

Evening Prayer ~ Fourth Week of Advent ~ Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Prelude: World Peace Prayer - Haugen

Invitatory

PRESIDER: O God, come to my assistance. *Make the sign of the cross.*

ALL: Lord, make haste to help me.


PRESIDER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Opening Song: Creator of the Stars of Night

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

To refrain / Al estribillo Refrain / Estribillo



Come, O Lord, and bring your light, O ra - diant
star, our hearts' de - light. O God-with - us, Em-man - u -
el, with your love, the dark dis - pel.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n shall call you Lord. **R.**

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. **R.**

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Opening Prayer

1st Lesson - PREPARE

Scripture: Isaiah 50:1-5, 9-11

Carol: Waiting for a Savior

Verses



1. A voice is cry - ing in the wil - der - ness
2. A world is search - ing for sal - va - tion
3. The voice pro - claims a com - ing king - dom
4. A moth - er's hold - ing good news in her heart;



1. and ev - ery hum - ble heart can hear it.
2. with eyes still blind - ed by am - bi - tion.
3. a - wake and turn a - way from e - vil.
4. the life of God now grows with - in her.



1. Our crook - ed path must be made straight a - gain. (to Verse 2)
2. Our crook - ed path must be made straight a - gain.
3. Our crook - ed path must be made straight a - gain.
4. Her faith - ful - ness is hope for all the world.

Refrain



We are wait - ing for a love to heal us. We are wait - ing for a



grace to free us. We are wait - ing for our God to draw us



near - er. Yes, we are wait - ing for a Sav - ior. Yes,

1, Final to Verse 3 (Fine)	2 to Bridge	3 to Refrain
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we are wait - ing for a Sav - ior.

Bridge:

We know our hope is not in vain.
The promise of our God remains,
that even in the darkest night
the Lord of Light will give a sign. **(Repeat, then to Verse 4)**

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2nd Lesson - The King Is Coming

Scripture: Revelation 22:20-21

Carol: The King Shall Come – Thomson

JuBELLation Choir

Verses 1, 2

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And
2. O bright-er than the ris - ing morn When

1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
2. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some

1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
2. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.

1. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
2. O bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall

1. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
2. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in

1. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
2. beau-ty comes, And we his face shall see!

Verse 3

3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau -
3. - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy peo-ple pray: Come

3. quick-ly, King of kings. Come quick-ly, King of kings.

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3rd Lesson - Our Savior Is a Tiny Baby

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Carol: Breath of Heaven

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4th Lesson - Plan of Salvation

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-25

Carol: The Joy of Christmas by Van Denman Thompson

Archangel Choir

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Intercessions

Response: Come, Emmanuel, come to save us.

Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer

PRESIDER: May the Lord bless us, Make the sign of the cross while saying this.
protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Closing Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
**O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **R.**
Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **R.**

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