

PRAY EVERY DAY December 12, 2021 Resource

Morning Prayer "Zechariah's Song" for Advent

Pray Luke 1:68-79, Zechariah's Song, in the morning, even as the first words you say.

Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" by Charles Wesley

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2021 Challenge (Genesis to Revelation)

December 13: 1 Thessalonians 1 - 5	December 17: Titus 1 - 3, Philemon 1
December 14: 2 Thessalonians 1 - 3	December 18: Hebrews 1 - 6
December 15: 1 Timothy 1 - 6	December 19: Hebrews 7 - 10
December 16: 2 Timothy 1 - 4	

Small Group or personal study

- Read Isaiah 12:2-6
- Isaiah 12 is a song. It is one that celebrates the salvation of God. Compare Isaiah 12:2 to Moses' Song in Exodus 15:2. In Exodus 15 it was being celebrated that the Hebrews were being delivered from slavery in Egypt. In Isaiah 12 there is a celebration of God who will bring the remnant back home from where they have been scattered. Songs in the Bible can be a way of slowing down to ponder or celebrate good news, or God's deliverance, or hope in God. Singing songs of faith can slow us down to recognize what God has done, too. Slow down and hear or sing a song of faith.
- Isaiah 12 is a song of joy in the salvation of God. It is not sung because of what has already happened, but it is song that rejoices in the promise of God's coming salvation. It is one thing to sing joyous songs when the joy is present. It can be quite another to sing a song of joy when salvation seems far off. Notice when you say or sing the words of Isaiah 12 that you participate in God's joy and salvation fulfilled. The song states twice, "you will say in that day" (vv. 1, 4), so when we say the words of the song we share in the hope of God's promises fulfilled. What songs of faith do you sing even in the midst of troubles?

- One of the reasons Christians sing with hope is because of what God has done already in Jesus Christ. Jesus is Emmanuel which means “God with us.” Jesus has died on the cross to forgive us of our sins. Jesus has risen from death to give us resurrection life. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit and the Church to empower us live in faith. Though there is still wrong, sorrow, and trouble in the world there is also salvation in Jesus that can give us hope and confidence now. What Christmas songs, hymns, or other faith songs help you?

- The three prayers we have been praying during Advent are some of those songs of faith that can connect us to God through our day. Pray the songs of Zechariah, Mary, and Simeon as ways to remember the promises of God.

Spend time in silence

Prayer for others and yourself

The Lord’s Prayer

Evening Prayer “The Magnificat” for Advent

Pray Luke 1:47-55, Mary’s Song or The Magnificat, in the evening as a time of looking back on what God has already done and what God will do.

Share the Love of Jesus because It’s All about Relationships

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share it this week in small group for support and prayer.

Bedtime Prayer “Simeon’s Song” for Advent

Pray Luke 2:29-32, Simeon’s Song, before you go to sleep each day, maybe even as your last words you say.