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New Year's Eve



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Order of Compline

Prelude

Now the Light Has Gone Away

Bernard Wayne Sanders

The congregation assembles in silence.

Stand

Hymn

887 Now the Light Has Gone Away sts. 1-5



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve-ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind-est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.



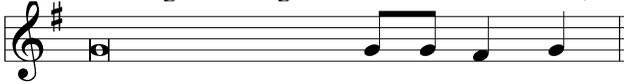
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



C A - men.



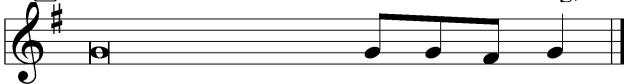
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



C to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



L to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



C Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession

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

Kneel/Sit

Silence for self-examination.

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

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Psalm

Psalm 90:1–12

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

³You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

⁵You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

⁶**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

⁸**You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰**The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;** yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹**Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?**

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Sit

Hymn

762 There Is a Time for Everything



1 There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A
 2 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A
 3 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And
 4 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You,



time for all that life may bring: A time to plant, a
 time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A time to break, a
 fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You know our grief, You
 Fa - ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, with



time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,
 time to mend, A time to search and then to end,
 hear our sighs— In mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes.
 time-less grace, You have re - deemed our time - bound race;



A time to heal, a time to slay, A
 A time to keep, then throw a - way, A
 From e - vil times, You bring great good; Be -
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your



time to build where rub - ble lay, A time to die, a
 time to speak, then noth - ing say, A time for war till
 neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood. Though dim - ly now life's
 time - ly work in us com - plete; Blest Trin - i - ty, Your



time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born,
 ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.
 path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.
 praise we sing— There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:15–17

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 30.

¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said, “No! We will flee upon horses”; therefore you shall flee away; and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”; therefore

your pursuers shall be swift. ¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:31b–39

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 8.

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year



1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year With
2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God And
3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; This
4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The



joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
how He shed His in - fant blood. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
Name of names for us He bore. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
vol - ume of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With



thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.
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5 With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity,
What need we fear in earth or space
In this new year of grace!

6 "All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!" the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.

△ 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace.

Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:35–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory

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L In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Sit

Sermon

Catechesis

The First Commandment

- P** You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

- P** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment

- P** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment

- P** Honor your father and your mother. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment

- P** You shall not murder. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

- P** You shall not commit adultery. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Seventh Commandment

- P** You shall not steal. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment

- P** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Ninth Commandment

- P** You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment

- P** You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *What does this mean?*
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

The Close of the Commandments

- P** *What does God say about all these commandments?*
- C** He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5–6)
- P** *What does this mean?*
- C** God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Hymn

899 Across the Sky the Shades of Night



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are
 2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -
 3 We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of Your
 4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your
 5 Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may



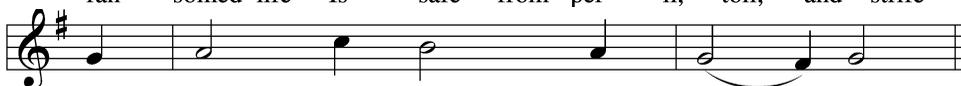
fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In
 dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And
 mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our
 car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past
 guide us, And, on - ward through our jour - ney home, Your



sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last
 all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this
 grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our
 death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,
 mer - cy walk be - side us Un - til at last our



hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,
 com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear
 strength and stay In man - y a dark and drea - ry day
 as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,
 ran - somed life Is safe from per - il, toil, and strife



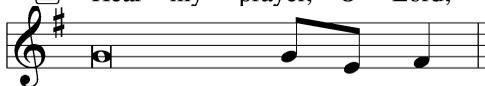
Once more Your love en - treat - ing.
 And crown us with Your bless - ing.
 Of sor - row and re - vers - es.
 The joys of heav - en shar - ing.
 When heav'n it - self shall hide us.

Stand

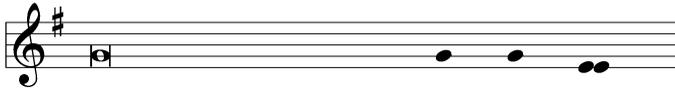
Prayer



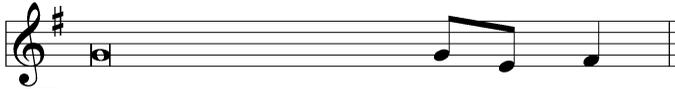
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



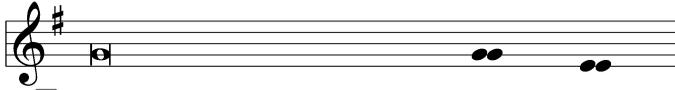
C listen to my cry.



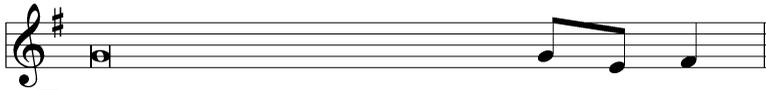
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



C hide me in the shadow of Your wings.



L In righteousness I shall see You;



C when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

L Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

L O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

L Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

L Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with

Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.



C A - men.

Lord's Prayer

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 258



L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.



C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal-va - tion which You have prepared
in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na-tions
and the glory of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the
Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -
ev - er. A - men. *Antiphon* Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may
watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Benediction

LSB 259

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Postlude

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Robert Lind

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Surgeries and Illness

Nancy Bargar	Brian Keeney	
Mary Hill	Helen Hutson (Montgomery)	Neil Motyka (Fry)
Joann Kapugi	Katrina Roland (Doster)	Maureen Duemig
Mike & Delilah (Perkins)	Robert Hamilton, Jr.	Joyce Boss (Kruse)
Ben Kirchoefer	Nicholas Head (McAbee)	Agapia Dragan (Luecke)
Jackie Fry	Melanie & family (Kaufman)	Sally Hardy
Stacy Scovanner (Fry)	Randy Quinn (Bauer)	Glenn Karnatz
Suzie Karnatz	Jax Warren(Hville County Sheriff Deputy's son)	
Wally Rose Mincer	Brenda Ridgeway (Amato)	Grace Floyd (Fry)
David Walters	Elizabeth Kaufman	Betty Ude
Ellen Trinka (Montgomery)	Mary Coffman (Rev. Coffman)	Tim Kelly (Licht)

Homebound

Ann Cheadle	Kathleen Fox	Joan Ginter
Dorothy Lehman	Dianne Luecke	Jan Nelson
Eleney Selius	Louise Bauer	Warna Berryman
Judy Fuchs	Joann Kapugi	George Fuchs
Glenn Karnatz	Suzie Karnatz	Nancy Stang
Dave & Lee Marquardt		

Compassion and Sympathy

Other Prayers and Concerns

Our Preschool Staff, Children & Families
Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1Preschool Closed	2
3 Communion 8 AM Children Sunday School 9:15 AM Communion 10:45 AM	4	5	6 Women's Bible Study 10 AM Prayer Shawl 1 PM Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM	7 Quilter's Ministry 9 AM	8 Mission Board Meeting 1 PM	9
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