

Joy - In the Midst of Sorrow

Advent Mid-Week

December 9, 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

Psalm 30 ESV

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
⁹"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"
¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

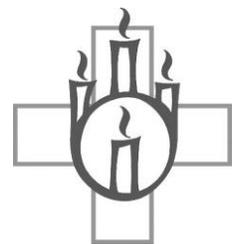
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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 #380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



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