



Call to Worship

Prelude

Liturgical Response

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

Response: from Him comes my salvation! Psalm 62:1

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy “One Light”

*One light shining for me
Lighting the darkness
Helping me see.*

*One light leading the way
Out of the shadows
into the day.*

*One light breaking the dawn,
Born of a promise
Leading us on.*

*All we need is one light
All we need is one light
All we need is one light, just one light.*

One light leading the way out of the shadows into the day

*All we need is one light
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All we need is one light, just one light.*

Presenting the Word

Leader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John 1:1

Response: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth! John 1:14

✠ Song “He Came Down”

*He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah, forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have light;
He came down that we may have light;
He came down that we may have light;
Hallelujah, forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
Hallelujah, forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah, forevermore!*

✠ Song “As the Deer”

*As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship you.*

*I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy,
You alone are the real joygiver,
And the apple of my eye.*

You alone are my strength, my shield;

To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

Leader: This is our hope,

Response: To know Christ and make Him known.

Greeting:

You are somebody,
somebody on the Lord's side.
You are somebody,
somebody on the Lord's side.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

- Welcome Visitors.
- Prayer Request

Confession:

Leader: God is Good!

Response: All the time!

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Response: God is good to me!

✠ **Song #2 (BH)**

Long-Expected Jesus

Come thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us:
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit

"Come, Thou

Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Confession of Sin

Invitation to Silent Confession: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. Let us go before the Lord and silently confess our sin!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Leader: Believe the good news; we are God's healed and forgiven people!

✠ **Response to Pardon**

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low
Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise God in Jesus fully known.
Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayers of the People

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever!
Amen!

Consecration of Gifts:

The Bread and the Cup

Offering

Worship Asst: For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him!

Even more than this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!"

✠ Song

"Thank You Lord"

I come before You today
And there's just one thing that I want to say
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

For all You've given to me
For all the blessings I cannot see
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

With a grateful heart
With a song of praise
With an outstretched arm
I will bless Your name

Thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness and gave me Your light
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

You took my sin and my shame
You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

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Thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

Oh, thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Oh, thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

Prayer of Dedication

Story Time

"A Reading of: Joy Comes to a Stressed Out House"

Matthew 2:1-12

Choir

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46b-55

Hear the Word of the Lord!

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus
2 it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Joy"

✠ Song

"Christ, Be Our Light"

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

The Lord's Supper

Liturgical Response

Leader: *Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

Response: *O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!*

✠ Benediction

✠ Song #142 (LYH)

"Soon and Very Soon"

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

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Postlude