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“The Timeless Beauty of Silent Night”



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“WHERE DID THE SILENCE GO IN SILENT NIGHT” (REVELATIONS 8:1)

OPENING HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 vs. 1-4

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?

People: **Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart’s delight!**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

People: **and the day is almost over.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: **and illumine Your Church.**

CONFESSIONS AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we begin the Advent season, it is important to pause and contemplate the reason that Jesus had to leave the beauty of heaven and come to our sin ravaged world, to rescue us from the “unholy trinity” of sin, death, and the power of the devil. Let us reflect in silence on how our transgressions have grieved our loving God, and why we need a Savior.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, hear us as we pour out our hearts before your throne of grace:

All: **We ask your forgiveness, dear Father in heaven, for allowing the noise and busyness of the season to crowd out the proper way to celebrate the birth of your Son. Forgive us also for shutting our ears to your Word, for shutting the door of our heart to others who need our love and help, and for listening to the many lies of the devil and the world instead of listening to your Gospel message. Help us to come to you alone for all of our needs of body and soul, and to learn what it means when you say, “be still and know that I am God.”**

Pastor: God has heard your confession. In the middle of the noise and distractions of the world, He brings peace and hope to our souls. Because His Son quietly came to Bethlehem that first silent night to bring salvation, you can hear and believe His Word. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, by His authority and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 vs. 5-7

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **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. Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:13-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46:6-11 (*Read Responsively*)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:18-22

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

SERMON TEXT

Revelation 8:1

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

HYMN

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

LSB 363 vs. 1

SERMON

"Where Did the Silence Go in Silent Night?"

Revelation 8:1

OFFERING

HYMN

"Still, Still, Still"

CM 10

Traditional Austrian Folk Carol

1. Still, still, still, He sleeps in this night so still. His mother's caring arms enfolding, Warm and safe the baby is holding, still, still, still, He sleeps in this night so still.
2. Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in a slumber deep. While angel hosts from heav'n come winging, Sweetest songs of praise they are singing, Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in a slumber deep.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: We thank you, dear Lord, for the beauty of the Advent season, for the joy and anticipation of celebrating the Word becoming flesh.

People: **Thank you for Jesus, the Light of the Word, bringing the light of His presence and His peace to a weary world.**

Pastor: Bless all of our activities this season, and help us to let the gift giving, the decorating, the sending of Christmas cards and all else we do be done to your glory.

People: **Help us to set aside time during the hustle and bustle for quiet activities such as Advent devotions, singing Christmas carols to shut-ins, and taking time to silently marvel that Jesus would come to our earth to be our Redeemer and Friend.**

Pastor: Take our eyes off our worries and cares and help us to lift up our eyes to heaven.

People: **Open our hearts to do Gospel motivated acts of charity, not for honor or recognition, but because our hearts overflow with thankfulness for the many ways you have provided for our bodies and souls.**

Pastor: All this we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus,

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Pastor: As our final prayer this evening, remembering the blessings of the first Silent Night, we pray a hymn verse from Martin Luther's Christmas hymn, "From Heaven Above":

All: **Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled, a quiet chamber set apart, for You to dwell within my heart. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God the Father, to whom we are reconciled, the Son, whose birth was praised by the shepherds, and the Holy Spirit, who today proclaims the glad tidings of Christ, grant you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LSB 361