



Nighttime Prayer in Advent
November 18, 2020
7:00 p.m.

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Sing verses 1 & 3



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

DIALOG

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

By day, O God,
you grant your steadfast love,
and at night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

SONG *In Silence We Wait (sung 4x)*

Musical notation for the song "In Silence We Wait". It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "come to us; bring us your light." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

PRAYER

Merciful God, in the stillness of our souls we listen for your voice to know again that you are God. Quiet our restless hearts with the knowledge that you stand within the shadows, keeping watch over your own. Rekindle our faith and light the lamp of hope within our hearts. Then deal with us as seems best to you, for where you lead we can confidently go with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SONG *As a Mother Comforts Her Child (sung 2x)*

We learn a song from All Creation Sings, the newly-published hymnal supplement.

**As a mother comforts her child,
so God will comfort you.
As a hen gathers her brood,
so Christ will gather you.
As a wise one counsels her friend,
so the Spirit will counsel you.
The Trinity of love will be with you.**

PSALM 95:1-7a

The Psalm is read and is followed by silence.

SONG *Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (sung 3x)*

Musical notation for the song "Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled". It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Let not your hearts be troubled. Be not a-fraid." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Heav en andearth have been gath ered. Be not a fraid." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Text and music: Rolf Vegdahl, based on John 14:27

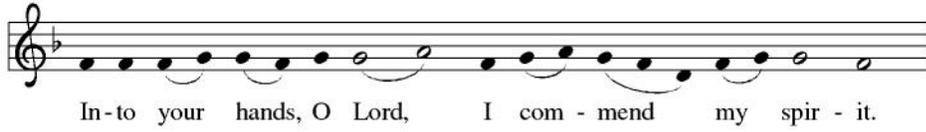
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READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

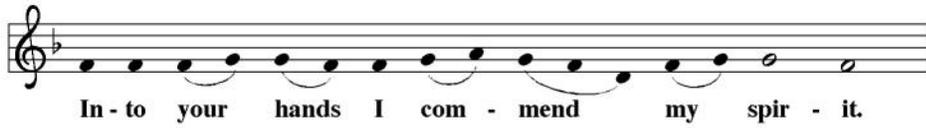
We look ahead to Sunday, using a scripture reading assigned for that day.

The reading is followed by silence.

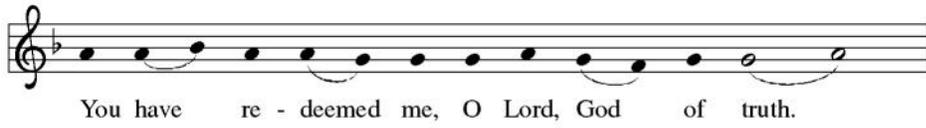
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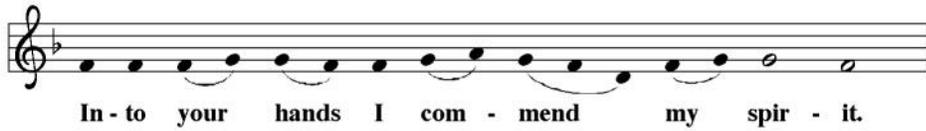
In-to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



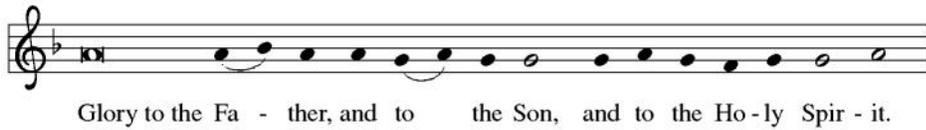
In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

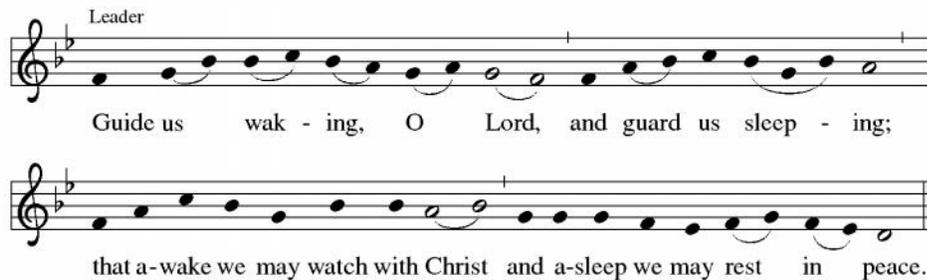


Glory to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



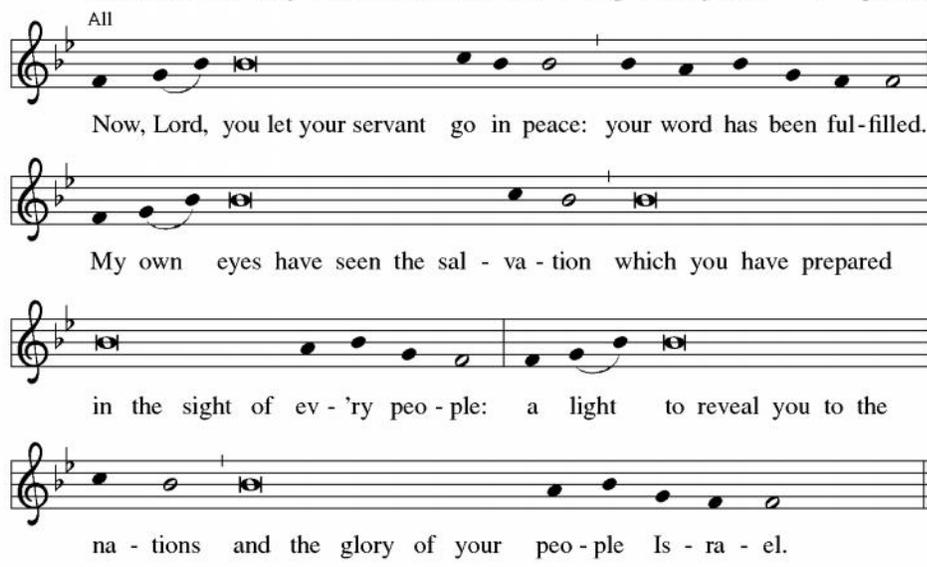
In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Leader

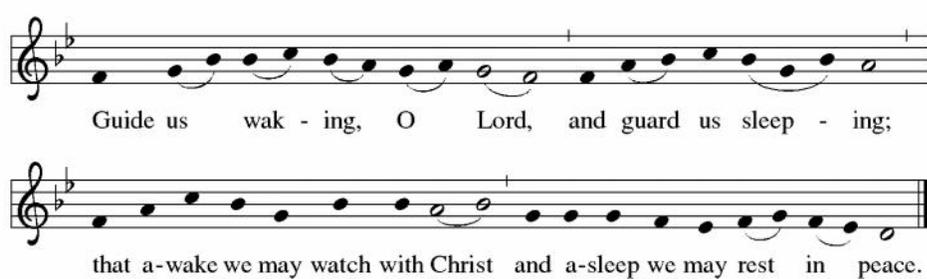


Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;
that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

All



Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been ful-filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared
in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal you to the
na - tions and the glory of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;
that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

PRAYERS

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;

when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Extended silence is kept for individual prayer - beginning and ending with the sound of the singing bowl.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

As our time of prayer concludes, we pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, ho - ly be your name.

Your King - dom come. Your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins

as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

**Optional*
Keep us from temp - ta - tion, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the King - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

BLESSING

Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;
you alone, O God, make me secure.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty and merciful God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

Amen.