



# **Advent, A Time To Wait: Quietly and Patiently**

Compline – Midweek Advent

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## **THEME OF THE DAY: ADVENT, A TIME TO WAIT: QUIETLY AND PATIENTLY**

During the Christmas season our society does not see it as a time to wait. Instead, it is one of the busiest times of the year. Rushing to get gifts ready, preparing the house for parties and get togethers. Taking trips to different locations. The advent season reminds us to wait, slow down, and focus on what really matters.

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## Hymn: 321 God's Own Son Most Holy

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| 1    God's own Son most holy<br>came a servant lowly,<br>came to live among us,<br>came to suffer for us;<br>bore the cross to save us,<br>hope and freedom gave us.     | 3    Still he comes providing<br>proof of love abiding:<br>he whose death has freed us<br>gives himself to feed us,<br>thus to us extending<br>peace and joy unending.            |
| 2    Still he comes in preaching,<br>truth eternal teaching:<br>"Turn away from evil;<br>turn to me, my people.<br>I pronounce you sinless;<br>trust in my forgiveness." | 4    Come, then, O Lord Jesus,<br>from our sins release us.<br>Keep our hearts believing<br>that, your grace receiving,<br>we may here confess you<br>till in heav'n we bless you |

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The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**Amen.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**

to herald your love in the morning,  
**your truth at the close of day.**

### Confession of Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you**  
     **in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,**  
     **and in all that we have not done.**  
     **Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
     **Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## **Psalm: 40- Front of Hymnal: LORD, Come to My Aid**

*Refrain*



LORD, come to my aid; LORD, come to my aid.

I waited patiently / for the LORD;  
he turned to me and / heard my cry.  
Many, LORD my God, are the wonders / you have done;  
were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many / to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did / not desire;  
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did / not require.  
Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me / in the scroll.  
I desire to do your will, my God; your law is with- / in my heart." *Refrain*

Do not withhold your mercy / from me, LORD;  
may your love and faithfulness always pro- / tect me.  
You are my help and my de- / liverer;  
you are my God, do / not delay.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## **Prayer**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

## Reading

*Lamentations 3:25–26*

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who hope wait for him,  
the soul who seeks him;  
<sup>26</sup>it is good to hope quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn: 325 My Soul in Stillness Waits

Ref For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;  
truly my hope is in you.

- 1 O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,  
your radiance shines in all who look to you;  
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. (Refrain)
- 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits;  
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word;  
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. (Refrain)
- 3 O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
and in your advent draw us all to you,  
our hope reborn in dying and in rising. (Refrain)
- 4 O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage;  
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain;  
open to us the pathway of your peace. (Refrain)

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## **MEDITATION:** *LAMENTATIONS 3:25-26*

### **OFFERING**

#### **Offering Hymn: 313 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**

*sts. 1–2*

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long;  
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.

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### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Song of Simeon

**In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart  
according to your word.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared for every people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

## Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

## Hymn: 924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

*sts. 1–4*

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
among us with your grace  
that Satan may not harm us  
nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
among us with your Word  
and thus now and hereafter  
true peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
among us, precious Light;  
your truth direct and keep us  
from error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings  
among us, bounteous Lord;  
let us in grace and wisdom  
grow daily through your Word.

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