

**HIS GOSPEL  
IS PEACE**

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MIDWEEK  
ADVENT  
December 4, 2024

# Evening Advent Devotions

Opening Hymn: CW 6

“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

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## 6 Come, O Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;  
2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



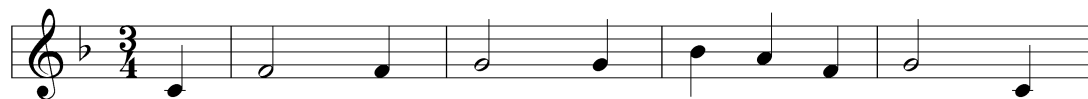
Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,  
By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.  
Tune: ST. HILARY (87 87 D) Unknown.

*Remain Seated*



**L** The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last. **G** A -

men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the

Lord, **G** To sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**L** To her-ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** Your

truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber

me when you come in - to your king - dom.

**G** Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -

to your king - dom.

## Prayer

**M:** Lord God, you have brought us safely here this evening. Bless us as we gather to meditate on your Word. Give us joy and comfort in knowing that you willingly suffered death in our place in order to give us the gift of heaven. Help us hold onto you by faith as our redeemer until our last day when you take us to be with you forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rules over all things with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the  
 2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors  
 3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray, Your grace and peace to us al - low  
 of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep  
 on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



And guard and keep your peo - ple now.  
 On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

**PRAYER**

P: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight, O God. Be with us as we hear you speak to us in the Scriptures. May we see our sins, our need for repentance, and your willingness to hear us.

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm 91**

*Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High\*  
 will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,\*

“He is my refuge and my fortress,  
 my God, in whom I trust.”

**Refrain**

*Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*



You will not fear the terror of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that flies by day.

If you make the Most High your dwelling,\*  
then no harm will befall you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you\*  
to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,\*  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Psalm 112**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord. How blessed is a man who fears the Lord. In his commands he delights greatly.  
<sup>2</sup>His descendants will be mighty in the land. The circle of the upright will be blessed. <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness stands forever. <sup>4</sup>In darkness, light dawns for the upright. He is gracious and compassionate and righteous. <sup>5</sup>Good things will come to the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his business with justice. <sup>6</sup>Surely he will never fall. The righteous will be remembered forever. <sup>7</sup>He will not fear bad news. His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. <sup>8</sup>His heart is secure. He will have no fear, until he looks in triumph on his foes. <sup>9</sup>He scatters seed—he gives to the poor. His righteousness stands forever. His horn will be lifted high in glory. <sup>10</sup>The wicked person will see and be frustrated. He will gnash his teeth and melt away. The desire of the wicked will perish. (EHV)

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## 12 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

SERMON TEXT AND TITLE:

Psalm 112:6-8

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## No Fear of the Future



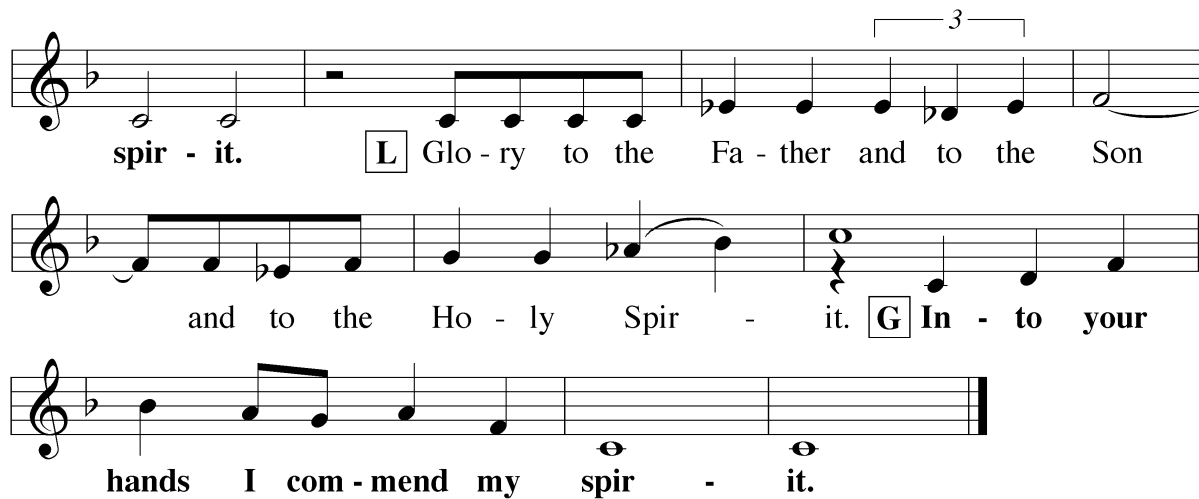
**L** In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. **G** In - to your



hands I com-mend my spir - it. **L** You have re-deemed me, O



Lord, God of truth. **G** In - to your hands I com-mend my



spir - it. [L] Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. [G] In - to your  
hands I com - mend my spir - it.

### PRAYER



[L] Hear my prayer, O Lord. [G] Lis - ten to my cry.  
[L] Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye; [G] Hide me  
in the shad - ow of your wings. [L] In right - eous -  
ness I shall see you. [G] When I a - wake, your  
pres - ence will give me joy.

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**G** Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.



## RESPONSIVE PRAYER



**L** Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, **G** And guard us sleep -



ing; **L** That a-wake we may watch with Christ, **G** And a -

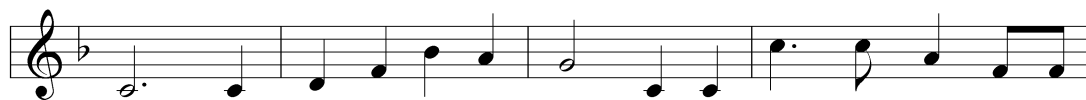


sleep we may rest in peace.

## SONG OF SIMEON



**G** In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser-vant now de -



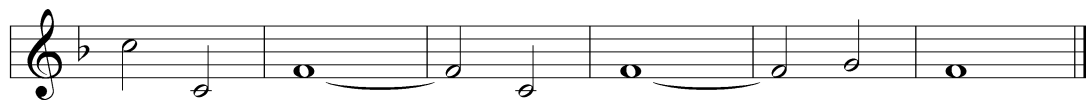
part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-



va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple, a



light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple



Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

## THE BLESSING

**P:** The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son (✠) and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.  
**C:** Amen.

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## Hosanna to the Coming Lord



1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na  
 2 O Sav - ior, with pro - tect - ing care A - bide in  
 3 O Ad - vent King, our sins for - give; Come in our  
 4 Then in the last and dread - ful day, When earth and



to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -  
 this your house of prayer, Where we your part - ing prom -  
 lives and hearts to live, And let our hum - ble souls  
 heav'n shall melt a - way, Your flock, re - deemed from sin -



ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.  
 ise claim, As - sem - bled in your sa - cred name.  
 be - come A tem - ple wor - thy of your name.  
 ful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

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