now let the fear of the LORD be on you. Judge carefully, for with the LORD our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery.”

⁸In Jerusalem also, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites, priests and heads of Israelite families to administer the law of the LORD and to settle disputes. And they lived in Jerusalem. ⁹He gave them these orders: “You must serve faithfully and wholeheartedly in the fear of the LORD. ¹⁰In every case that comes before you from your people who live in the cities—whether bloodshed or other concerns of the law, commands, decrees or regulations—you are to warn them not to sin against the LORD; otherwise his wrath will come on you and your people. Do this, and you will not sin.

¹¹“Amariah the chief priest will be over you in any matter concerning the LORD, and Zebadiah son of Ishmael, the leader of the tribe of Judah, will be over you in any matter concerning the king, and the Levites will serve as officials before you. Act with courage, and may the LORD be with those who do well.”

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Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today.

Please sign the friendship register and pass it down the pew.

Prayer

CW 228

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
lis - ten to my cry.
Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;
hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.
In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.



Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this / night,* so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal / changelessness;



through Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - - men.

Lord's Prayer

CW 230



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.

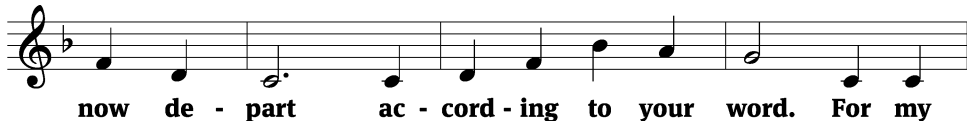
Song of Simeon

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Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
 and guard us sleep - ing
 that a - wake we may watch with Christ
 and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



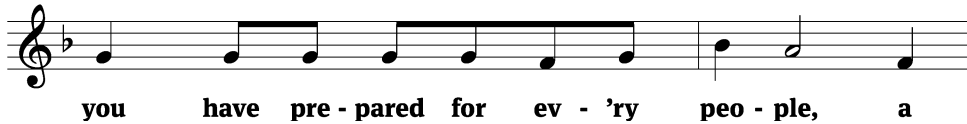
In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



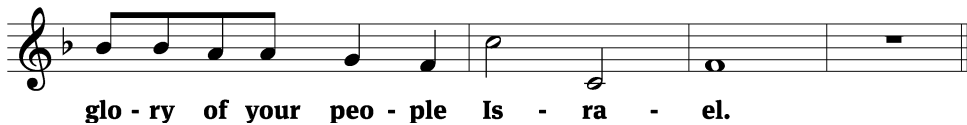
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which




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.



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ

and a - sleep we may rest in peace,
in peace, in peace.

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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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