

MID-WEEK ADVENT 2020
"Songs and Silence"



OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #303

"I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord"

1. I come to Thee, O blessed Lord, Invited by Thy gracious Word
To this Thy feast, to sup with Thee; Grant that a worthy guest I be.

2. I come to Thee with sin and grief, For Thou alone canst give relief.
Thy death for me, dear Lord, I plead: O Jesus, help me in my need!

3. Shouldst Thou a strict account demand, Who could, O Lord, before Thee stand?
Purge all my secret sins away: Be Thou, O Christ, the sinner's Stay!

4. O Jesus, Lamb of God, alone Thou didst for all our sins atone;
Though I have sinned and gone astray, Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away.

5. O Jesus, Lamb of God, alone Thou didst for all our sins atone;
Be merciful, I Thee implore, Be merciful forevermore.

P In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires that sinners repent, turn from their wicked ways, and live.

C "Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone astray." *Job 6:24*

P "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Rom. 3:10-12

C "I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight."

Ps. 51:3-4

P Jesus declared: "I am the resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

C "Yes, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

John 11:27

ABSOLUTION

P "The Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die." "In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

C Thanks be to God!

2 Sam. 12:13; Eph. 1:7

- ♩ My soul rejoices, My spirit voices— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
 For God my Savior Has shown me favor— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
 With praise and blessing, Join in confessing
 God, who is solely Mighty and holy— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
 His mercy surely Shall rest securely
 On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!**
- His arm now baring, His strength declaring— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
 The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
 Oppression halted; The meek exalted.
 Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
 Here is the token All that was spoken,
 To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

SCRIPTURE READING – Revelation 12:7-12 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world-- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- ☞ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son to be my Savior and the Savior of all humankind:
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Announced by Angels, Worshipped by the shepherds, Adored by the Wise Men, Who lived to suffer, die and rise again, To free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**



I believe in the Holy Ghost, Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas And by whose continuous work in my heart I am Led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love And live under Him as my King, Both now and forevermore.

1. Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.
2. Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.
3. Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiven;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.
5. Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory.
Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing
Till the dawn of endless day.

SERMON TEXT – Romans 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

The Silence of Satan

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.
2. To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gathering nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home.
3. For Thou their burden dost remove
And break the tyrant's rod
As in the day when Midian fell
Before the sword of God.
4. To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.
6. His righteous government and power
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end.



LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Num. 6:23-27

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #85:13-15

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

14. My heart for very joy doth leap, My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradle-song:

15. Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.



*Silent Night,
Holy Night*

Songs and Silence Schedule

<u>Nov. 29</u>	<u>Dec. 2</u>	<u>Dec. 6</u>	<u>Dec. 9</u>	<u>Dec. 13</u>	<u>Dec. 16</u>	<u>Dec. 20</u>
Song of Elizabeth	Silence of Zechariah	Song of Mary	Silence of Mary	Song of Zechariah	Silence of Satan	Song of Angels