

Watchnight Service Lyrics

New Year's Eve, 2020

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Call to Worship

Leader: Tonight, we are keeping watch.

Congregation: Tonight, we say goodbye to the old year and look hopefully into the new year.

Leader: Though the darkness is deep, the Light of the World guides our way.

Congregation: Even though we don't really know what is to come, we know that God is with us.

Leader: Quietly, reverently, open your hearts to God.

Congregation: Praise be to God, who was and is and is to be. AMEN

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Reader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Reader: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8)

Congregation: Alleluia!

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou
art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true
word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.

Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I read heaven's joys, or bright
heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Responsive Reading of PSALM 119: 145-152

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord

I will keep your statutes.

I cry to you; save me,

that I may observe Your decrees.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I put my hope in Your words.

My eyes are awake before each watch of the night,

that I may meditate on Your promise.

In Your steadfast love hear my voice;

O lord, in Your justice preserve my life.

Those who persecute me with evil purpose draw near;

they are far from your law.

Yet you are near, O Lord,

and all Your commandments are true.

Long ago I learned from your decrees

that you have established them forever.

My Lord, What a Mornin'

(Refrain)

My Lord, what a morning!

My Lord, what a morning!

O my Lord, what a morning

When the stars begin to fall.

(Refrain)

I'm done with all my worldly ways,

Joined that heavenly band,

Done with all my worldly ways,

Joined that heavenly band,

(Refrain)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory. Forever. Amen.**

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

**I am no longer my own, but Yours.
Put me to what You will, place me with whom You will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering
Let me be put to work for You or set aside for You,
Praised for You or criticized for You.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to Your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
You are mine, and I am Yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.**

O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away.
We fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.