

Advent Midweek Service

Prayer at the Close of Day

December 4, 2025

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 a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff is a short melodic phrase. The second and third staves contain the lyrics 'The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.' The fourth staff contains the word 'A - men.' with a long horizontal line above it. The fifth and sixth staves contain the lyrics 'It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High,'. The seventh and eighth staves contain the lyrics 'to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, your truth at the close of day.' The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and slurs.

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

CW 304



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied where
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, a
3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, lost



tame live with the wild, the lamb and li - on
branch from Da - vid's line, a Prince of Peace in
came to suf - fer loss, that by his death a
Par - a - dise re - store; lead past the an - gel's



side by side, led by a lit - tle child!
Beth - le - hem: the fruit of God's de - sign.
dy - ing world would ral - ly to the cross.
flam - ing sword—come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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.

4C O God, Be Gracious

Psalm 4C



1 O God, be gra - cious; hear my prayer, and
 2 How long, O God, will li - ars boast while
 3 When ter - ror wakes me from my dreams and
 4 Some fear that you will not pro - vide; they
 5 Now lay me down to sleep in peace; in



an - swer when I cry. You give me hope in
 I am smeared with shame? Come, set your faith - ful
 shakes me through and through, teach me to pray with
 cry, "Show us your face!" But you have sat - is -
 safe - ty let me rest. O God, with - in your



my dis - tress; you will not pass me by.
 ser - vant free; I call up - on your name!
 con - fi - dence and put my trust in you.
 fied my heart with good - ness, joy, and grace.
 lov - ing care I am for - ev - er blessed.

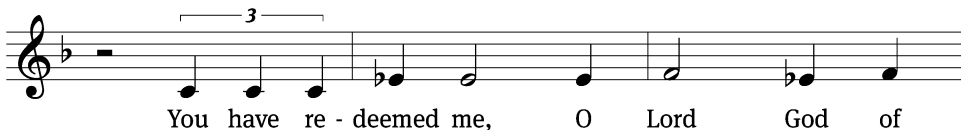
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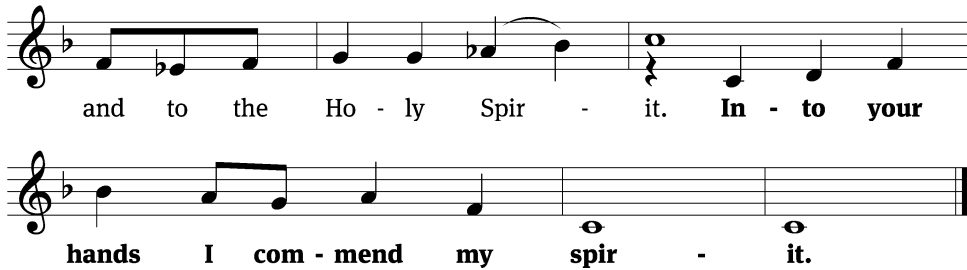
Jude 17-21

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 following response is sung or spoken:





Lessons from Genesis

Genesis 4:1-16

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

But the Lord said to him, "Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Commentary

Space is provided for you to take notes.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

CW 324



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
3 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,
4 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, let not your souls dis - tress;
5 He comes to judge the na - tions, a ter - ror to his foes,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.
your guilt the Lord will par - don and cov - er by his grace.
a light of con - so - la - tion and bless - ed hope to those



O Je - sus, let your Word be a lamp to light my way,
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing that led you to em - brace
De - spair not; he is near you, he's stand - ing at the door
He comes, for you pro - cur - ing the peace of sin for - giv'n,
who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to show me how to please you, to guide me ev - 'ry day.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race!
who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.
his chil - dren thus se - cur - ing e - ter - nal life in heav'n.
send forth your beams most cheer - ing, and guide us safe - ly home.

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:



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.**

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is / done.* Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the / last;

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

Lord's Prayer

CW 230

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your

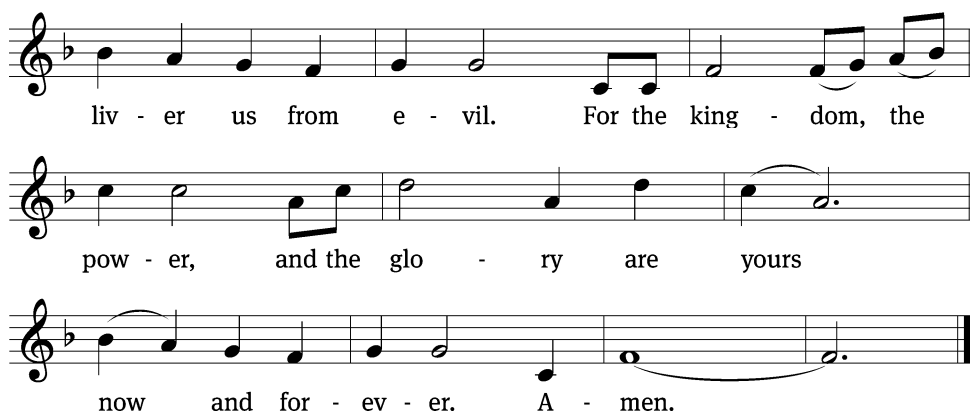
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on

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.

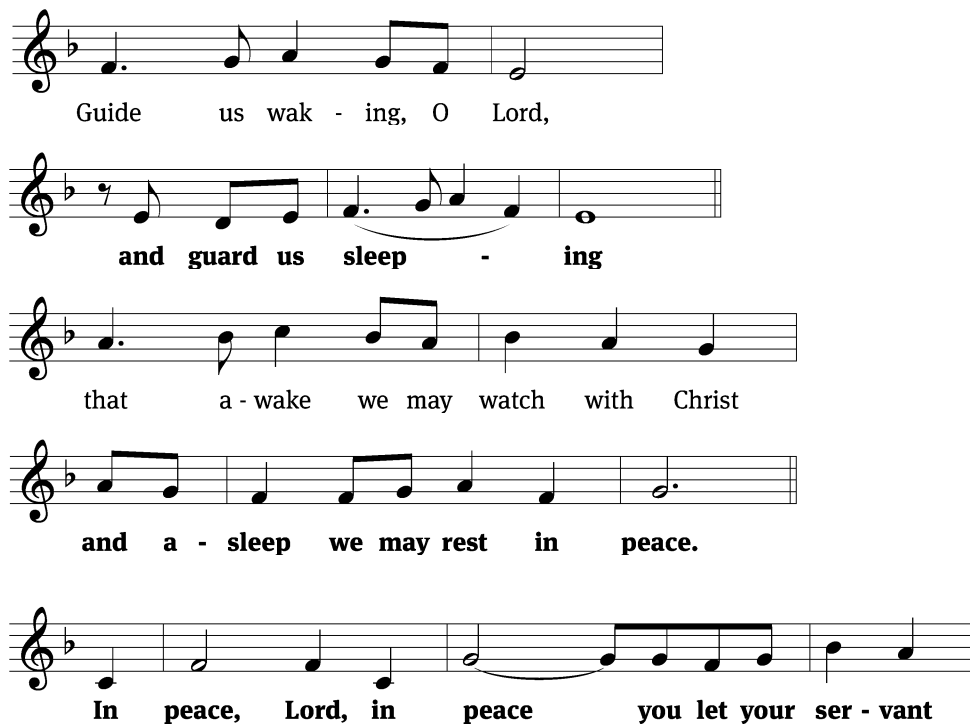
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -



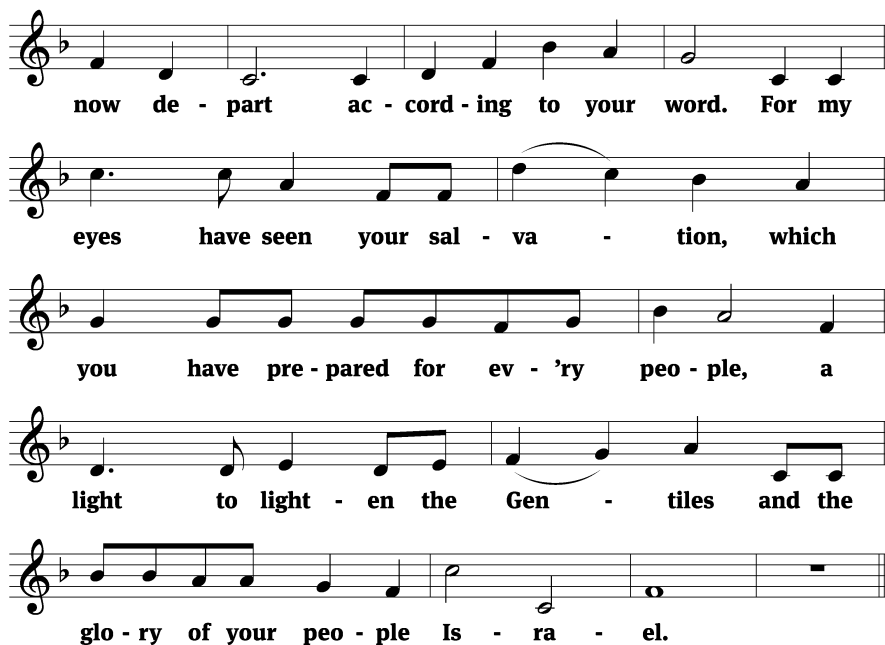
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
 pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
 now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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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