

Evening Service

Preparing for Christ's return
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
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**I to the hills will lift mine eyes.
From whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heav'n and earth hath made.**

**Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will
He slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, He that keeps Israel,
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.**

**The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay:
the moon by night thee shall not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.**

**The Lord shall keep thy soul; He shall
preserve thee from all ill.**

**Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

Psalm 121

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Prayer

**Whate'er my God ordains is right:
holy His will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He doth,
and follow where He guideth:
He is my God;
though dark my road,
He holds me that I shall not fall:
wherefore to Him I leave it all.**

**Whate'er my God ordains is right:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path;
I know He will not leave me:
I take, content,
what He hath sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away,
and patiently I wait His day.**

**Whate'er my God ordains is right:
though now this cup, in drinking,
may bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it, all unshrinking:
tears pass away
with dawn of day;
sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
and pain and sorrow shall depart.**

**Whate'er my God ordains is right:
here shall my stand be taken;
though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
yet am I not forsaken;
my Father's care
is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall:
and so to Him I leave it all.**

Samuel Rodigast 1649-1708

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¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labour among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

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**¹⁴ And we urge you,
brothers, admonish the
idle, encourage the faint-
hearted, help the weak,
be patient with them all.**

**¹⁵ See that no one repays
anyone evil for evil, but
always seek to do good to
one another and to
everyone.**

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¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.

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**²⁰ Do not despise
prophecies, ²¹ but test
everything; hold fast what
is good. ²² Abstain from
every form of evil.**

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.**

**Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of His death at Calvary,
hated by those He came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all He loved, His life He gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for He was free;
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share His victory.**

**Tell of His reign at God's right hand
by all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His church
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.**

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**God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.**

**Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs,
and works His sovereign will.**

**Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust Him for His grace;
behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.**

**His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.**

**Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
and He will make it plain.**

William Cowper 1731-1800

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**