

Glynde Lutheran Church

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-SHORT SERVICE DUE TO PRACTICE TO CHRISTMAS EVE-

Sunday 18 December 2022

Advent 3, Year A

10.30am Service Order

SONG: TAC60 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

<https://youtu.be/Nu48M8kHMkk>

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful & triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him. Christ the Lord!*

God of God,
Light of light,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God.
Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee to be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

*Words: Latin hymn pre 18th cent
Tr Frederick Oadeley 1802-1880 (1852)
Music: Asc J F Wade*

WELCOME & WE GREET EACH OTHER IN THE NAME...

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE

The fourth candle – symbol of hope

This candle reminds us of God's Christmas gift of hope. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us, we have a certain hope for the future. We know that we are God's forgiven children as we trust in Jesus as our Saviour, and we know that God will raise us from the dead one day, just as Jesus was raised from the dead. Then Jesus will take us home to be with him forever.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Galatians 4:4 – 7

“God’s Christmas gift: given so that you may have hope” *God’s Christmas gift (4)*

BIBLE READING[Galatians 4:4 – 7](#)**CHILDRENS MESSAGE** “Let the Christmas tree remind you ...”

- * Who has put up a Christmas tree at home? Who put the decorations of the tree? Did you help?

- * What decorations are on your tree, or on the Christmas tree in church?
A star, fairy lights, angels, candy can, the baby Jesus under the tree

- * How do these decorations remind you of what Christmas is all about?
 - The angel reminds us of the angel that appeared to Mary to tell her that she would give birth to baby Jesus, and the angel that appeared to the shepherds out in the field
 - The star and the fairy lights remind us of the star that the Wise Men saw in the night sky
 - The candy cane tells the message of how the baby Jesus went to the cross to suffer and to die for our sins: red for his blood, and white for our forgiveness (*See Colin’s song*).
 - The presents under the tree remind us of God’s great gift to us of the baby Jesus
 - The brightly coloured balls remind us of the joy of Christmas
 - The baby Jesus in the manger *under the tree in the church* reminds us what Christmas is all about: the birth of God’s Son for us

- * Colin has a song about how the Christmas tree reminds us of important things about Christmas, and trusting in Jesus. The song is called: “The King of Christmas”

CHILDRENS SONG

The King of Christmas

<https://youtu.be/VHUXTDv5L88?t=21>

Lyrics:

**Let the Christmas tree remind you of
The one who trusts the Lord
Who walks the path of godliness
And loves to hear God's word
Pray that as you grow up, that's just how you will be
Standing tall for Jesus like a Christmas tree**

[Chorus]

***Let your love show ho ho!
Let your faith grow ho ho!
That everyone will know...
Christ the King of Christmas!***

**Well, let the fairy lights remind you
Of that bright and shining star
Spotted by the wise men who travelled from afar
They gave Jesus all their treasures
And they worshipped him that night
Let your worship of King Jesus shine like fairy lights**

[Chorus]

**Well, let the candy cane remind you
Of God's amazing grace
Red, the blood of Jesus
As he suffered in our place
White, the full forgiveness
Won as Jesus rose again
You can tell your friends the gospel with a candy cane**

[Chorus]

**Well, let all the gifts at Christmas time
Fill your heart with praise (Oooo!)
To God for all his goodness
Shown in oh so many ways
That every day, in every way,
You'll be completely His
Give your life to Jesus as a Christmas gift**

[Chorus]

SONG: SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

<https://youtu.be/gzUwYi5hgJ8>

**In the stillness of the night
I gaze upon your face
I am amazed
At the wonder I behold
For in your eyes
I see the glory of a king
Your cloak of majesty
Just simple swaddling clothes**

And I hear angels sing

**They cry Holy,
to king of glory
Holy,
to the righteous one
Holy
for You alone are worthy
Jesus,
Saviour of the world**

**Your innocence and helplessness astound me
I'm overwhelmed at this precious gift I hold
For I know that as I hold you here in my arms
I know that one day
you will hold the world in yours**

**And I hear angels sing.
They cry Holy,
to king of glory
Holy,
to the righteous one
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for You alone are worthy
Jesus,
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MESSAGE

Galatians 4:4 – 7

“God’s Christmas gift: given so that you may have hope”

God’s Christmas gift (4)

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

PRAYERS OF THE WORLD

Call to prayer

Let us come before our Father in heaven, who fulfils the promises that he makes.

The regular response, OR:

Lord, you are all our hope.

Come, and wait no longer.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the church, waiting for the coming of Christ
- * for families, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters
- * for travellers (in view of the coming holiday period)
- * for those who are caught up in material preparations for Christmas

Concluding prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for sending your promised Son, Jesus Christ. Help us, as his brothers and sisters, to imitate him, so that when he comes again we may be ready to greet him with joy; through 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: O HOLY NIGHT

<https://youtu.be/P8LuKI7cSkU>

O holy night!

**The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared,
and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.**

***Fall on your knees,
O hear the angel voices!
O night divine,
O night
when Christ was born!
O night divine,
O night
when Christ was born.***

**Truly he taught us
to love one another;
His law is love,
and his Gospel is peace.
Chains he shall break,
for the slave
is our brother,
and in his name all oppression shall cease.**

**Sweet hymns of joy
in grateful chorus raise we
With all our hearts,
we praise His holy name**

**Christ is the Lord,
and we shall ever praise Thee.
His pow'r and glory
ever more proclaim.
O night divine,
O night when Christ was born.**

**Fall on your knees,
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*Words: John S Dwight 1813-1893
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