

MID-WEEK ADVENT 2020
"Songs and Silence"



OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #323

"With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"

1. With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free,-- O God, be merciful to me!
2. I smite upon my troubled breast, With deep and conscious guilt opprest:
Christ and His cross my only plea,-- O God, be merciful to me!
3. Far off I stand with tearful eyes Nor dare uplift them to the skies;
But Thou dost all my anguish see,-- O God, be merciful to me!
4. Nor alms nor deeds that I have done Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee,-- O God, be merciful to me!
5. And when, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell,
My raptured song shall ever be, O God, be merciful to me!

P In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires that sinners repent, turn from their wicked ways, and live.

C "Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone astray." *Job 6:24*

P "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Rom. 3:10-12

C "I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight."

Ps. 51:3-4

P Jesus declared: "I am the resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

C "Yes, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

John 11:27

ABSOLUTION

P "The Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die." "In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

C Thanks be to God!

2 Sam. 12:13; Eph. 1:7

RESPONSE

Tune of WS #761

- ♩ My soul rejoices, My spirit voices— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing
God, who is solely Mighty and holy— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!**
- His arm now baring, His strength declaring— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters— Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken,
To Abr’ham’s offspring God is fulfilling— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

SCRIPTURE READING – Philippians 4:4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me-- practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

- ♩ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son to be my Savior and the Savior of all humankind:**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Announced by Angels, Worshipped by the shepherds, Adored by the Wise Men, Who lived to suffer, die and rise again, To free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**
- I believe in the Holy Ghost, Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas And by whose continuous work in my heart I am Led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love And live under Him as my King, Both now and forevermore.**

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King;
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With the angelic host proclaim.
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored.
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold Him come,
 Offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 Hail the incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell;
 Jesus, our Immanuel!
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King!"

SERMON TEXT – Luke 2:15-19 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

The Silence of Mary

1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed;
 Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed.
 Death's dread power in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
 Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.
 2. Oh, what blessing to be near Thee And to hearken to Thy voice!
 May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice!
 Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word;
 But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.
3. Lord, Thy words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty need;
 Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving, On Thy words my Soul doth feed.
 Lord, Thy words shall be my light Through death's vale and dreary night;
 Yea, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.
 4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me;
 May this gift from heaven enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee!
 Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art,
 When in heavenly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Num. 6:23-27

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #85:13-15

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

14. My heart for very joy doth leap, My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradle-song:

15. Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.



*Silent Night,
Holy Night*

Songs and Silence Schedule

<u>Nov. 29</u>	<u>Dec. 2</u>	<u>Dec. 6</u>	<u>Dec. 9</u>	<u>Dec. 13</u>	<u>Dec. 16</u>	<u>Dec. 20</u>
Song of Elizabeth	Silence of Zechariah	Song of Mary	Silence of Mary	Song of Zechariah	Silence of Satan	Song of Angels