

Wait Upon the Lord  
A Series of Services for Advent

# Wait Upon the Lord With Hope

## Order of Service

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5*

### Invocation and Call to Worship

Stand

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Wait upon the Lord.

**C Be strong and courageous.**

P Wait upon the Lord. That's what Isaiah said.

**C Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.**

P They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

**C They shall run and not be weary.**

P They shall walk and not faint. Wait upon the Lord.

**C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

Be Seated

## Hymn

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

Christian Worship Hymnal #15



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; “Christ is  
2 Lo, the Lamb, so long - ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
3 That, when next he comes with glo - ry And the  
4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near,” we hear it say. “Cast a - way the  
par - don down from heav’n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He may shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness; You are chil - dren of the day.”  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv’n,  
with his mer - cy, And with words of love draw near.  
last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 6th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: MERTON (87 87) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

### Confession and Forgiveness

P God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from your will. Lost in sin we ask you, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P Believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of Christ who came and indeed, will come again.

**C Amen.**

P Wait upon the Lord.

**C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

### **Kyrie**

P Lord, have mercy.

**C Give us patience.**

P Christ, have mercy.

**C Give us patience and peace.**

P Lord, have mercy.

**C Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P O Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Be our strength every morning and our salvation in the night of despair. Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Isaiah the prophet; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever.

**C Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 40:27-31

<sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Song:** (K-3) “My Soul in Stillness Waits”

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 8:22-25

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Stand

**Gospel Acclamation**

P Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon Hymn

“When All the World Was Cursed”

Christian Worship Hymnal #20



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem -  
2 Be - fore Saint John was born, He leaped in joy - ful  
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who bears the world's trans -  
4 Oh, grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re -



na - tion, Saint John the Bap - tist came With  
meet - ing, Con - fess - ing him as Lord Whose  
gres - sion, Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The  
joic - ing, The word pro - claimed by John, Our



words of con - so - la - tion. With true fore - run - ner's  
moth - er he was greet - ing. By Jor - dan's roll - ing  
dev - il's dread op - pres - sion. Be - hold the Lamb of  
true re - pent - ance voic - ing, That glad - ly we may



zeal The great - er one he named, And him, as  
stream, A new E - li - jah bold, He tes - ti -  
God, Who takes a - way our sin, Who for our  
walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way Un - til we



yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
fied of him Whom proph - ets had fore - told.  
peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
live with him In his e - ter - nal day.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711, abr.; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.

Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

**Sermon:** Romans 8:22-25

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### **Prayers**

P Heavenly Father, we wait for you.

**C More than watchmen wait for the morning—**

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**C Lead us in your truth and teach us.**

P For you are the God of our salvation.

**C For you we wait all the day long.**

P O God, inspire us to wait for you faithfully.

**C Serve you joyfully.**

P And give to others generously.

**C Gracious Lord, grant healing for the sick.**

P Courage for the fainthearted.

**C Hope for the discouraged.**

P And great clarity for all in the valley of decision.

**C Amen.**

**C: 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.**

### **Benediction**

P: God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. God will make us strong and courageous.

**C: As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.**

## Hymn

“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

Christian Worship Hymnal #6



1 Come, O long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;  
2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,  
By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.  
Tune: ST. HILARY (87 87 D) Unknown.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

**December 11 & 12 -- *When the Lord Comes Near He Humbles His Enemies***

**Wednesday, December 15 -- *Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing***

**December 18 & 19 - *A God Lived Life Opens Our Hearts to Others***

**December 24 - *Who Is He?***

**2 PM & 4 PM Lutheran Elementary School**

**6 PM Sunday School**

**10 PM Candlelight Service -- *What Child Is This?***

**December 25 - 9 AM -- *What Child Is This? God in the Flesh***

**December 26 -- *What Child Is This? Our Substitute and Sacrifice***

**December 31 -- *New Year's Eve***

**January 1 & 2 -- *What Child Is This? Who Turns Slaves into Sons***