



Sunday, November 29, 2020

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All: Mighty God, creator of the world,
break through all that keeps us from you.
We ask for your mercy to reform us in your image.
This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace.

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All sing: *(tune of “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”)*
Shine on us, O God of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;
Help us walk with holy Wisdom;
Come to us, O Christ the Light.

Isaiah 64:1-9 (CEB)



If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!

Mountains would quake before you

like fire igniting brushwood or making water boil.

If you would make your name known to your enemies,

the nations would tremble in your presence.

When you accomplished wonders beyond all our expectations;

when you came down, mountains quaked before you.

Isaiah 64:1-9 (CEB) (continued)



From ancient times,
no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any god but you
who acts on behalf of those who wait for God!

Isaiah 64:1-9 (CEB) (continued)



You look after those who gladly do right;
they will praise you for your ways.
But you were angry when we sinned;
you hid yourself when we did wrong.
We have all become like the unclean;
all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

Isaiah 64:1-9 (CEB) (continued)



All of us wither like a leaf;
our sins, like the wind, carry us away.
No one calls on your name;
no one bothers to hold on to you,
for you have hidden yourself from us,
and have handed us over to our sin.

Isaiah 64:1-9 (CEB) (continued)



But now, Lord, you are our father.

We are the clay, and you are our potter.

All of us are the work of your hand.

Don't rage so fiercely, Lord;

don't hold our sins against us forever,
but gaze now on your people, all of us.



Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

All: **Stir up your might, and come to save us!**
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.



Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (continued)

One: O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

All: You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (continued)



One: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;

All: give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Mark 13:24-37 (CEB)



“In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won’t give its light. The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.”

Mark 13:24-37 *(CEB) (continued)*



“Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that the Human One is near, at the door. I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.”

Mark 13:24-37 *(CEB) (continued)*



“But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. Watch out! Stay alert! You don’t know when the time is coming. It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. Therefore, stay alert!”

Mark 13:24-37 *(CEB) (continued)*



“You don’t know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. Don’t let him show up when you weren’t expecting and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!”

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith

from The Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



One: What is God's purpose for your life?

All: God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

One: How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

All: I am not my own. I have been bought with a price.

The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me.

I entrust myself completely to his care,

giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

Affirmation of Faith (continued)

from The Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



One: How do you live for the love of God?

All: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

Affirmation of Faith (continued)

from The Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



One: How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

All: By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

One: Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

One: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat;
this is my body,
given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

One: Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

One: With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

One: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
Make your word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)

One: All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God,
now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, KJ21)



All: Amen. 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

He came down that we may have hope; He came down that we might have hope; He

came down that we might have hope; Hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Song

