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Prelude: "Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying" ... Flor Peeters

\*Opening Hymn: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" [LSB 516]

<p>1.) "Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watch-men on the heights are crying; "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! With bridal care Your selves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."</p>	<p>2.) Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing; She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all-glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come. Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, Gods own Son, Hail! Hosanna! We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call.</p>
<p>3.) Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal, Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne. No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory; Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!</p>	

\*Confession & Absolution [LSB 184]

P. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

P. Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C. who made heaven and earth.**

P. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C. and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P. O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C. I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor sinful being.**

P. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

\*Introit:

*Ps 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: Ps 84:3*

P. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

**C. at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

P. How lovely is your dwelling place,

**C. O Lord of hosts!**

P. Behold our shield, O God;

**C. look on the face of your anointed!**

P. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**C. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

P. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

**C. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up-rightly.**

P. O Lord of hosts,

**C. blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

\*Gloria Patri: [LSB 186]

□ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

\*Kyrie: [LSB 186]

□ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

\*Gloria In Excelsis: [LSB 187]

(we hope that you have a Hymnal to use for the music but here are the words for you to follow along.)

P. Glory be to God on high

**C. and on earth peace, good-will toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

\*Welcome & Prayer: P: The Lord be with you  
C: **And also with you**  
P: Let us pray

**ALL**

**Lord God, heavenly Father,  
send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church  
that with all the company of the redeemed  
we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen**

Old Testament Reading: **Amos 5:18-24**

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!  
Why would you have the day of the Lord?  
It is darkness, and not light,  
as if a man fled from a lion,  
and a bear met him,  
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
and a serpent bit him.  
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
“I hate, I despise your feasts,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Epistle Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Alleluia: [LSB 190]

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia [LSB 190]. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.' are written below the treble staff, with the notes of the melody aligned with the syllables. The score ends with a double bar line.

**\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day: “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” [LSB 514]**

<b>1)The Bridegroom soon will call us, “Come to the wedding feast.” May slumber not befall us Nor watchfulness decrease. May all our lamps be burning With oil enough and more That we, with Him returning, May find an open door!</b>	<b>2)There shall we see in glory Our dear Redeemer’s face; The long-awaited story Of heav’nly joy takes place: The patriarchs shall meet us, The prophets’ holy band; Apostles, martyrs greet us In that celestial land.</b>
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<p>3) <b>There God shall from all evil Forever make us free, From sin and from the devil, From all adversity, From sickness, pain, and sadness, From troubles, cares, and fears, And grant us heav'nly gladness And wipe away our tears.</b></p>	<p>4) <b>In that fair home shall never Be silent music's voice; With hearts and lips forever We shall in God rejoice, While angel hosts are raising With saints from great to least A mighty hymn for praising The Giver of the feast.</b></p>
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Sermon

\*Offertory: [LSB 192]

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen**

Prayer of the Church

\*Service of The Sacrament [LSB 194]

Preface  
Sanctus [LSB 195]  
Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Agnus Dei [LSB 198]  
Distribution

\*Post Communion: "*Nunc Dimittis*" [LSB 199]

\*Post Communion Collect

\*Benediction [LSB 202]

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C. Amen, amen, amen**

Closing Hymn: "*Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*" [LSB 663]

<p>1) <b>Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken! Be not by the evil day Unawares o'er-taken; For the foe, Well we know, Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.</b></p>	<p>2.) <b>Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find you; For indeed no pains he spares To deceive and bind you. Satan's prey Oft are they Who secure are sleeping And no watch are keeping.</b></p>
<p>3) <b>Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faithless friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.</b></p>	<p>4) <b>Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle; Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle. Pride and sin Lurk within, All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.</b></p>

<p><b>5)But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing. God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing, So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve Him And forever love Him.</b></p>	
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Postlude: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" ... Johann Ludwig Adam