

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER
NOVEMBER 30, 2022
WORD AND PRAYER

All who are able, stand

OPENING VERSICLES

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In the beginning was the Word,

C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In the Word was life,

C: and the life was the light of all people.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

All sit

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 85:8-13

The psalm is read by the pastor and congregation together.

**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

**⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

**¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

**¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:1-6, Light shines

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:23-30, The door

"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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HYMN: “All Earth is Hopeful” WOV (Blue book), 629

**All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!!
Furrows lie open for God’s creative task:
This, the labor of people who struggle to see
How God’s truth and justice set ev’rybody free.**

**People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel”;
She conceived him, “God with us,” our brother, whose birth
Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
New highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev’ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!**

**We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib,
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
In our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
Our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.**

All sit

SERMON

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PRAYERS

L: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Other intercessions may be offered.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen

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