

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Advent Week III

Gathering Song (Please stand as able)

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#376 | “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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 100 (Please read responsively by verse)

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 **Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 **For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and we are glad indeed.**

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 | Philippians 4:4-9

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Advent Week 3 | Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing!

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."

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

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Praise to God

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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