



St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Williamsburg
Compline 3 Worship for Home
2020

Opening

By day, O God,
you grant your steadfast love,
and at night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

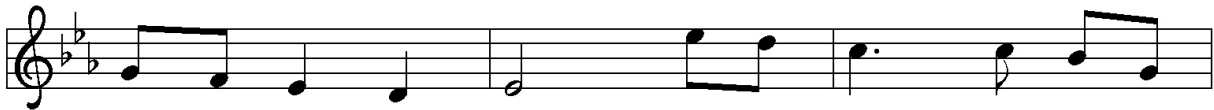
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

**Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon,
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

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grant you healing, pardon, and
forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

Psalm 104

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

² wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot,

you ride on the wings of the wind,

- ⁴ you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.**
- ⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.**
- ⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
- ⁷ At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
- ⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.
- ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.
- ¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
- ¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.**
- ¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.**
- ¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**
- ¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,**
- ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.**
- ¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- ¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
- ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
- ¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
- ²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

²¹ **The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.**
²² **When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.**
²³ **People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.**
²⁴ **O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**
²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**
²⁶ There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.
³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!

Word

Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears. (John 14:27)

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Gospel Canticle

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;

that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Prayers

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

Listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;

When I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in

their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Almighty and merciful God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

Amen.