

# Advent Midweek Service

## Prayer at the Close of Day

December 18, 2025

Remain seated

CW 225

The musical score is written in a single system with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves contain the first line of the prayer. The fourth staff contains the second line. The fifth and sixth staves contain the third line. The seventh and eighth staves contain the fourth line. The music is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end.

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.**

# Creator of the Stars of Night

CW 323



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's  
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse should doom to  
3 When earth drew on to dark - est night, you came, but  
4 At your great name, ma - jes - tic now, all knees must  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
death a u - ni - verse, you came to save a ru - ined race  
not in splen - dor bright, not as a king, but as the child  
bend, all hearts must bow; all things on earth with one ac - cord  
Spir - it, Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you, hear us when we call.  
with heal - ing gifts of heav'n - ly grace.  
of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er mild.  
join those in heav'n to call you Lord.  
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

## 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.

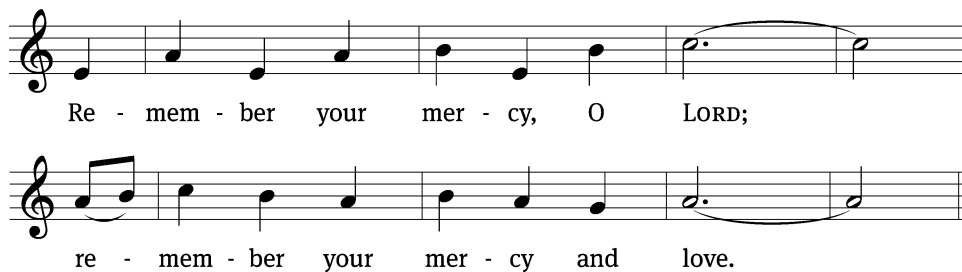
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,  
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## 74A Remember Your Mercy, O LORD

Psalm 74A

### Refrain



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;  
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

### Tone



O God, why have you rejected us for- / ever?

Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your / pasture?

Remember the nation you purchased / long ago,

the people of your inheritance, whom you redeemed—Mount Zion, / where you dwelt.

Turn your steps toward these everlasting / ruins,

all this destruction the enemy has brought on the sanctu- / ary. *Refrain*

But God is my King from / long ago;

he brings salvation / on the earth.

It was you who set all the boundaries / of the earth;

you made both summer and / winter.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

# Reading

*Jude 17-21*

But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of truth. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and a triplet of eighth notes. The final line ends with a double bar line.

In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

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hands I com - mend my spir - it.

## Lessons from Genesis

### Reading

Genesis 11:1–26

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup>As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

<sup>3</sup>They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

<sup>5</sup>But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

<sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup>That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

<sup>10</sup>This is the account of Shem’s family line.

Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad. <sup>11</sup>And after he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>12</sup>When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah. <sup>13</sup>And after he became the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>14</sup>When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber. <sup>15</sup>And after he became the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>16</sup>When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg. <sup>17</sup>And after he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>18</sup>When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu. <sup>19</sup>And after he became the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>20</sup>When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug. <sup>21</sup>And after he became the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>22</sup>When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor. <sup>23</sup>And after he became the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>24</sup>When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah. <sup>25</sup>And after he became the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>26</sup>After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

## Commentary

Space is provided for you to take notes.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CW 322



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in



set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and  
all the earth thou art, dear de - sire of  
child and yet a king, born to reign in  
all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -



sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## Offering

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## 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.

One or more of the following prayers are spoken or sung:



Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who / sleep.\* Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's / sake;



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

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial / brightness,\* that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy / name;



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



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.

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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