

December 15, 2019, the Third Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn "O Come to the Altar" *Praise Team*

- 1 Are you hurting and broken within,
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

Chorus O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

- 2 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
from the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling. **Chorus**

Bridge Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful; sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all; Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. **Chorus**

- 3 Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
tell the world of the treasure you've found. Jesus is calling. **Chorus**

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution *LSB 184*

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 186-187*

Gloria Patri

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory be to God on High,

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Message Hymn "Away in a Manger" *LSB 364*

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Message Children's Christmas Program

Handbell Choir "Joy to the World"

Affirmation of Faith 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.

We Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory "Create in Me" *LSB 192*

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

We Go to God in Prayer

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven...Amen.

The Words of Institution

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

C: And also with you.

P: The gifts of God for you, God's people.

C: Amen.

We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal Psalm 145:14-16

P: At Your gracious invitation we come. Lord Jesus, bless us and these Your gifts!

C: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. For You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

**C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
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have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *LSB 359*

- 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.

Song "Love Has Come!" *CH 256*

- 1 Love has come - a light in the darkness! Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
- 2 Love is born! Come share in the wonder; Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother; What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
- 3 Love has come - He never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us; Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas; Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

Song "Jesus Messiah" *Praise Team*

1 He became sin, who knew no sin; That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

2 His body the bread, His blood the wine Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus

Bridge All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world. **Chorus**

Ending Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Song "What a Beautiful Name" *Praise Team*

1 You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus 1 What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

2 You didn't want heaven without us, So Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater; What could separate us now?

Chorus 2 What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.
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Bridge 1 Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
for You are raised to life again.

Bridge 2 You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3 What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Ending What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.
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Song "Open the Eyes of My Heart" *Praise Team*

Chorus x2 Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Verse To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Repeat all

Bridge x2 Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

Prayer of Thanks, Having Received the Holy Supper

P: Almighty and everlasting God,

C: We thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

P: Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal.

C: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: Hear the good Words of our Lord...and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Song "Arise, Shine" *Praise Team*

1 Arise, shine! Your light has come. The people dwelling in darkness Have seen a great light.

2 The angel said, A baby will be born. And you will call His name Emanuel.

3 And He will save The world from its sin. Open up your heart and let the Christ child in.

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Announcements

Postlude "What a Glorious Night" *Praise Team*

- 1 The shepherds came to see the baby, Stood by His mother's side.
Here laid the Savior inside a manger.
Oh, what a glorious night! Oh, what a glorious night!

Chorus I hear the angels singin', "Hallelujah! Let the earth receive her King."
 I know that love has come; sing it out: Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!

- 2 The shepherds wondered; they couldn't hide it, They told ev'ryone in sight.
All were amazed when they heard how
God came down on the glorious night! God came down on this glorious night!

Chorus

Bridge Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night!
 Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night!

Chorus x2

- 3 All is calm now, all is quiet; A star shining in the sky.
Below, in Bethlehem, the King is sleeping.
Oh, what a glorious night! Oh, what a glorious night!

The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1