

P: May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
C: for I rejoice in the Lord.

Hymn 702 (Worship Supplement): “As Angels Joyed with One Accord”

The Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, by the atoning sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You established Him as our Mercy Seat of forgiveness. Sprinkle our hearts clean with Christ’s blood through the preaching of the Gospel so that, having been set free from our sins, we may rejoice in the Lord always and thank Him for His unfailing mercy toward us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

A Responsive Psalmody ... from Psalm 89

P: I will sing about the LORD’S faithful love forever;
C: I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations with my mouth.

P: For I will declare, “Faithful love is built up forever;
C: you establish your faithfulness in the heavens.”

P: LORD God of Armies, who is strong like you, LORD?
C: Your faithfulness surrounds you.

P: You rule the raging sea;
C: when its waves surge, you still them.

P: The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours.
C: The world and everything in it—you founded them.

P: You have a mighty arm; your hand is powerful;
C: your right hand is lifted high.

P: Happy are the people who know the joyful shout;
C: LORD, they walk in the light from your face.

Scripture lesson...Luke 1:57-80

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 797 (Worship Supplement): “Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

Sermon ... 1 John 4:17-19

Come, Lord Jesus:
“*With Your Power*”

Hymn 74 (red hymnal):
“Once He Came in Blessing”

Offering, Prayer, Lord’s Prayer
The Benediction

Hymn 653 (red hymnal):

“Now the Light has Gone Away”



Come, Lord Jesus!

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—With Your Power—

“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”
(WS 705:1-3)

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.

By Your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Your glorious throne.

Opening:

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

*P: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
C: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

