

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work,
Or watch, or weep this night,
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,
Bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
Pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
And all for your love's sake. Amen.

THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Evening, December 4, 2022



Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

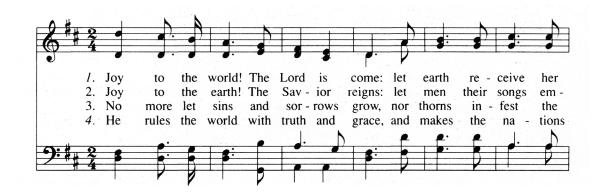
I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come



^{*}Please stand during these portions of the service.

^{*}A room with the service's live stream is available down the hallway in case parents need to step out with their children*



^{*}Prayer of Invocation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson		
Minister: This is the Word of the LORD; People: Thanks be to God!		
*Sung Response		
Father of mercies, in your Word what endless glory shines; Forever be your name adored for these celestial lines.		
The Children's Lesson		
Prayer of the Covenant		
Catechism Lesson		
A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.		
Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?		
A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.		
*Hymn for the Advent Season		



Spiritual

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GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

(see page 7) Speaking and Hearing Prayer of Thanksgiving Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen. The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen. Postlude

First Scripture Lesson

¹Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains

a great and powerful people;

their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations.

³ Fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them,

but behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them.

⁴ Their appearance is like the appearance of horses,

and like war horses they run.

⁵ As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains,

like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble,

like a powerful army drawn up for battle.

⁶ Before them peoples are in anguish; all faces grow pale.

⁷ Like warriors they charge;

like soldiers they scale the wall.

They march each on his way;
they do not swerve from their paths.

⁸ They do not jostle one another; each marches in his path; they burst through the weapons and are not halted.

⁹ They leap upon the city, they run upon the walls, they climb up into the houses, they enter through the windows like a thief.

¹⁰ The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble.

The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.

¹¹ The LORD utters his voice before his army,

for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful.

For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome;

who can endure it?

"Yet even now," declares the LORD,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the LORD your God,

for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him,

a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast;

call a solemn assembly;

gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep

and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Joel 2:1-17, ESV

Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴

For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

James 1:19–27, ESV

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