

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CRANFORD, NJ**

Advent Worship 2023

(Scriptures, Hymns, Prayers are included in the insert)

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Advent Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

↑ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

C Amen.

P Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

C we open our hearts to you, O God.

Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside.

To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.

Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all.

Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, ✙ Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

↑ OPENING HYMN

(insert)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(insert)*

WREATH LIGHTING

HYMN

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW #240

First Advent 12/03 ~ v.1

Second Advent 12/10 ~ v.1-2

Third Advent 12/17 ~ v.1-3

Fourth Advent 12/24 ~ v.1-4

(Advent candles are lit during the singing of the hymn)



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!



GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (*Refrain*)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (*Refrain*)

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - men.

WORD

↓ **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

(insert)

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW #251

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating a first ending. The music concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

GOSPEL READING

(insert)

SERMON

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

(insert)

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

(insert)

⇌ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

↓ OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It is divided into five systems, each with a staff of music and lyrics below it. The first system is for the Presider, and the second is for the Congregation. The third system is for the Presider, and the fourth is for the Congregation. The fifth system is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.'

Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with

Congregation: you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

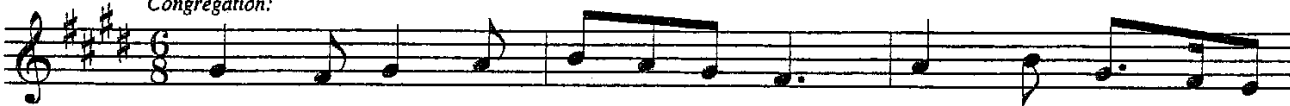
Congregation: right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE


P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS


Congregation:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the



One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

C Amen.

↓ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

In Christian fellowship you are welcome to the Lord's table. Come forward by the center aisle to receive the host and wine. (The pulpit side of the congregation communes first). If you prefer grape juice, the cups in the center of the tray are filled with juice. Wine is on the outside. Return to your pew using the side aisle after you have communed. Children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.



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AGNUS DEI

*“Hark, the Glad Sound!”
(selected verses)*

ELW#239

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



Prayers for the homebound

✝ Pray for our elderly members who are unable to attend worship and help us to minister to them faithfully (*especially*), Meta Brockmann, June Kaiser, Jean Kissack, Eddie Leicht, Rocky Metroka, Fred Miller, and Chuck Sherrick.

Prayers for the military

✝ Protect and comfort our servicemen and women as they stand in harm's way (*especially*), Steven Bobrowski, Ian Hay, Jeff Hill and Phillip Spatz. We pray for families in conflict throughout the world.

Christ
IS Coming!



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE
at Calvary Lutheran Church

December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Family Service with Holy Communion

9:00 pm Festival Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion

December 25 Christmas Day - One Service Only

10:00 am “Silent Day” A Celebration of Christmas Morn
with Holy Communion