

New Year's Eve Worship



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Welcome

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may love you and praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

441 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

sts. 1–3



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727

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Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

¹There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
²a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
³a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
⁴a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
⁵a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
⁶a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
⁷a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
⁸a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90 Read Responsively

Psalm 90

- ¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
- ²Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³You turn people back to dust,
saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”
- ⁴A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
- ⁵Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
- ⁶In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
- ⁷We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
- ⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ⁹All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.
- ¹⁰Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
- ¹¹If only we knew the power of your anger!
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
- ¹²Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³Relent, LORD! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.
- ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.

¹⁶May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

429 What God Ordains is Always Good

sts. 1–2, 4



1 What God or-dains is al - ways good: his will is just and
2 What God or-dains is al - ways good: he nev - er will de -
4 What God or-dains is al - ways good: this truth re - mains un -



ho - ly. As he di - rects my life for me, I fol - low
ceive me; he leads me in his right - eous way and nev - er
shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, I shall not



meek and low - ly. My God in - deed in ev - 'ry need knows
will he leave me. I take con - tent what he has sent; his
be for - sak - en. I fear no harm, for with his arm he



well how he will shield me; to him, then, I will yield me.
hand that sends me sad - ness will turn my tears to glad - ness.
will em - brace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Severus Castorius, 1646–1682

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Sermon Text

Matthew 25:1-13

¹"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

⁷"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

⁹" 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

¹²"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

¹³"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Be Ready for 2026!

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Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Almighty God, merciful Father,

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved others as you command.

For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.

I am sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy.

Silence for reflection

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven."

Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

In the name and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

Exhortation

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

C: **Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

Extend the peace of Christ by turning to one another and saying, "Peace be with you."

Let us pray. God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of our salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Service -- Our Lord Gives Himself to Us

(Stand)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is good and right to do this.

It is truly good, right and a blessing that we at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and glorify Your glorious name, evermore praise You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glory; hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

We now consecrate this bread and wine for special use in the sacrament.

Words of Institution

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as we are about to receive Your body and blood in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we ask a special measure of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us faith to recognize the real presence of Your body and blood in this bread and wine, and help us to receive the confident assurance that this body and blood was truly given and shed to take away all our sins. Grant that this assurance may not be shaken by any unrepented sin that may lie hidden in our hearts. But rather make us sorry for every sin and make us eager to please You with better lives in the days to come. Grant us Your blessings as we receive this precious sacrament, that we may be strengthened in our faith, in a sure and certain hope of everlasting life, and in our desire to serve You with all our hearts. Hear us for Your name's sake.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant you Your peace. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements while a hymn is sung. After communing, the communicants sit and offer a silent prayer.

We Thank the Lord

C: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your People Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, now and forever. Amen.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

And his mercy endures forever.

Prayer

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Text: Rev. Rolfe Westendorf

Prayer for Peace

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Tolling of Bells

P: On the eve of a new year, we remember those who have been called to their new eternity.

C: Thank You for Your grace!

We remember family and friends who are not physically with us.

Thank You for Your people!

We remember their gifts and the blessings that You gave through them.

Thank You for Your generosity!

We remember how You loved them and connected them to the gospel.

Thank You for Your Holy Spirit!

We remember all those Siloah served at their time of death.

Thank You for Your resurrection!

We look forward to seeing and celebrating with all God's people in eternity.

Thank You for Your kingdom!

We toll for each soul served by Siloah this year.

[Names are read and the church bell is tolled for each.]

We toll for those whom we think of individually.

[Silence and one toll.]

Keep us vigilant this year to be ready and ready others to enter eternity.

We thank You for Your mission!

Blessing

Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

Thanks be to God.

441 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

sts. 5–6

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

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