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GATHERING + WORD + MEAL + SENDING Gathering Song 10,000 Reasons Christmas Version

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I worship Your holy Name.

This Child was born as a gift from heaven.

A gift from God sent to save the world.

The angels sang His praise as the star shone all around them 'Glory to God and peace on earth to men'.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I worship Your holy Name.

The shepherds came on that glorious ev'ning.
They came to see the Child sent down from
God. They knelt and worshipped in that lowly
manger. The promised gift of the Messiah come.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I worship Your holy Name.

And Lord today I give all my worship.

I give my life as an offering.

For You are worthy of all praise unending.

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I worship Your holy Name.

WELCOME AND THEME

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WELCOME SONG

Angels we Have Heard on High

ELW 289

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria
in excelsis Deo;
Gloria
in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria
in excelsis Deo;
Gloria
in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

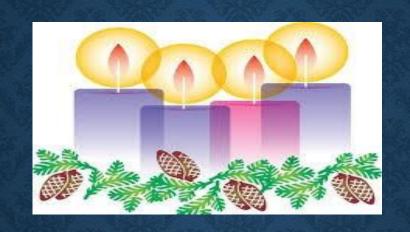
Gloria
in excelsis Deo;
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:



Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the FOURTH candle of this wreath.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (Continued)

Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.



ADVENT HYMN

Light One Candle

We light four candles gleaming for Christ,
the newborn King,
Who blesses earth with heaven,
And makes the whole world sing.
We bow before our Shepherd: the baby in straw.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Liam Jesse James Devening

Parents: Jason and Stacey Devening
Sponsor: Mary Sanchez

- God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.
- By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.
 - We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ.

 Anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present LIAM JESSE JAMES DEVENING for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,

LIAM, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

RESPONDS: I do

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the Word of God and the Holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. Place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God. To proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsor, do you promise to nurture Liam in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and communion with the church?

Response: I do

People of God, do you promise to support Liam and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Response: We Do

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Response: I renounce them. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Now and forever. AMEN

LIAM JESSE JAMES DEVENING, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit; you give your son new birth, cleanse him from sin and raise him to eternal life. Sustain Liam with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding. The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. The spirit of joy in Your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Liam, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ, forever. Amen.

Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your God in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

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READING Proverbs 11:24-28

- 24. Some give freely yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due and only suffer want.
 - ^{25.}A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

FIRST READING (continued)

²⁶The people curse those who hold back grain, but a blessing is on the head of those who sell it. ²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to the one who searches for it. ²⁸Those who trust in their riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



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Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ!



HYMN OF THE DAY Savior of the Nations, Come ELW 263

VS 1

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heav'n and earth: God has chosen such a birth

HYMN OF THE DAY(continued)

VS 2

Not by human flesh and blood, But the mystic breath of God, was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of woman, blossom fresh.

HYMN OF THE DAY(continued)

Vs3

Wondrous birthOh, wondrous child
from His throne, a virgin mild!
Very God, and Mary's Son,
Eager now his race to run!

HYMN OF THE DAY(continued)

Vs 4

From God's heart the Savior speeds,
Back to God His pathway leads;
Out to vanquish death's command,
back to reign at God's right hand.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

GATHERING + WORD + MEAL + SENDING

The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.



OFFERING

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Continued)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.

BLESSING OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS



ON THIS DAY

We celebrate the Holy Supper with new Communicants

HOPE MARIELLA SOTELO LIAM JESSE JAMES DEVENING

AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHAT A JOY IT IS TO SHARE IN THIS GIFT.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation. Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

Long-expected God, we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. + You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

COMMUNION WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Silent Night
ELW 281

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.

COMMUNION HYMN (Continued)

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

COMMUNION HYMN (Continued)

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your Holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Geri Kleinpell

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE DECEMBER 24 @ 4:30PM

Bring your entire family and join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with worship and a candle lighting ceremony.

PRAYER BREAKFAST DECEMBER 27 8AM

All are welcome to join us at Marie Callender's

City of Industry for a time of prayer and fellowship.

GATHERING + WORD + MEAL + SENDING

SENDING HYMN

People Look East
Vs 1,3,4

People look east.

The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,

trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east, and sing today

Love, the Guest is on the way.

SENDING HYMN (Continued)

V3

Stars, keep the watch.

When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east, and sing today
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

SENDING HYMN (Continued)

V4

Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.

Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, The Lord is coming.

People, look east, and sing today Love, the Lord, is on the way.

GATHERING + WORD + MEAL + SENDING

BLESSING

May God who comes among us,
Father, → Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World ELW 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

SENDING HYMN(Continued)

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

SENDING HYMN(Continued)

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the cure is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

SENDING HYMN(Continued)

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

DISMISSAL AND VISION

Go in peace. Keep awake
Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP TODAY.

IF YOU ARE NEW HERE, FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD.

SEE YOU ON THE PATIO FOR FELLOWSHIP AND TREATS