

"Jesus, Our Joy"
Advent 2 – Midweek Service
December 12, 2012

Hymn Sing

10:00 Anthem "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Grades 1-3

(Rise)

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Responsive Psalmody of Joy Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God.

Men: It is He who made us, and we are His;

Women: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

People: give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Pastor: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

People: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

Pastor: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

People: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Pastor: For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us great and precious promises in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare once again to celebrate His birth in Bethlehem, grant us to trust in Him, worship Him in spirit and truth, and fill our hearts with hope, joy, and the expectation of His return in glory; through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Prophetic Reading: Isaiah 35:5-10

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

6:00 Anthem "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Grades 1-3

(Please rise)

Reading of the Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Christ Jesus.

Sermon Hymn #387 "Joy to the World"

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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

Sermon

"Leap for Joy!"

Luke 1:39-45

Advent Offerings As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

Responsive Prayer

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Pastor: Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

People: have mercy and hear us.

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.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

10:00

Pastor: I cry to you, O Lord;

People: in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: My mouth is filled with your praise,

People: and with your glory all the day.

Pastor: Every day I will bless you

People: and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,

People: O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Pastor: He redeemed your life from the pit

People: and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: let my cry come to you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn #632

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

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My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

6:00

Pastor: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

People: and grant us your salvation.

Pastor: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

People: and let your saints shout for joy.

Pastor: Lord, keep this nation under your care,

People: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you!

Pastor: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

People: and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: let my cry come to you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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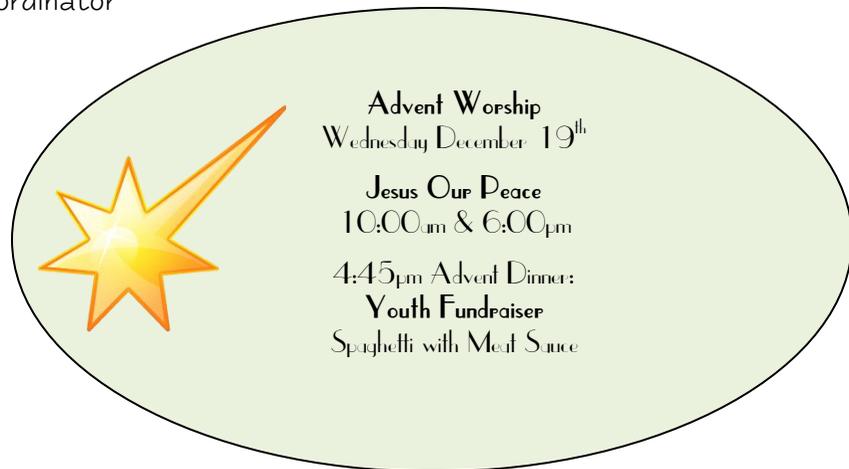
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