



## PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 7PM

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### • INTRO

Welcome to Prayer Service! Tonight, we'll have a simpler format as we pray through Psalm 17 and sing some songs of the Season. We're just going to spend some time reflecting on Psalm 17, praying for God to draw our attention to the specific ways and passages He wants to speak to us. We come tonight expectant, believing that God speaks to His people, His sheep know His voice, and the Spirit will use these God-breathed words to speak in a special way to us again tonight. At the end, we want to pray for specific prayer concerns, so if you're watching the livestream, comment if you have particular prayer requests. If you're watching later on, use that time to lift up your particular requests on your own. Let's pray.

### • PAUSE

"As I enter prayer now, I pause to be still; to breathe slowly; to re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God." (Lectio365) *Pause and pray.*

As we read **Psalm 17** together, be open with the parts that confuse or challenge you; meditate on the parts that stand out to you:

***"1 Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips. 2 Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right. 3 Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed. 4 Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded. 5 My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled. 6 I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. 7 Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings 9 from the wicked who are out to destroy me, from my mortal enemies who surround me. 10 They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance. 11 They have tracked me down, they now surround me, with eyes alert, to throw me to the ground. 12 They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a fierce lion crouching in cover. 13 Rise up, Lord, confront them, bring them down; with your sword rescue me from the wicked. 14 By your hand save me from such people, Lord, from those of this world whose reward is in this life. May what you have stored up for the wicked fill their bellies; may their children gorge themselves on it, and may there be leftovers for their little ones. 15 As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness."***

- **SONGS**

“In the Bleak Midwinter” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/HlgOmrtAP3I>

**VERSE 1**

In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron  
Water like a stone  
Snow had fallen snow on snow  
Snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter  
Long ago

**VERSE 2**

Our God heav'n cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ

**VERSE 3**

Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air  
But His mother only  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss

**VERSE 4**

What can I give Him  
Poor as I am  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part  
Yet what can I give Him  
Give my heart

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“Gloria” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/9UEdeSWAN0w>

**VERSE 1**

Word became flesh and moved into the  
neighborhood  
He was the light that the darkness  
misunderstood  
Heaven's creator, gravity bound

**VERSE 2**

Though he was God he was clothed with  
humility  
Gave up the power and privilege of deity  
Suffering servant, obedient one  
Perfect submission, death on a cross

**CHORUS**

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in the highest  
(Repeat)

**VERSE 3**

God has exalted him now to the highest  
place  
Gave him the name far above every other  
name  
All will confess him, every knee bows  
Earth will adore him, heaven resounds

**BRIDGE**

God the Father gave his son, sing Gloria  
Jesus Christ is Lord of all, sing Gloria  
Sing Gloria, Sing Gloria

**ENDING**

Word became flesh and moved into the  
neighborhood

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## • **PSALM 17**

Let's just take some time to soak in this Word for a while. Reread Psalm 17 on your own—slowly, prayerfully. Ask God to draw your attention to a specific word or phrase that He wants you to focus on.

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What word or phrase stands out to you? Take time to repeat it, meditate and pray on it. What thoughts or images come to mind? How might the Spirit be speaking to you personally through His Word? Use this word to pray for your life and for others. *Pause and pray.*

As we get ready to sing this last song, if you're watching the livestream, comment if you have specific prayer requests and we'll pray for them together at the end. (If you're watching later, just use that time to pray for specific needs on your own.)

## • **SONGS**

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Click Here - <https://youtu.be/AZV3cbNFr0o>**

### **VERSE 1**

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

### **CHORUS 1**

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

**VERSE 2**

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest

**VERSE 3**

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

**CHORUS 2**

We'll praise Your name forever  
We'll praise Your name forever  
We'll praise Your name forever  
Christ the Lord

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- **Closing**

***“Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way.  
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.  
Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.”***  
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