

# **Glynde Lutheran Church**

**a multi-cultural community of faith**



## **Church@Home**

**Sunday 11 December 2022**

**Advent 3, Year A**

# **9am Modern Matins**

## **SONG: LH501 GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT**

<https://youtu.be/ZmZ43Z2I6QA>

- 1 God himself is present;  
let us now adore him  
and with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple,  
let us all keep silence,  
worshipping with deepest reverence.  
We will name  
him alone  
as our God and Saviour;  
praise his name forever.**
  
- 2 God himself is present;  
hear the music sounding,  
see the hosts the throne surrounding.  
'Holy, holy, holy',  
hear the hymn ascending,  
saints' and angels' voices blending.  
Lord, come near  
to us here,  
hear the prayers and praises  
that your church now raises.**
  
- 3 God, from heavenly glory,  
visiting the lowly,  
live with us and make us holy.  
Like the holy angels  
worshipping before you,  
may we ceaselessly adore you.  
As we live,  
always give  
hearts that want to please you  
as we daily serve you.**

*Gott ist gegenwärtig*  
*Gerhard Tersteegen (1697–1769)*  
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**WELCOME  
WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**IN THE NAME**

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**INSPIRE MY LIPS**

O Lord, open my lips.

**1 Inspire my lips, O Lord,  
and I'll sing praise to you.  
O come and save me, God;  
come quickly to my help.**

**2 All praise to God the Father,  
to Jesus Christ the Son,  
to God the Holy Spirit,  
forevermore. Amen.**

**O COME LETS SING**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

**For he has made us all.**

**1 O come, let's sing aloud to God,  
and shout for joy to the Rock who saves.  
Let's come before him, giving thanks.  
With joyful songs let us hail the Lord.**

**2 The Lord is great, the King of all.  
The depths of earth, the heights of hills,  
the sea he made, and all the land:  
they all are his, all made by him.**

**3 O come, bow down and worship God,  
and kneel before the Lord most high.  
For he's our God, and we are his;  
Yes, we're the flock that's led by him.**

**4 All praise to God the Father now,  
all praise to Jesus Christ the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit praise,  
both now and evermore. Amen.**

## 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 – 1  
“God’s Christmas gift, given that we may have joy” *God’s Christmas gift (3)*

## BIBLE READINGS

- 1) [Isaiah 35:1-10](#)
- 2) [James 5:7-10](#)

*After each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL READING** [Luke 2:8 – 20](#)

*After the gospel reading:*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**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

### **PRAYER (all)**

**Almighty and merciful God,  
each year you make us glad  
as we look forward to the birthday of your Son.  
May we who joyfully receive him  
as our redeemer  
confidently face him  
when he comes to be our judge.  
For he lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **SONG: LH632 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

<https://youtu.be/tRIZ22dn-XY>

**Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed.  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child**

**He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.**

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1823-1895)*

*Music: H J Gauntlett 1805-1876 (1849)*

## **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: LH741 INFANT HOLY**

<https://youtu.be/CqF5tq1L10E>

**Infant holy, infant lowly  
For his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all;  
Swift are winging, angels singing,  
Nowells ringing, tidings bringing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
Tidings of a gospel true;  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing, greet the morrow,  
Christ the babe was born for you.**



## **OFFERING**

Let us pray

**Our loving heavenly Father,  
we thank you for all the good things you have given us.  
Teach us to serve you with patience  
and with compassion to one another and all people.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, your name be kept holy,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
And give us this day our bread for today.  
Forgive our sins as we forgive all those who sin against us.  
And help us when tempted, and save us from evil.  
For kingdom, power, and praise are yours forever. Amen.**

## **CREED**

**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**

## **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **SONG: AT168 HEAR OUR PRAYER**

<https://youtu.be/cwT6LtCBgy4>

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,  
Hear our prayer, O Lord!  
Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,  
Hear our prayer, O Lord!*

**Lord God, our heavenly Father,  
We call on You this day  
To strengthen all Your people,  
To guide us in Your way**

**Remind us of life's purpose,  
The truth of Christ, Your Son,  
That we should show all people  
That You love ev'ry one.**

**Remind us of Your Spirit,  
Close with us every hour,  
That we might be true Christians,  
Strong in Your love and power.**

**Before us keep the vision  
Of Christ, the Servant-King,  
Who is the Church's model,  
Our hope in everything.**

*Words & Music: Rev R L Blank*

## **PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### *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.**

## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

**Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and eternal God,  
you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.**

**Protect us today with your mighty power;**

**let us fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger.**

**But guide us in all things,**

**so that we may always do what is right.**

**We ask this through your Son,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace...

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

The grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God the Father,  
the Holy Spirit's fellowship,  
be with us all. Amen.

## **SONG: TIS152 JOYFUL JOYFUL**

<https://youtu.be/YvUViiBIPBk>

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain,  
call to praise you joyfully.**
- 3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest.  
You our Father, Christ our brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to your joy above.**

*Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852 – 1933) alt.*

*Music: Adapted from Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)*

*Arr. Lawrence Francis Bartlett (1933 – )*

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