

My Soul in Stillness Waits – For the Lord of Light



Focus — “My Soul in Stillness Waits,” is an Advent hymn [CW21 325] with a poignant melody and memorable refrain. The song puts into modern poetry the antiphons addressed to Jesus in the liturgy of the days right before Christmas (sometimes called the ‘O Antiphons,’ familiar to most from the hymn, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”— which also calls Jesus “Dayspring from on High,” “Key of David,” and “Rod of Jesse”). Jesus is the Lord of LIGHT. We will focus on stanzas 2, 3 & 4 of this Advent hymn to learn that Jesus is the Spring of JOY, the Root of LIFE, and the Key of KNOWLEDGE for whose Word we yearn, the seed of whose Word we need above all else.

November 30, 2023

Advent Worship Service

6:30 PM

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PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

COMPLINE: SETTING II

This is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. It is a time for prayer and meditation. We find peace in God's forgiveness and security under the shadow of His wings.

L The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et
night and peace at the last. **G** A -
- - men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the
Lord, **G** To sing praise to your name, O Most High;
L To her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** Your
truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber
me when you come in - to your king - dom.
G Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -
to your king - dom.

Advent Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

CW21 324 stanzas 1 & 2

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You a-right?
Your people long to greet You, my Hope, my heart's delight,
O Jesus, let Your Word be a lamp to light my way,
to show me how to please You, to guide me ev-'ry day.

Love caused Your incarnation; love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling that led You to embrace
in love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Confession of Sins

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

G: **who made heaven and earth.**

L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

G: **we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

L: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are
forgiven. Let us rest in His peace until the rising of the sun when we
shall serve Him in newness of life.

G: **Amen.**

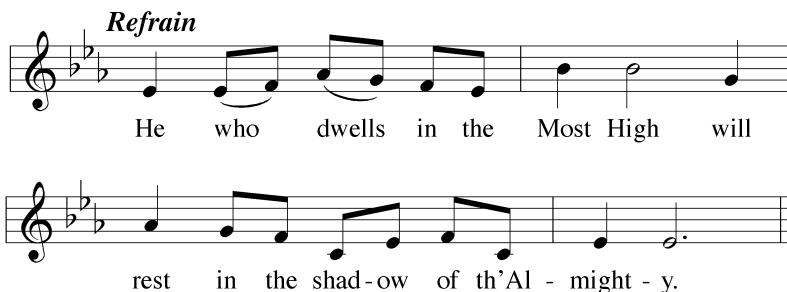
Psalm 91

The Shadow of the Almighty,

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the choir on the screens will lead us.

Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will
rest in the shadow of th'Al-might-y.

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

hands I com-mend my spir - it. **L** You have re-deemed me, O

Lord, God of truth. **G** In - to your hands I com-mend my

spir - it. **L** Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **G** In - to your

hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Meditation — Isaiah 55:1-3 *Yearn for God's Word!*

Choir Anthem *My Soul in Stillness Waits*

The choir will sing stanzas 1 and 2, the congregation will join them in stanzas 1 and 2 of "O Come O Come Emmanuel" as printed on the screen.

Gathering of the Offering

God's people freely give offerings here. We do not charge dues or fees or to share Gospel ministries with others. Like Jesus did, we rely on gifts from God's people, generously and freely given, to support our local and worldwide ministries.



L Hear my prayer, O Lord. **G** Lis-ten to my cry.

L Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye; **G** Hide me

in the shad-ow of your wings. **L** In right-eous -

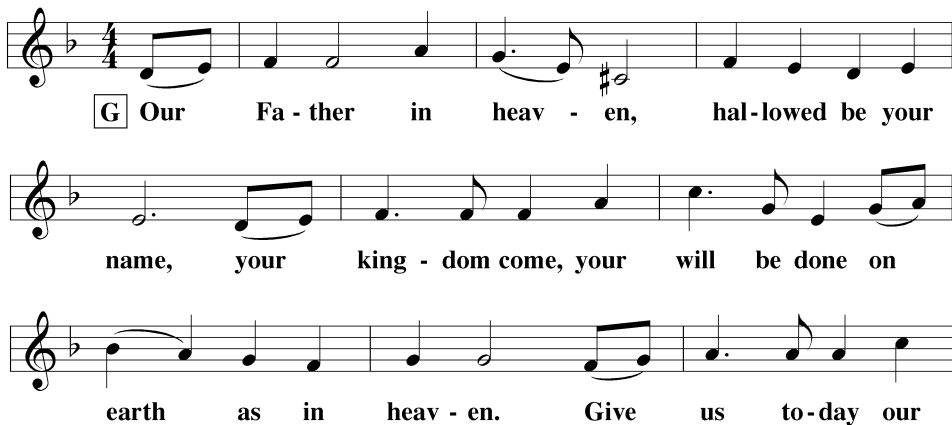
ness I shall see you. **G** When I a - wake, your

pres - ence will give me joy.

L: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in Your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G: Amen.

Lord's Prayer



G Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your

name, your king - dom come, your will be done on

earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our



Words of Institution

Distribution Songs

- 305 Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates
794 Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow



G In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser-vant now de -
 part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
 va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

L: Let us praise the Lord.

G: Thanks be to God.



Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

G: Amen.

Parting Song

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW21 641 stanzas 1 & 7

Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, for round us falls the eventide,
 nor let Your Word, that heav'nly light, for us be ever veiled in night.

O grant that in Your holy Word we here may live and die, dear Lord;
 and when our journey's ending here, receive us into glory there.