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Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.

GATHERING

"NOEL X" (LOUIS DAQUIN)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 62:5

- › For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait;
- » **Truly our hope is in you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 130:5-7

- › I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope. My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.
- » **There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**
- › O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is
steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.
- » **There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**
- › Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- » **There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT"

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

*Come, oh come. Come, oh come.
Come, oh come to us.*

When this old world drew on toward night,
You came, but not in splendor bright;
Not as a monarch, but the child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › O light most blessed,
fill the inmost heart of all the faithful.
Without your grace, there is nothing in us,
nothing that is not harmful.
- » **Cleanse what is sordid,
flood what is arid,
heal what is hurt,
flex what is rigid,
fire what is frigid,
correct what goes astray.**

SILENT CONFESSION

*The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger. He extends his
mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions
to the Lord silently.*

WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM ISAIAH 40:1-2

- › Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- » **Our sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.**
- › In Christ, God's salvation is at hand,
and righteousness has come.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- › Jesus, our Shepherd, come to your church as Lord and judge. We pray for unity and wisdom for ourselves and those you've given to lead us. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.
- » **Joy to the world, the Lord is come.**

- › Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray that you would empower goodness and restrain evil in all those in authority. Before you, rulers will stand in silence.
- » **Joy to the world, the Lord is come.**

- › Come to the suffering as Savior and Comforter. We lift up to you our needs and longings, as well as those of our families, friends, and neighbors. Break into our lives where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you forever.
- » **Joy to the world, the Lord is come.**

- › Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven.
- » **Joy to the world! The Lord is come.**

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please be praying for our mission partner Carolyn Rennie in her ministry of care and discipleship in Romania. She works to maintain outreach through English courses and special activities for both children and adults.

OFFERTORY | "AWAY IN A MANGER" (CALLAHAN)

Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at thirdrva.org/give.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | REVELATION 21:1-7, 22:3-5

Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at thirdrva.org/this-sunday.

SERMON | "WAITING FOR THE NEW CREATION"

SENDING

"SOON AND VERY SOON"

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more crying there— we are going to see the King!
No more crying there— we are going to see the King!
No more crying there— we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more dying there— we are going to see the King!
No more dying there— we are going to see the King!
No more dying there— we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

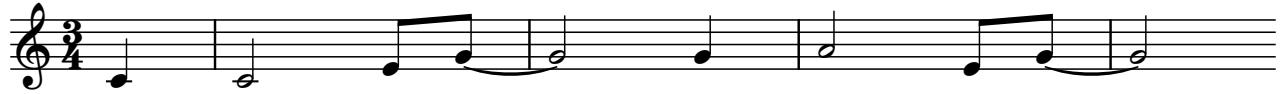
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COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM REVELATION 22

- › Behold! Jesus is coming soon to judge the earth with righteousness and truth.
- » **He is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**
- › The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
- » **And let the one who hears say, "Come," and let the one who is thirsty come;**
- › Let the one who desires take the water of life without price.
- » **Jesus is coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

"WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING" (ROBERT HOBBY)

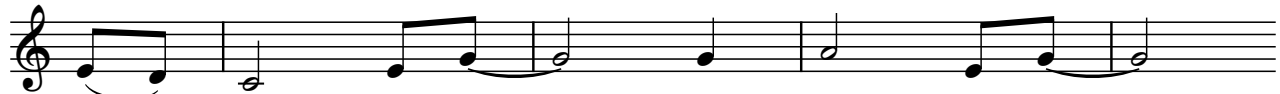
CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT



1. Cre - a - tor of _____ the stars of night,____
2. When this old world____ drew on toward night,____



thy peo - ple's ev - - er - last - ing light,____
you came, but not in splen - dor bright;____



O _____ Christ, Re - deem - - er of us all,____
not____ as a mon - - arch, but the child____



we pray you hear us when____ we call.____
of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild.____



Come, oh____ come. Come, oh come.____ Come,



oh____ come to us.____

SOON AND VERY SOON

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #482

F B^b/F F

1,4 Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King!
 2 No more cry - ing there— we are going to see the King!
 3 No more dy - ing there— we are going to see the King!

C7 C9 F

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 No more dy - ing there— we are going to see the King!

B^b/F F

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F7 Gm/B^b Gm7(b5) F/C C7 F To stanzas

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King!

Optional interlude and final ending G7 C7 F G7 C7 F

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!