

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Advent IV

Gathering Song *(Please stand as able)*

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“#388 | O Worship the King”

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 To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ,
People ***be glory forever and ever.***

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 146 *(Please read responsively by verse)*

1	Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! * I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.	6	<i>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.</i>
2	<i>Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.</i>	7	The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
3	When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.	8	<i>The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.</i>
4	<i>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;</i>	9	The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!
5	Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;		

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 | Luke 1:26-55

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

Reflection

Advent Week 4 | Worship!

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

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."

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Praise to God

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)
Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

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