

*P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,*  
**C: and the day is almost over.**

*P: Let Your light scatter the darkness*  
**C: and illumine Your Church.**

### **Hymn 65: “When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”**

#### **The Prayer of the Day**

*P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led  
Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire  
by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may  
His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You  
are merciful, and You love Your whole creation; and we, Your  
creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*  
**C Amen.**

#### **A Responsive Psalmody ... from Psalm 25**

*P: Show me your ways, O LORD,*  
**C: teach me your paths;**

*P: guide me in your truth and teach me,*  
**C: for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day  
long.**

*P: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*  
**C: for they are from of old.**

*P: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*  
**C: according to your love remember me, for you are good, O  
LORD.**

*P: Guard my life and rescue me;*  
**C: let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.**

*P: May integrity and uprightness protect me,*  
**C: because my hope is in you.**

*P: Redeem Israel, O God,*  
**C: from all their troubles!**

### **Scripture lesson...Luke 1:26-56**

#### **Confession of Faith**

**(Explanation of Second Article)**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the  
Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin  
Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,  
purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from  
the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His  
holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under  
Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal  
righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from  
death, lives and reigns in eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**Hymn 355: “Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone”**

**Sermon ... 1 John 4:1-6**  
**Come, Lord Jesus:**  
**“With Your Truth”**

**Hymn 71: “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”**

**Offering, Prayer, Lord’s Prayer**  
**The Benediction**

**Hymn 796:**

**“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, is Ended”**



**Come,**  
**Lord Jesus!**  
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—With Your Truth—

**“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”**  
**(WS 705:1-2)**

Come, O long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Your people free;  
From our sins and fears release us  
By Your death on Calvary.

Born Your people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Your gracious kingdom bring.



**Opening:**

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

**P:** *Come, Lord Jesus, among us!*

**C:** **Jesus, our Lord! Alleluia! Amen.**

**P:** *Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,*

**C:** **the light no darkness can overcome.**

