

# Advent Evening Prayer + Week of Advent One, December 1, 2021

## Resurrection Lutheran Church

*Kindly share in the spoken responses at home with your device's microphone on mute in order to minimize background noises that will help maintain a worshipful atmosphere.*

### ***Dialogue:***

The Spirit and the church cry out:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

All those who await his appearance pray:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The whole creation pleads:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### ***Hymn of Light:***

“Joyous Light of Glory” (ELW #229 – pray along when sung by Pastor)

### ***Thanksgiving for Light:***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you called light into being,  
and you set light in the sky  
to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day  
and a pillar of fire by night  
you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:

may your Word be a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path;

for you are merciful,  
and you love your whole creation,  
and with all your creatures we give you glory,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

***Psalmody:*** Psalm 90

- <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.
- <sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”
- <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;
- <sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
- <sup>6</sup>in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- <sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.
- <sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- <sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- <sup>10</sup>The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we  
are gone.
- <sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?
- <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.
- <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.
- <sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.
- <sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

***Reading:***

A reading from Luke.

<sup>29</sup>When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. <sup>30</sup>For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! <sup>32</sup>The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here! (11:29-32)

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection.*

***Response to the Reading:***

***Reflection on Hopefulness by The Rev. Lowell Almen***

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, **but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

***Gospel Canticle, Song of Mary*** (ELW p. 315 – pray along when sung by Pastor)

***Prayers:***

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;  
for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection  
in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,  
and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,  
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Other petitions may be added.*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*A time of silence follows.*

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the  
communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life  
to you, through Christ our Lord.

**To you, O Lord.**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good  
courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your  
love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer:***

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

***Blessing:***

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

***Hymn:***

ELW 241, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" *(sing along at home as you desire, but kindly keep your device's microphone muted)*

## O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?  
 2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.  
 3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.  
 4 Re - jice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
 who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.

Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast  
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high  
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
 All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.  
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.  
 send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. composite  
 Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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