

Luther's Evening Prayer

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

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ +, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Hymn 588 s. 7

Abide with Me

God's Faithful People Await Christmas December 18, 2013

Hymn 588 s. 1, 6 Abide with Me

Responsive Reading

M: Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over. (Luke 24:29)

C: **Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.** (Matthew 28:20)

M: Your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

C: **The Lord will guide you always.** (Is. 58:10,11)

M: Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more;

C: **The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.** (Is. 60:20)

M: On no day will the gates of the Holy City ever be shut,

C: **for there will be no night there.** (Rev. 21:25)

Hymn 23 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Devotion—Matthew 1:18-25

They are Saved

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

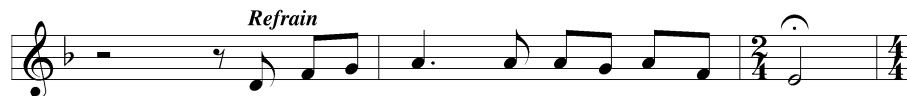
All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

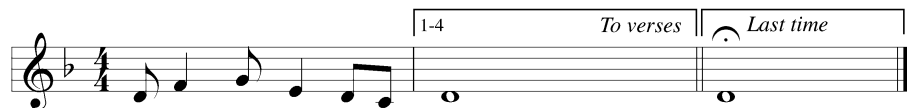
ADVENT

703 s. 3

My Soul in Stillness Waits



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,



tru-ly my hope is in you. you.



- 1 O Lord of Light, our on-ly hope of
- 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up-on our
- 3 O Root of Life, im-plant your seed with-
- 4 O Key of Know-ledge, guide us in our



glo-ry, Your ra-diance shines in all who look to
 spir-its. Our thirs-ty hearts are yearn-ing for your
 in us, And in your ad-vent draw us all to
 pil-grim-age, We ev-er seek, yet un-ful-filled re-



you. Come, light the hearts of all in dark and sha-dow.
 Word. Come, make us whole, be com-fort to our hearts.
 you, Our hope re-born in dy-ing and in ris-ing.
 main. O-pen to us the path-way of your peace.

This Advent hymn, based on the ancient "O" antiphons, calls to mind the Old Testament titles of our Savior and the longing of God's people for the Savior to come.

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