

Advent Midweek Service

Prayer at the Close of Day

December 5, 2024

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 on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music. The first line is an instrumental introduction. The second line begins with the lyrics 'The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et'. The third line continues with 'night and peace at the last.' The fourth line features a long melisma on the word 'A - men.' The fifth line starts with 'It is good to give thanks to the Lord,'. The sixth line continues with 'to sing praise to your name, O Most High,'. The seventh line has 'to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,'. The eighth line concludes with 'your truth at the close of day.' The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and fermatas used for emphasis.

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790 Before the Ending of the Day

CW 790

Confession

CW 226

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.

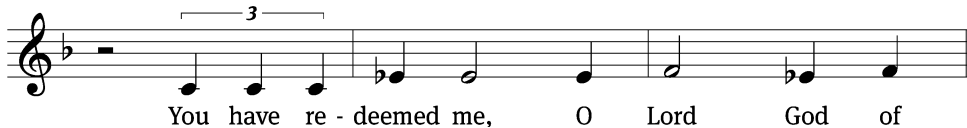
By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.
Amen.

91A The Shadow of the Almighty

Psalm 91A

Silence for reflection and a brief prayer may follow each psalm.

The following response is sung or spoken:



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A sermon or brief address may follow.

Lessons from Samuel

Commentary

1 Samuel 1:1–20

¹There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ²He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

³Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. ⁴Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

⁹Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. ¹⁰In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. ¹¹And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

¹²As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

¹⁵"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. ¹⁶Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

¹⁷Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

¹⁸She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

¹⁹Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”

Commentary

1 Samuel 1:21–28

²¹When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow, ²²Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.”

²³“Do what seems best to you,” her husband Elkanah told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

²⁴After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. ²⁵When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

Commentary

The Advent of Our King

CW 309

Offering

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

Prayer

CW 228

Musical notation for the prayer, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are:

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

CW 231

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.



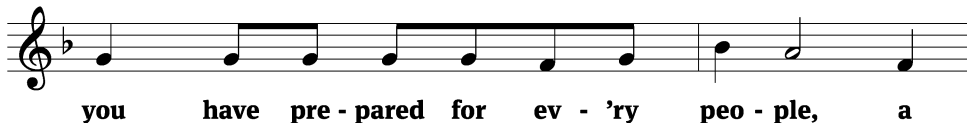
In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



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



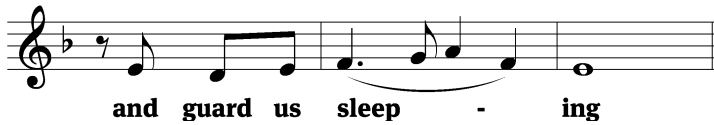
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glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



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.

Come Down, O Love Divine

CW 587 sts. 3-4

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