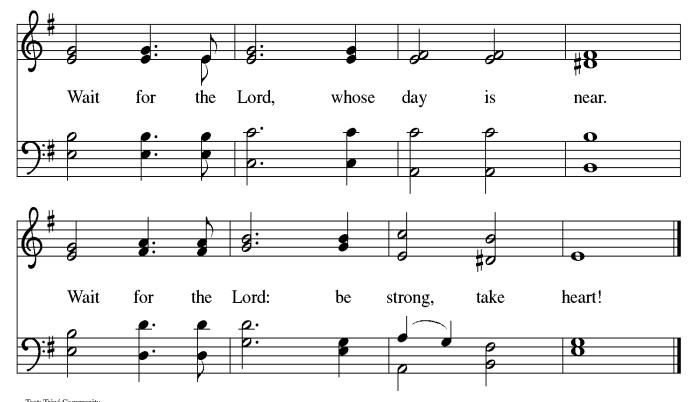


Advent Evening Prayer

December 2, 9, 16, 2020



GATHERING SONG ELW 262 Wait for the Lord



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Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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OPENING DIALOGUE

The Spirit and the Church cry out:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

All those who await his appearance pray:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The whole creation pleads:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN OF LIGHT We Are Waiting for Jesus



Text and music: John Helgen

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THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

Eternal God, by your word you commanded: "Let there be light!" By your Spirit you have revealed the light of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Shine in our hearts this night with the light of your good news and illumine our dreams with the vision of your reign of peace breaking into our world; through Christ our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit we give you thanks and praise now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 62: 1-2, 5-8



¹For God alone I wait in silence; from God comes my salvation.

my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken. R

pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge. R

PSALM PRAYER

God of steadfast love, in a constantly changing world we look to you as our rock of hope. Hear us as we pour out our hearts to you, and give us your grace and protection; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

²God alone is my rock and my salvation,

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people,



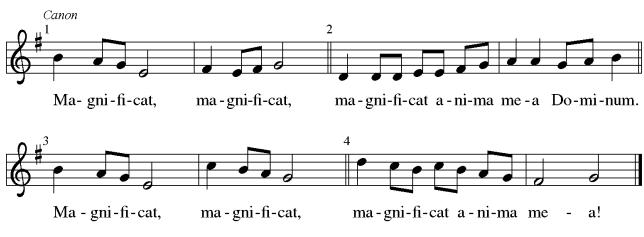
WORD

One or two scripture lessons are read. Silence for reflection follows the lessons.

RESPONSORY

Jesus says: I am coming soon. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

GOSPEL CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT



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My spirit shall rejoice in God who breaks my chains of guilt and fear; For God upholds each person's worth throughout the ages of this Earth. God's love shall fill my life with fire, God's justice form my heart's desire. **R**

This just and holy love of life can turn our thinking upside down Empowering all the poor to act till common wealth becomes a fact. Each evil tyrant's rule shall cease, each conflict end in lasting peace. *R*

The timeless wisdom Mary sang still holds for those who seek today To live the Gospel's sacred dream of justice born of self esteem. Sing birth-day songs with mirth and verve, Mary's boy-child was born to serve. *R*

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PRAYERS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

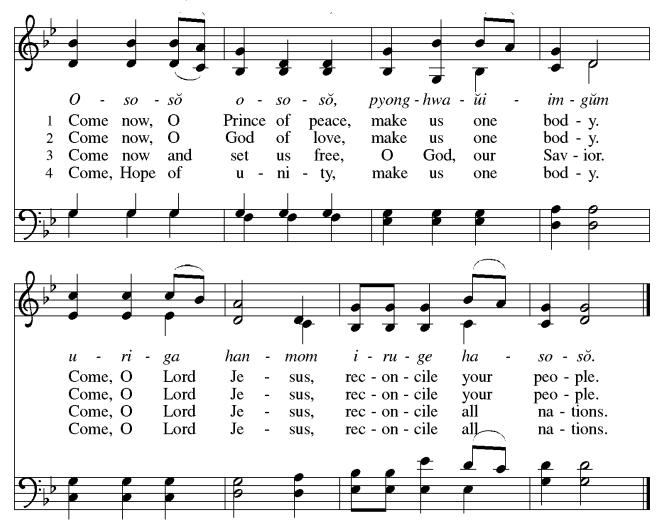
LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



HYMN ELW 247 Come Now, O Prince of Peace



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BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. Praise and thanks to God.

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Take heart, for the day of the Lord is near.

Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and defend you this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

The peace may be shared by all.

All depart in silence.