

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA



Church@Home
Sunday 11 December 2022
Advent 3, Year A
10.30am Service Order

SONG: O COME TO THE ALTAR

https://youtu.be/OpfuKKH_SCE

**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***

**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**

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**

**Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found**

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WELCOME & WE GREET EACH OTHER

IN THE NAME...

SONG: WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

<https://youtu.be/nQWFzMvCfLE?t=4>

**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**

***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***

**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**

***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
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus***

**Death could not hold You,
the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast,
of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring,
the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again**

**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**

***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***

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*Songwriters: Brooke Ligertwood / Ben Fielding
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WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in our outward actions and also in our secret thoughts and desires.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have served ourselves and sought to further our own interests instead of serving others.

We are truly sorry for our sins.

Heavenly Father, forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

Help us in our weakness, strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life, and fill us with your generosity toward others.

Amen.

We are guilty of having done many things wrong in God's sight. But the good news is that Jesus invites us with His words – "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest". We are able to freely lay all of our sins before Jesus on the cross. He has stepped in to take our punishment.

Therefore by His authority and command, I assure you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SHORT PRAISE SONG: HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

<https://youtu.be/czB6vmIvyaU?t=205>

**I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart;
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

*Words & Music: Stuart Townend
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The third candle - symbol of joy

Christians know that Jesus came. We know that he died for us; that he lives; and that because he lives, we will live, too. Knowing this gives us joy that is with us through any pain.

This joy is our third gift for Christmas.

THEME OF THE DAY: Luke 2:10 – 11
"God's Christmas gift, given that we may have joy"
God's Christmas gift (3)

BIBLE READING

[Luke 2:8 – 20](#)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "I've got joy like a fountain..."

* I wonder, "What makes you happy?"

"What makes you smile?"

A good joke, perhaps. Do you know any good ones, any "knock knock jokes maybe?"

Tell a Christmas "knock knock" joke like:

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Tank.

Tank who?

Tank you for my Christmas present!

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Rabbit.

Rabbit who?

Rabbit up carefully please.

This present is fragile.

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Wayne.

Wayne who?

Wayne in a manger...

* Do you know what made the shepherds out in the field smile? Hearing from the angel that our promised Saviour, "Jesus", had been born for us, and then going to see him lying in a manger.

Let's hear what happened when an angel appeared to some shepherds who were out in the fields taking care of their sheep. The story is found in The Beginner's Bible, and it's called "Shepherds visit". It is found at: <https://youtu.be/vs4SQP9QSXE>

- * Do you think that the shepherds were happy to see God's promised Saviour, *his Rescuer*, lying in a manger?
You bet, they were!!
- * What sort of things do you think that they were shouting out to anyone one who would listen *when they went home*?
Hallelujah! Praise God! Yippee! God's Son has been born for us!!
- * What do you think brings a bigger smile to our face? The birth of Jesus, or a "knock knock joke"?
No comparison!! The birth of Jesus, our Saviour and our Friend gives us a joy that no one or nothing can take away.
- * Let's sing about the joy that we have because Jesus has been born for us at Christmas. This song is called: "I've got peace *like a river*". *Have a listen and hear what our "joy" is like.*

CHILDREN'S SONG

I've got peace like a river

<https://youtu.be/d6085sLXCMs>

Lyrics:

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

In my soul

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

In my soul

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

In my soul

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

In my soul

I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
In my soul
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
In my soul

I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
In my soul
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
In my soul

CREEDAL STATEMENT

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

**and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

SONG: AMAZING GRACE MY CHAINS ARE GONE

<https://youtu.be/KKo3T0j9qqo> (cc)

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

***My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace***

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

Chorus

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Luke 2:10 – 11

“God’s Christmas gift, given that we may have joy”

God’s Christmas gift (3)

Click [HERE](#) to view the message on YouTube

SONG: HALLELUJAH (CHRISTMAS) – THE SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN

<https://youtu.be/nj09TbirY6s>

He is here

The Saviour has been born

The one we’ve waited for

Surrounded by our praises

He is here

The promise of the king

To you our lives we bring

Let your glory be revealed.

Joy to the world

Peace to all who love him

The Saviour has been born and all of heaven smiles

Glory to God

We bring an offering to you

Join with all the angels singing Hallelujah.

(Repeat all)

Hallelujah, Allelu

Hallelujah, Allelu

Hallelujah, Allelu

Hallelujah, Allelu.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Call to prayer

Jesus told his disciples: 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see. The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised.' Let us pray to our loving heavenly Father.

The regular response, OR:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, may your kingdom come.

Suggested intercessions

- * for Sunday school teachers, preparing children to lead us in worship at Christmas
- * for schools, preparing for the last week of the year
- * for those who are caught up in material preparations for Christmas
- * for those who are blind, lame, deaf, or suffering from any other disability
- * for those who help people with disabilities

Concluding prayer

Into your hands, Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Amen.

FAREWELL – BENEDICTION

SONG: TAC44 JOY TO THE WORLD

<https://youtu.be/TX6ThHbts5Y>

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
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