

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
142 Market Street, Williamsport, PA
Midweek Advent Services, 2020
12:15 pm
"Watch"
Wednesday, December 2, 2020

OPENING

All gather in silence

*DIALOGUE

- A Blessed is the One who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.**
A It is now time for us to wake from sleep
C **The night is far spent; the light draws near.**

*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

LBW 34

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God Appear.**

***Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to you,
O Israel.**

**O Come, O Come, great Lord of might
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty and awe.**

Refrain

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

- A God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. As darkness falls, may we watch for your light. Keep us awake and alert for your coming and strengthen us to the end, that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

PSALM 130

1Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

2Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my

supplications!**3**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

4But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered

5I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

6my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

7O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

8It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

A READING FROM MARK (13:33-37)

33Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. **34**It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. **35**Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

SILENT MEDITATION

HOMILY

*HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LBW 31

**Wake, awake for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake Jerusalem at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Come forth maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
Your lamps with gladness take!”
Alleluia!
Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth the strong victorious.
Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Oh come, you Blessed One, Lord Jesus God's own Son
Sing hosanna!
We go until the halls we view
Where you have bid us dine with you.**

*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*OUR LORD'S PRAYER

A Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,**

thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heave.
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.

*THE BLESSING

P Even as we wait, watch and wonder,

C **God is with us.**

P & C **Thanks be to God! Come Lord Jesus!**

POSTLUDE

Leading Us in Worship Today

Assisting Minister

Pianist

Preacher

Ray Huff

Joyce Hershberger

Pastor Vasey