

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.

December 14, 2023

Advent Worship Service

6:30 PM

**Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
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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.

ALL: 1 “New Life will spring from Jesse’s family tree!”
Thus promised God, the LORD, through centuries.
And so it was in Da-vid’s town
The LORD of lords and King of kings came down.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Life springs from Jesse’s tree:
The Promise kept by God through centuries!

*Women: 2 The depth of sin had caught humanity
But promised Light would break the misery.
The God of gods, Creator of earth,
Would leave His throne of light for human birth.*

ALL: Rejoice! Rejoice! True Light has come to men;
Christ Jesus, LORD, was born in Bethlehem!

*Men: 3 A Champion strong was needed for the fight.
Rebellious souls were chained by Satan’s might.
As promised, Jesus came in our place;
He fought the Dread that we could never face.*

ALL: Rejoice! Rejoice! Our Champion fought and died
And lives again to reign for us on high

ALL: 4 The promised Life has sprung from Jesse’s tree;
True Light has shined through darkest misery;
Our Champion strong has wrestled and won.
The Life and Light and Savior is the Son!
Rejoice! Rejoice! God’s promised rescue plan
Has been fulfilled in Christ – true God and man!

Confession of Sins

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

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

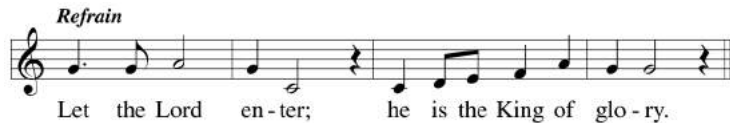
L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

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 24



Refrain: Let the Lord enter; He is the King of glory.

The earth is the LORD'S, and every / thing in it,
the world, and all who / live in it;

for He founded it up / on the seas and established it upon the / waters.

Who may ascend the hill / of the LORD? Who may stand in His / holy place?

He who has clean hands and a / pure heart,
he will receive blessing from God his / Savior.

Refrain: Let the Lord enter; He is the King of glory.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.

Who is this King of / glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.

Who is He, this King of / glory?
The LORD Almighty—He is the King of / glory.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain: Let the Lord enter; He is the King of glory.

Psalm Prayer

Reading

Luke 11:29-36

The musical score is written on six staves in 3/2 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features lyrics for a prayer. The lyrics are: [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 11:1-11

Choir Anthem *My Soul in Stillness Waits*

The choir will sing stanzas 1 and 3 the congregation will join them in stanzas 1 and 3 of "O Come O Come Emmanuel" as printed on the screen.

Gathering of the Offering

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-cous -

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

pres - ence will give me joy.

L: Look down, O Lord, from Your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with Your celestial brightness, that by night as by day Your people may glorify Your holy name, 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
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but 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.

L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, **G** And guard us sleep -
ing; **L** That a - wake we may watch with Christ, **G** And a -
sleep we may rest in peace.

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. **Amen.**

Parting Song

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

CW21 304

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**What hope! An Eden prophesied where tame live with the wild,
 the lamb and lion side by side, led by a little child!**

**A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, a branch from David's line,
 a Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: the fruit of God's design.**

**As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
 that by His death a dying world would rally to the cross.**

**Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, lost Paradise restore;
 lead past the angel's flaming sword—come, open heaven's door.**

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD



Our mission is simple and bold:

We seek to grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We want to *make Him known to others* so they, too, might share in the joy Jesus won for them.

OUR WEEK WITH JESUS

Sunday 17	9:00 am 10:15 am 2:00 pm	Worship Sunday School & Bible Study Cable TV of <i>Last week's</i> service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985
Monday 18	11:00 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Coffee with Christ–Grace's Ladies Group @ Grace's Choir Practice
Thursday 21	12:00 pm	3K & 4K Christmas Program NO Advent service today.
Sunday 24	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Worship with Holy Communion "What a Story!" Children's service

Worship Online 24/7 at live.1goodshepherd.org

Birthdays This Week: (18) Lauren Schuler, (21) Adam Zastava, Cody Wingo, (23) Kirsten Metzger

Usher Teams	12/17	Chris Rhein & Bruce Mohns
	12/24	David Hoppe & Andy Hogan
	12/31	Adam Timmermann & Jerry Blum

Celebrate the Birth of our Savior!
3K and 4K
Thursday, December 21st at 12pm



Good Shepherd's
Christmas Eve Service
"What a Story!"
December 24th at 6:30 pm
Kindergarten-Grade 8



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Digital Evangelism - Christmas at Good Shepherd

- **THANK YOU** for personally handing out the Christmas flyer to family and friends.
- **THANK YOU** for sharing the QR code on your smartphone to check out the landing page, and sharing the QR code with family and friends!
- **THANK YOU** for interacting with the Christmas ad when it appears on our church's Facebook news feed, liking it, commenting on, and sharing it!
- **THANK YOU** for inviting family and friends to our Christmas worship services



May the Lord bless your efforts to share the good news of the Christ-Child with great joy!