

# 235 With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim

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*The Psalter*, 1912; alt.

Percy C. Buck, 1918

1. With joy I heard my friends ex - claim, "Come, let us  
 2. How beau - ti - ful doth Zi - on stand, A cit - y  
 3. They come to learn the will of God, To pay their  
 4. For Zi - on's peace let prayer be made; May all that  
 5. For love of friends and kin - dred dear, My heart's de -

in God's tem - ple meet"; With - in thy gates, O Zi - on blest,  
 built com - pact and fair; The peo - ple of the Lord u - nite  
 vows, God's grace to own, For there is judg - ment's roy - al seat,  
 love thee pros - per well! With - in thy walls let peace a - bide,  
 sire is Zi - on's peace, And for the house of God, the Lord,

Shall ev - er stand our will - ing feet.  
 With joy and praise to wor - ship there.  
 Mes - si - ah's sure and last - ing throne.  
 And glad - ness with thy chil - dren dwell.  
 My lov - ing care shall nev - er cease. Al - le - lu - ia!

Wait.  
Actively, wait.  
Be Still.  
Wait.

The First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2010

## **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

#### **Call to Worship**

One: The time of Advent begins today. Will it be a repetition of Advents gone before or a new Advent filled with the wonder of the first time the heavens and earth knew of such things?

**Many: Let this be a first Advent. Let us discover, again, that which we have forgotten, again. Let us wait. Actively wait. Be Still. Wait. For God and Jesus and Spirit are all around us.**

**All: Come, let us worship together. Amen.**

**Hymn #235:** With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim

#### **Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

We wait.

Thinking in some way we will gain power, control,  
answers to the sense of unmanageability that rocks us  
sometimes like a cradle,  
other times like a storm.

We persist in our own ways, buffeting the winds  
as a sign of achievement, only to get just so far.

Forgive us for such folly, for instead of waiting in your presence  
the presence of God,

we wait in the echoes of our own authority  
and expectations, both folly,

making us late to believe that God is the answer: *really* the answer.

Finally, after we have had enough, we discover what we always knew  
in the forgotten clarity of now and then –  
God is with us always; our lives are God's business.

And so,

let us pray too for forgiveness for the times we wait,  
wait in the expectations.

We ask to be returned to the present,  
waiting, being still, with God.

Help us to remember that from such a place, with one another,  
we will surely know the way. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer for Reconciliation**

### **Hymn #324: Open My Eyes That I May See**

Open my eyes, that I may see;

Glimpses of truth thou hast for me

Place in my hand the wonderful key;

That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,

Ready my God thy will to see.

Open my eyes illumine me.

Spirit divine.

## **Assurance of God's Love & Forgiveness**

Of course we know we are forgiven, if we just sit still for a moment, ask for  
your help, and wait. Of course we know. Let us be assured it is true.

Amen.

## **\*The Passing of the Peace**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, so that in your light we may  
see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace.

Amen.

### First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### Gospel of Matthew 24:36-44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only God. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, they would have stayed awake and would not have let their house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Provocation

*Anticipation is Making Me Late*

Ray Bagnuolo

### Hymn # 20 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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John Bowring, 1825; alt. 1972

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.  
 2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High-er yet that star as-cends.  
 3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo - ry - beam - ing star.  
 Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por - tends.  
 Trav - eler, dark-ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter - ror are with - drawn.

Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?  
 Watch-man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
 Watch-man, let your wan - derings cease; Has - ten to your qui - et home.

Trav - eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 Trav - eler, a - ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Trav - eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

## Preparing for the Offering

One: In this world, someone has too much.

Many: **Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.**

One: When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus.

Many: **Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.**

One: O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread. And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.

Many: **When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: "Send the people away, so they may get something to eat."**

One: Jesus answered: "You give them something to eat."

## Offertory Music

### Blessing the Offering

One: And the people reached in their pockets and pulled out the bread and the fishes and shared them, and there was abundance for all, and even more.

Many: **Amen.**

## Announcements

### Prayers of the People

Please remember Jerry Brody, recovering from heart surgery; Mark on his way to Hawaii, the congregation and Session of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House and all who are in any way connected to us; your prayers...

### The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (In Unison)

Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Hymn # 456 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

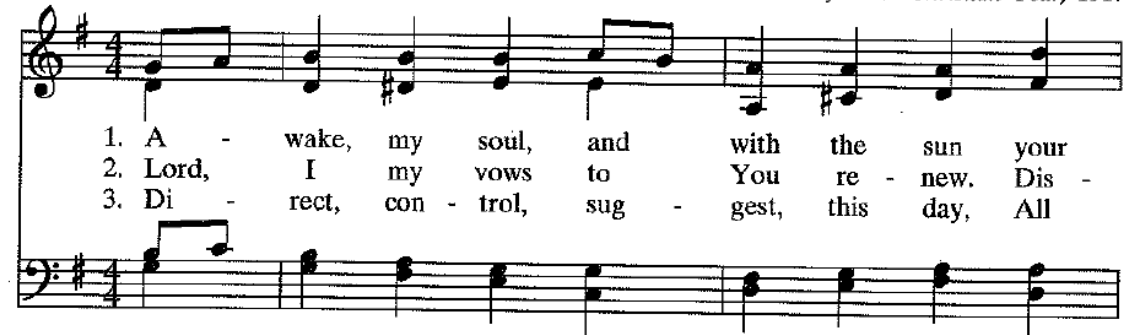
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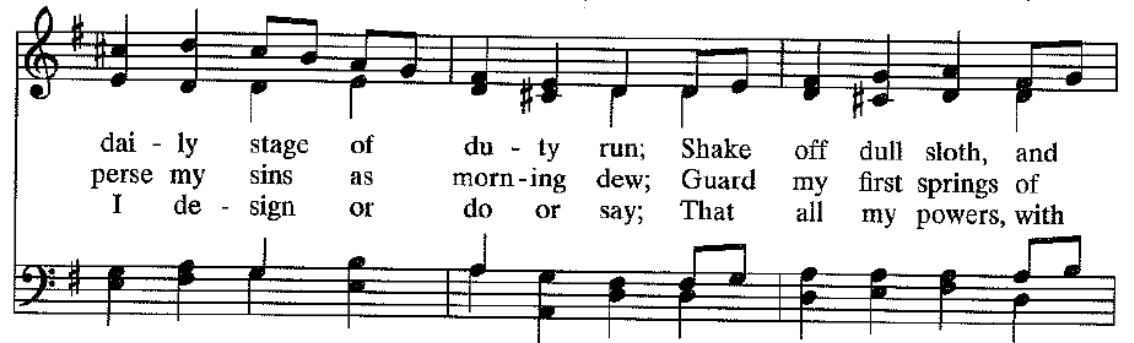
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François Hippolyte Barthélemon, 1785  
As in *The Church Hymnal*  
for the Christian Year, 1917

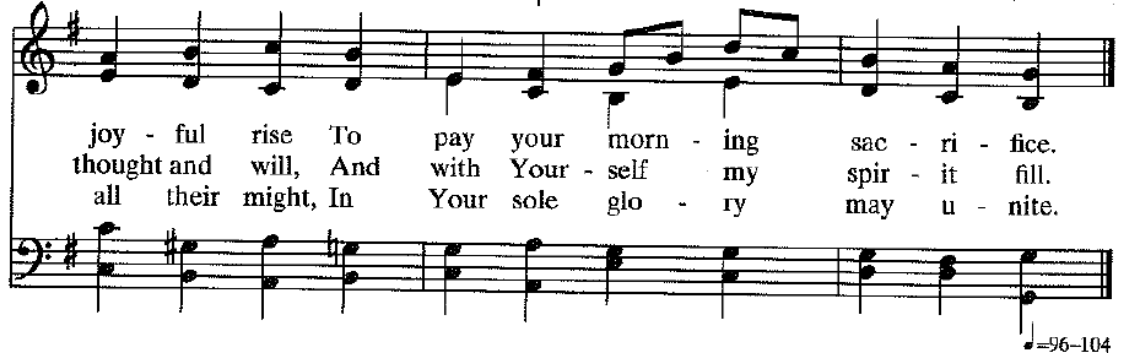
Thomas Ken, 1695; alt.



1. A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your  
2. Lord, I my vows to You re - new. Dis -  
3. Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, All



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth, and  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of  
I de - sign or do or say; That all my powers, with



joy - ful rise To pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
thought and will, And with Your - self my spir - it fill.  
all their might, In Your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

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## Benediction

### Sung Blessing (in English or Czech)

Christians rise and act your creed,	Amen to pozehnani prijdiz na nas vsecky,
Let your prayer be in your deed;	Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,
Seek the right, perform the true,	A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,
Raise your work and life anew.	Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
Come then law divine and reign,	Amen.
Freest faith assailed in vain.	
Perfect love, bereft of fear,	
born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.	

### Blessing:

**One:** Go out into the world to love and serve God and God's people. Cherish all the members of God's family. Go with peace in your hearts, find peace in your lives, make peace in the world.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude (Closing Music)

*Please join us for our fellowship meal following the Postlude.*

## Announcements

### Friday, Saturday Dec. 10: **Christmas Variety Show – Spotlight On**

Join us for this Fund-raising event with one of our theater partners, Spotlight On.



**Saturday, December 18th**

**Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House**

**Produced and Directed and Performed by  
Christian McLeer and the  
Remarkable Theatre Brigade**

**7:00 P.M.**

### Advent and Christmas Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 28:	First Sunday in Advent 1:00 P.M. Composer's Voice Concert (Free)
Sunday, Dec. 5:	Second Sunday in Advent; Communion Sunday
Sunday, Dec. 12:	Third Sunday in Advent
Saturday, Dec. 18:	Amal and the Nigh Visitors (See next page)
Sunday, Dec. 19:	Fourth Sunday in Advent
Friday, Dec. 24:	6:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Day	10:30 A.M. Morning Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 26	11:00 A.M. Worship

### Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and share at the table Jesus has set for us all. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the Czech reformer and martyr Jan Hus.

Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life; people who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, as well, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language each Sunday.

Worship at Jan Hus is a time for the Body of Christ to affirm God's vision for the world and witness the Gospel of Hope. We believe that God is greater than human language or experience, and to more fully experience the wonder of God, we embrace language that acknowledges God the Mother and God the Father.

We hold fast to the tenets of the Reformation that call for the priesthood of all believers, therefore ours is a shared pulpit. This is a place in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by clergy and laity, alike, reflecting our congregation and community as a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer. We strive for sermons that are conversations which give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Often, we are invited into new ways of seeing and hearing God, deepening and affirming those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church, for surely God loves to challenge us all with the unexpected!

However you may find us, please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you the Spirit of God who loves us all. *Namasthe!*



### Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

"Where you are welcome, long before you arrive."

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