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**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
IN HONOR OF JESUS' BIRTHDAY**



Lord Jesus, when you came into this world, You chose the small town of Bethlehem. I pray that today You would choose my heart to be Your manger. Amen.

Hymn 42 vv.1-3

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

The Invocation and Christmas Day Response

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

People: (spoken) Amen.

Pastor: Arise! Shine! For your Light has come!

People: Oh, come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!

People: Oh, come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising!

People: Oh, come, let us adore Him! Christ the Lord!

Hymn 64 v.1

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

Pastor: For to us a Child is born,

People: to us a Son is given.

Pastor: and the government will be on his shoulders

People: and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

People: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,

Pastor: establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness

People: from that time on and forever.

Pastor: The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Hymn 64 v.2

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us,

People: and make his face shine upon us.

Pastor: May all the peoples praise you, O God;

People: may all the peoples praise you.

Pastor: I will proclaim the decree of the Lord:

People: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Hymn 64 v.3

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

Pastor: The Lord has loved you with an everlasting love in Jesus your Savior from sin. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for your sins and for the sins of the whole world. Your sins are forgiven in Christ Jesus. Do you believe this?

People: Yes, I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, my Lord and Savior.

All: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sins with the words of the penitential psalm of David:

People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

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 to me the joy of your salvation; and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

(Psalm 51:1-5,7-12)

Pastor: Hear the words of our Lord: "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

(Isaiah 43:25; 44:22)

And the words of our Savior: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

(John 5:24)

The Christmas Day Prayer

All: Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-6

⁵"The days are coming," declares the LORD,

"when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely

and do what is just and right in the land.
⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.

Hymn 67 What Child Is This?

Scripture Lesson **Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2**

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.”

Hymn 65 vv.1-2 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Lesson **Galatians 4:4-5**

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Hymn 34 vv.1-3 Now Sing We Now Rejoice

Scripture Lesson **Luke 2:1-7**

2 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Song Mary Did You Know?

Scripture Lesson **Luke 2:8-12**

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Hymn 53 vv.1-3 To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

Scripture Lesson **Luke 2:13-15**

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
Good will toward men.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Hymn 63 Angels We Have Heard on High

Scripture Lesson **Luke 2:16-20**

¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Hymn 60 **Silent Night**

Sermon **John 1:1-18**

A Light Shining in the Darkness

*We Bring Our Gifts
to the Christ-Child*

Now it's our turn. Please come forward, pew by pew, starting at Pastor's right, and place your offering in the plates by the manger. Let's give our gifts as the Wise Men of old gave theirs. Desmond Wagner, son of Aaron and Melissa Wagner, is representing his Savior today.

Offering Hymn 55

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Responsive Prayer

Pastor: Gracious God, at this Christmastide we hail once again the coming of Jesus, our Lord.

People: "He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God ..." (John 1:11-12).

Pastor: We are thankful, Almighty One, to be numbered among your children. We pray that our church's festive appearance and our tribute of worship may please you.

People: "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:13).

Pastor: The world is rife with sin and with death, the wages of sin. We implore you, Prince of Peace, to bring your peace of forgiveness and reconciliation to all people on the earth.

People: "[Jesus] came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father" (Ephesians 2:17-18).

Pastor: But how can we make peace in the midst of war, Lord, when the enemy is committed to destroying us?

People: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

Pastor: O God, we need courage to question our own wisdom and understanding, to explore Your Word, to live by faith, and to speak truth to the powers of this world.

People: "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world to testify to the truth" (John 18:37).

Pastor: But can we expect people to listen to the truth?

People: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37b). "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (1 Timothy 1:15).

Pastor: So let the celebration begin. The Lord is at hand!

People: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Isaiah 61:1-2, quoted in Luke 4:18-19).

Pastor: O Lord, help us to have no anxiety about anything, but remember with deep thanksgiving your gracious words:

People: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Pastor: "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."

People: "Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King. Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring!" Amen.

Hymn 62 vv.1-3

Joy to the World

**SHINING THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL IN OUR
COMMUNITY.**

John 8:12 - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Matthew 5:16 - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*



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