

# Glynde Lutheran Church



**Sunday 26 December 2021, 9am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas, Year C**

**Organ: Christy John**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

### **LH 34 “O come all ye faithful”**

<https://youtu.be/b-xFsNx-HO4>

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

***Ö come, let us adore Him,  
Ö 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:**

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

## **OPENING & CHRISTMAS GREETING:**

We begin our time of worship this morning in God's name:  
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Welcome to our time of worship, especially those of you who are visitors here with us this morning. Please turn to one another, greet one another, and rejoice with one another over the birth of God's Son for us.

## **HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WE CONFESS, HE FORGIVES:**

I invite you now to join with me in confessing your sins to God our Father. Let's confess our sins and ask him to forgive us for Jesus' sake, who on the cross took the punishment that we deserve for our sins.

**Lord God, our heavenly Father, we confess to you that we are sinful. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve your eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we might be your people in this world.**

On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce the mercy and the forgiveness of God to all of you who repent and believe in Jesus as your Saviour. I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you!  
**Amen.**

### **SONG OF PRAISE: LHS 741 "Infant holy, infant lowly"**

<https://youtu.be/CqF5tqL10E>

**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.**

*W Zlobie Lezy Polish carol  
Tr. Edith Margaret Gellibrand Reed (1885-1933)*

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Colossians 3:12 – 17  
“Christmas changes everything”

**BIBLE READINGS** (*Reader: Christine Klitscher*)

1 Samuel 2:18 – 20, 26

Colossians 3:12 – 17

**WE LISTEN – GOSPEL READING**

The gospel reading is written in [Matthew 2:1 – 12](#)

*This is the gospel of the Lord*  
**Praise be to you, O Christ**

**CHILDREN’S ADDRESS:** “What gifts can we give Jesus?”  
<https://youtu.be/W69bOFZH3oc>

**CHILDREN’S SONG:** “The Magi” by Colin Buchanan  
<https://youtu.be/rhCTylwvUnw?t=21>

**THE CREED:**

I invite you now to join with me in confessing your Christian faith in the words of the Apostles’ 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**

**SONG: LH 164 “Love Divine”**

<https://youtu.be/jPsxqQsnzJA>

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown,  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: R H Prichard 1811-1887 (1855)*

## **YOUTUBE VIDEO**

“Love changes everything”

<https://youtu.be/Jr0FXt2j-SM>

## **MESSAGE:**

Colossians 3:12 – 17

“Christmas changes everything”

## **SONG: TAC 90 “What child is this”**

<https://youtu.be/wO8qluGa-tM>

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

***This, this, is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.***

**Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass were feeding?  
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading:**

***This, this, is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.***

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him:**

***This, this, is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.***

**OFFERING:**

*We give in gratitude to God for all that He has done for us, and for all that He continues to do for us.*

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

Let us give our thanks to God:

**Thank you, loving heavenly Father,  
for sending your Son to live among us.  
Teach us to trust in him,  
to forget about ourselves,  
and to follow his example of humility and service,  
doing everything in his name.  
Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Prayer Leader: Pastor Wayne*)

*Call to prayer*

The word of the prophets has been fulfilled: the Lord has come to his temple. Let us pray to God who is here with us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The regular response, OR:*

Lord, you have given us your salvation:  
**Hear the prayer of your servants.**

*Suggested intercessions*

- \* for those who teach the word of God
- \* for those who serve in the church in any capacity, however small
- \* for the children of the church, that they may grow in God's wisdom
- \* for parents, that they may have love and wisdom in caring for their children
- \* for those whose marriage is in difficulty
- \* for those who are hurting because of family problems
- \* for the families in our parish, that they may learn to pray together
- \* for musicians and songwriters who enable us to sing in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs

### *Concluding prayer*

God our Father, we give you thanks for all you have done for us. Hear our prayers, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S SUPPER:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body, which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me".

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me".

Let's pray together the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

### **SONG: "O Christ, Lamb of God"**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us,**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world,**

**grant us your peace.**

*Martin Luther 1528*

## DISTRIBUTION:

### **SONG: LH 119 “Come down, O Love divine”**

*(YouTube video will be played in church)*

**Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling:  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

*Deiscendi, Amor santo  
Bianco da Siena (?-1434)  
Tr Richard Frederick Littledale 1867  
Music: R Vaughan Williams 1872-1958 (1906)*

## **PRAYER OF THANKS:**

Let us thank God for this precious meal.

**We thank you, Father, for this gift of life,  
the body and blood of your Son.**

**Let it strengthen our faith in you, and our love for one another.**

**We pray this, in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and watch over you;

the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **SONG: AT 217 "Shine Jesus Shine"**

<https://youtu.be/aREU7JLr5t8>

**Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;**

**Jesus, Light of the world,**

**shine upon us;**

**set us free by the truth**

**you now bring us;**

**shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, Shine;***

***fill this land with the Father's glory;***

***blaze, Spirit, blaze;***

***set our hearts on fire.***

***Flow, river, flow;***

***flood the nations with grace and mercy;***

***send forth your word, Lord,***

***and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,**

**from the shadows into your radiance;**

**by the blood I may enter your brightness,**

**Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;**

**Shine on me, shine on me.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory;  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

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