



ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP no. 1

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones.

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.

Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Tonight we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.

From generation to generation,
God has brought good news of love and compassion,
justice and community.

Let us rest and abide
in that good news. Amen.

A moment of silence.

POEM

A reading from a poem by Reverend Sarah Speed.

Room

I asked God—
what about my
fingernail-biting habit
or the way I leave all the cabinets
open in the kitchen?
What about the way I can be dramatic,
drumming up a fight, only to
hand out apologies like souvenirs?
What about the way I second-guess myself,
let shame drive, or stay quiet when I
have something to say?
What about the way I chase accomplishments
like a dog with a bone?
What about the doubt, or the fact
that I'm terrible at prayer and
cannot help but yawn during church?
What about
What about
What about?
My baggage might be too big for the van.

But then
God called me by my first and middle name,
which always means business,
and said:
Who told you that you were too much?
Sugar, there is so much room for you here.
So that's when I grabbed a seat
and we hit the road
and I knew right then
that the rumors were true.
There is room.
There is room.
There is room.


GATHERING HYMN

Assisting Minister




O ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.

All




We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister




From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

All



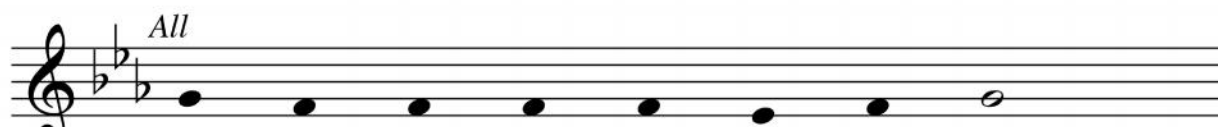
We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister




You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

All



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister *All*



And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We



bless your ho - ly name, O God.

All



1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each
(2. You) walk with us a - long the way, your
(3. Re-) freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing
Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at
wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your
close of day, our un - known guest, our host and
fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at



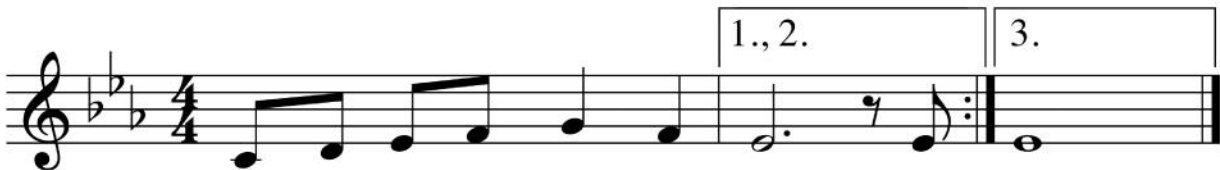
praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you
feast. Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the
home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and
faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that
sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O



bind - ing us to your dear Son, re -
hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by
mer - ci - ful, im - mor - tal One, O



newed our life, de - stroyed our death. 2. You
grace your pres - ence we re - ceive. 3. Re -
bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In God's house, everyone is welcome—
those who seem like they have it all together,
and those who feel like their world is falling apart.

No matter who we are, there's room for us here.

With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer,
speaking the truth of our lives.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray.

God of today and tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams.
There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers.
There's room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,
there's room for every story. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,
we who feel scattered are held together.

We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.

And we who are lonely
are brought into the fold and are told,
“There’s room for you here.”

From generation to generation ,
this is the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are held,
forgiven, found, and welcomed.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

Stand.

ACCLAMATION OF THE READINGS • "OPEN MY HEART"

All Creation Sings 1079

Chimes play melody one time through.

Congregation sings Part I three times.

Anyone is welcome to sing Part II or Part III instead if they are comfortable with doing such.

Part I
O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part II
O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part III
O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

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READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO PRAYER STATIONS

HYMN OF THE EVENING • "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Together, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in a God
who promised to Abraham,
who wrestled with Jacob,
who walked with Ruth,
who spoke with Moses,
who grieved with Bathsheba,
who danced with David,
who dreamed with Joseph,
and who hoped like Mary.**

**We believe in a God who has been
living, inviting, transforming, and challenging us
from generation to generation.**

**And we believe that same God
is here with us now,
saying, “Come on in; there’s room for you here.”**

Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS • "WATCH, O LORD"

All Creation Sings 996

Congregation sings refrain.

Leader sings verses with congregational response.

Refrain – All



Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,



watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; give your



an - gels and saints charge o - ver all who sleep.

Leader

All



1 Tend your	ail - ing	ones:	
2 Soothe your	suf - f'ring	ones:	in your love, Lord.
3 Hold your	griev - ing	ones:	
4 Guard your	lit - tle	ones:	

Leader

All



Rest your	wea - ry	ones:	
Heal af -	flict - ed	ones:	in your love, Lord.
Raise your	fall - en	ones:	
Guide your	search - ing	ones:	

Leader

All

Refrain



Bless your	dy - ing	ones:	
Shield your	joy - ous	ones:	in your love, O Lord of all.
Mend your	bro - ken	ones:	
Grant us	all your peace:		

At the conclusion of singing, there is an opportunity for spoken prayers.

Creator of the stars of night,
we give you thanks for this gift of life.

Increase our faith and open our eyes
that we might recognize Jesus
in all whom you call us to love and serve.

Abide with us as darkness deepens
and be our hope and highest joy,
until at last, with all your saints,
we dwell in your unfailing Light.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

All

Now Lord, you let your
ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled. My
own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a
light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

BLESSING

Holy God, Blessed Trinity,
strengthen your faith,
increase your hope,
deepen your love,
+ and give you peace
this night and always.

Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace. Rest in God. Rise to serve.

Thanks be to God.

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