

# MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

## Advent Week III

Gathering Song *(Please stand as able)*

*(Please see page 4)*

#657 | “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

### 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.***  
Priest It is now time for us to wake from sleep;  
People ***the night is far spent; the light draws near.***  
Priest Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
People ***give thanks in all circumstances.***

### 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 126 *(Please read responsively by verse)*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 ***Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.***
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 ***The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.***
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 ***Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.***
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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 61:1-3;10-11**

*Priest* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

Advent Week 3 | Wonder!

**Gospel 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**

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.

*Words:* Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1876 - 1936)  
*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 **Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,  
 you have brought us in safety to this new day:  
 Preserve us with your mighty power,  
 that we may not fall into sin,  
 nor be overcome by adversity;  
 and in all we do,  
 direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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."

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# Gathering Song

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - mighty to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.