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Midweek Advent 3



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP 3
December 16, 2020

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

A Quiet Time

GREETING

[The Congregation may remain seated until the Gospel]

OPENING HYMN “Now The Day is Over” *Congregation*

Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh,
Shadows of the evening steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary Calm and sweet repose;
With Thy tend’rest blessing may mine eyelids close.

Through the long night watches May Thine angels spread
Their white wings above me, watching round my bed.

When the morning wakens, Then may I arise
Pure, and fresh, and sinless, in Thy holy eyes. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

People: **Let the whole Earth tremble before Him.**

Pastor: I will bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; my heart teaches
me, night after night.

People: **I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my
right hand, I shall not fall.**

Pastor: Jesus said, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will
not walk in darkness,

People: **But will have the light of life.**

Pastor: Our King and Savior now draws near;

People: **Come Let us adore Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we are often stuck in the past; Nursing old wounds, rehearsing sins of long ago;

People: Refusing to love and let go;

Pastor: We hold grudges, keep score and hold on to hurts.

People: Even when people are crushed by the weight in this world.

Pastor: Engulfed in our own needs;

People: We are blind to the needs of others and deaf to their cries for help.

Pastor: O God, we need your Holy Spirit;

People: To break our stubborn hearts.

Pastor: Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean;

People: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Pastor: Heal ancient wounds;

People: And fill us with Christ's love.

Pastor: Hear the Gospel that gives you new life: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. "May God strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

HYMN “Day is Dying in The West”

verses by choir, REFRAIN BY CONGREGATION

Day is dying in the west; heaven is touching earth with rest; Wait and worship while the night sets the evening lamps alight through all the sky.

CONGREGATION REFRAIN

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of thee!
Heaven and earth are praise thee, O LORD most high!*

Lord of life, beneath the dome of the universe, thy home, Gather us who seek Thy face to the fold of Thy embrace, for Thou art night.

CONGREGATION REFRAIN

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of thee!
Heaven and earth are praise thee, o lord most high!*

While the deepening shadows fall, heart of love enfolding all, Through the glory and the grace of the stars that veil Thy face, our hearts ascend.

CONGREGATION REFRAIN

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of thee!
Heaven and earth are praise thee, o lord most high!*

When forever from our sight pass the stars, the day, the night, Lord of angels, on our eyes let eternal morning rise and shadows end.

CONGREGATION REFRAIN

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of thee!
Heaven and earth are praise thee, o Lord most high!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: **Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

PSALM 134

Pastor: Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

People: you that stand by night in the house of the lord.

Pastor: Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;

People: The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Pastor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

[Please Stand]

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:15-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fulness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[Please be seated]

MUSICAL COMPANIONS FOR THE SEASON:

Rocket and Friends

HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (LSB 344)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" (LSB 343)

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain*

His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

HYMN "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (LSB358) Vs. 1, 8-13

**"From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:**

**Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That You might share Your joy with me.**

**Ah, Lord, though You created all,
How weak You are, so poor and small,
That You should choose to lay Your head
Where lowly cattle lately fed!**

**Were earth a thousand times as fair
And set with gold and jewels rare,
It would be far too poor and small
A cradle for the Lord of all.**

**Instead of soft and silken stuff
You have but hay and straw so rough
On which as King, so rich and great,
To be enthroned in royal state.**

**And so it pleases You to see
This simple truth revealed to me:
That worldly honor, wealth, and might
Are weak and worthless in Your sight.**

**Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.**

HYMN "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" (LSB 356)

Choir will sing first verse, congregation for other verses

CHOIR:

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

CONGREGATION:

"For know, a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee; Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

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.

PRAYERS

Pastor: Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life; Until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, And the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done: Then, in Your mercy, Grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; And all for Your love's sake.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We pray together: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of Your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all members of Your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve You; Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with us all evermore.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

[Please Stand]

CLOSING HYMN “God, That Madest Earth and Heaven”

God, that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light,
Who the day for toil has given, for rest the night:
May Thine angel guards defend us, slumber sweet Thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us, this livelong night.

When the constant sun returning unseals our eyes,
May we, born anew like morning, to labor rise.
Gird us for the task that calls us, let not ease and self enthrall us,
Strong through Thee whate'er befall us, O God most Wise! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to all the Choir and Instrumentalists today.

*{Sue Bailey, Kathy Edenhofer, Joan Egeland, Jill Esposito,
Rachel Kelm, and Arlene Stackhouse}*



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
4:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
8:00 & 10:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
4:00 PM & 1 1:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in both worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastors would like to be of service to you in any way they can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Dan or Pastor Blair directly if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.