

# MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

## Advent II

Gathering Song *(Please stand as able)*

*(Please see page 4)*

**“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”**

### Opening Dialogue

Priest Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.  
People ***And also with you.***  
Priest I was glad when they said to me,  
People ***“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”***  
Priest In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
People ***The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.***

### The Invitatory and Psalter

Priest & People ***Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.***

Priest Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
People ***let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.***  
Priest Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
People ***and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

Priest For the Lord is a great God, \*  
People ***and a great King above all gods.***  
Priest In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
People ***and the heights of the hills are his also.***  
Priest The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
People ***and his hands have molded the dry land.***

Priest Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
People ***and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***  
Priest For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
People ***Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

Priest & People ***Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.***

### Psalm of the Day | Psalm 37:3-8;16-19;28-29 *(Please read responsively by verse)*

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.	16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.
4 <b><i>Take delight in the LORD, *</i></b> <b><i>and he shall give you your heart's desire.</i></b>	17 <b><i>The little that the righteous has *</i></b> <b><i>is better than great riches of the wicked.</i></b>
5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.	18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, * but the LORD upholds the righteous.
6 <b><i>He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *</i></b> <b><i>and your just dealing as the noonday.</i></b>	19 <b><i>The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, *</i></b> <b><i>and their inheritance shall last for ever.</i></b>
7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.	28 Turn from evil, and do good, * and dwell in the land for ever.
8 <b><i>Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *</i></b> <b><i>the one who succeeds in evil schemes</i></b>	29 <b><i>For the LORD loves justice; *</i></b> <b><i>he does not forsake his faithful ones.</i></b>

Priest Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
People ***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

### The Psalm Prayer

Reading | Isaiah 40:27-31 & Romans 8:22-25

Priest The Word of the Lord.  
People ***Thanks be to God.***

## Reflection

Advent Week 2 | Wait Upon the Lord with Hope!

## New Testament Canticle *(Please stand as able)*

*Priest* Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
*People* **but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

### *Father, We Praise Thee*

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1876 - 1936)

1. Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is  
2. Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy  
3. All ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual

o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -  
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness  
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -

fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -  
send - ing; bring us to heav - en, where thy saints u -  
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -

ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.  
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

Music: *Christe sanctorum* Melody from Antiphoner, (1681)

## Prayers

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Vercicle Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
Response **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**  
Vercicle Day by day we bless you;  
Response **We praise your name for ever.**  
Vercicle Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
Response **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
Vercicle Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*      **For we put our trust in you.**  
*Vercicle*      In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*Response*      **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect for the Day

### A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning; Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Grace

*People*      **We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son,  
that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger.  
We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil,  
so that our life and actions may please you.  
Into your hands we commend ourselves:  
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.  
Let your holy angels be with us,  
so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.**

### Blessing

*Priest*      Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**  
*Priest*      May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People*      **Amen.**

### Sending Song

#### *Go, My Children with My Blessing*



1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2. "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3. "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spri - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

*Words:* Jaroslav J. Vajda (b. 1919)  
*Music:* Welsh Traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

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1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



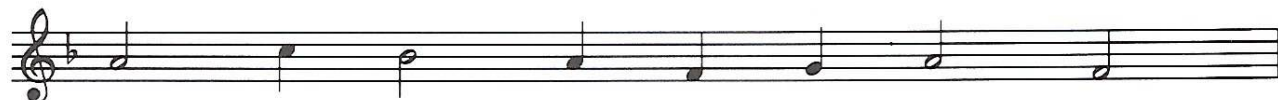
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



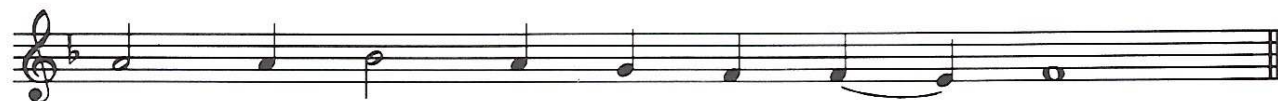
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.