



*Welcome*  
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## Order of Worship

*December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9AM Service*

### Welcome

#### Call To Worship

- P** Prepare ye the way of the LORD,  
**C** **Hallelujah!**  
**P** Make His paths straight,  
**C** **O come, let us worship Him**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** **And to the Holy Spirit.**  
**P** As it was in the beginning,  
**C** **Is now and will be forever. Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn – 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain
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#### Confession and Absolution

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*(Please be seated)*

**Narrator: The nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Gospel writings of St. Luke and St. Matthew.**

**Now the birth of Jesus took place in this way: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to their own towns to be registered.**

## 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

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**Narrator: Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

### 364 *Away in a Manger*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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**Narrator: And in that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.**

**And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.**

**And the angel said to them,**

**Gabriel: Do not be afraid; for I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people! To you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord!**

**And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

### 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*



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**Narrator:** When the angels had left them, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

### 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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**Narrator:** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### Joy to the World (Instrumental)

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

### Sermon Song : 342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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| 1 What hope! An Eden prophesied<br>Where tame live with the wild;<br>The lamb and lion side by side,<br>Led by a little child!     | 2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,<br>A branch from David's line,<br>A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:<br>The fruit of God's design. |
| 3 As banner of God's love unfurled,<br>Christ came to suffer loss,<br>That by His death a dying world<br>Would rally to the cross. | 4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,<br>Lost Paradise restore;<br>Lead past the angel's flaming sword—<br>Come, open heaven's door.        |

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

**Peace of the Lord** *(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)*

## **Prayers of the Church**

**After each petition respond:**

**P** Lord in your mercy    **C**    **Hear our prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** **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.**

## **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **The Word of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of

you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A** Amen.

## **Lamb of God by Marty Haugen**

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world:  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Communion Distribution** *(Please be seated)*

### **In The Beginning**

1. In the beginning was the Word  
And the Word was God  
And the Word was with God  
In the beginning was the Word  
And the Word was God  
And the Word was with God

And everything that has been made  
Has been made through Him  
Nothing made without Him  
And everything that has been made  
Has been made through Him  
Nothing made without Him

### **Pre-Chorus**

In Him was life  
That life was light for everyone  
The darkness tries  
But the light will not be overcome

### **Chorus**

The light that shines for everyone  
Has come into the world  
The light of Christ the only Son  
Has come into the world  
Has come into the world

2. He made his dwelling in the world  
As the Word made flesh  
And we've seen his glory.  
He made his dwelling in the world  
As the Word made flesh  
And we've seen his glory

And in the sending of the Son  
Grace and truth have come  
Through the one and only  
And in the sending of the Son  
Grace and truth have come  
Through the one and only

### **Pre-Chorus**

### **Chorus 2X**

## 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.
- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.
- 4 O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory,  
Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.

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## Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the  
rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees.  
Let us drink the cup together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the  
rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.  
With my face to the rising sun,  
Oh-h, Lord, have mercy on me.

*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

## Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the

same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**P** Go in peace!

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Serve the Lord**

**C Thanks be to God**

## **Closing Song: Our God**

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

**Chorus:** Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power: our God, our God

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You **Chorus 2X**

**Bridge:** And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
What could stand against

**Chorus 2X**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Announcements**

**Welcome!**

**We are happy you are worshiping our Lord at St. Peter's.**

**As a Guest,**

**You are welcome to worship here as long as you would like, and to continue receiving the Lord's Supper.**

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**If you are considering joining St Peters; there are three ways.**

**Transfer**

**If you're a member of an LCMS church; you can transfer your membership to St Peters.**

**Profession of Faith**

**Is a statement that you agree with the Faith as proclaimed at St. Peters:.**

- **The Apostles Creed,**
- **The 10 Commandments - Law & Gospel**
- **Baptism - Doth now save us (1 Peter 3:21),**
- **The Lord Supper is Jesus' true body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins.**

**A Conversation about the Basics of the Christian Faith and Doctrine  
Usually, 6 to 8 sessions**

**And fill out an information sheet for the office.**