

# Joy- A Gift from God

Advent Mid-Week

December 2, 2020

Hymn #357 vv. 1-2 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Compline: *Prayer at the Close of the Day*

**P:** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C: to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

**P:** to herald Your love in the morning,

**C: Your truth at the close of the day.**

Confession

**P:** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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God's Word

Galatians 5:16-2 NIV

I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever<sup>□</sup> you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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Homily

## Response to God's Word

Psalm 31:5 ESV

**P:** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.**

## Prayers

**P:** 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; come quickly Lord Jesus!

**C: 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.**

**P:** O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**P:** Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.**

**P:** Abide with us and with Your whole Church.

**C: Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world.**

**P:** Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing.

**C: Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near.**

**P:** Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P:** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal and Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 ESV

**P:** Guide us waking, O Lord,

**C:** and guard us sleeping

**P:** that awake we may watch with Christ

**C:** and asleep we may rest in peace.

**P:** “Lord, now You are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;

**C:** for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

**P:** a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

**C:** and for glory to Your people Israel.”

Blessing

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

**P:** May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One Who calls you is faithful and He will do it.

**C: Amen.**

Offering

Hymn #387 “Joy to the World”

