



## EVENING PRAYER

Saturday, December 11, 2021

5:00 p.m.

### PRELUDE

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

## GATHERING

**All** O come, O come, O Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of might,  
as to your tribes on Si - nia's height

*(soloist chants Psalm 122)*

- L** <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup>Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**All** In an - cient times you gave \_\_\_\_\_ the law  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty \_\_\_\_\_ and awe.

- L** <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
 that is at unity with itself;  
<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord

*(sing twice)*

**All** Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el  
 shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Everlasting Lord, you have promised to feed us and care for us. As we gather again under this wreath help us to remember how you delight in us and call us again to you. As the very creation rejoices, teach us to be bearers of your word that we may go out in joy and be led forth in peace. We pray this in all the holy names of God.

**All** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## WORD

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

Tonight's narrative reading is from the book of Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
 come to the waters;  
 and you that have no money,  
 come, buy and eat!  
 Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God. Word of life.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, Come, Lord Je - sus,  
speak to us in your ho - ly word!

GOSPEL

John 4:7-15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John.

**AI** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**A** Praise to you, O Christ.

ALLELUIA VERSE

SERMON

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

*Hymn 263*  
*Stanzas 1-3, 6*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A** As we wait and watch, let us pray for the church the world and all God’s creation.

*(We offer our prayers using a sung response)*

Each petition concludes:

To you all hearts are o - pen, to  
you all de - sires known. To you there are no  
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you. *Last time*

**P** Into your hands gracious God we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise to hear our prayers.

**A** Amen.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**A** **And also with you.**

*(Please sit)*

## MEAL

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

“People Look East”

Arr. Nancy Grundahl

*(Please stand)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**A** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**A** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** Faithful and hidden Lord, when your people were in exile . . .

. . . Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever,

**A** **Amen.**

### LORD’S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*(Please sit)*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Lost in the Night”

Finnish Folk Tune

*(Please stand)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit’s power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**All** Amen.

BENEDICTION

**P** The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**All** Amen.

**SENDING**

EVENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*Hymn 254*

DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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