

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



5 December 2021
Advent 2, Year C
9am with Worship Service

SONG: AT20 "COME LORD JESUS COME"

<https://youtu.be/7fCS3gQfLiI>

*Come, Lord Jesus, come into this weary world.
O, how we long for you to come, Lord, come.*

**Wars have come and wars have gone;
Come, Lord, come!
Still the cry goes up, "How long?
Come, Lord, come!**

**Hearts are breaking, tears fall down;
Come, Lord, come!
Come and free us, we are bound.
Come, Lord, come!**

**Darkness grows as night wears on;
Come, Lord, come!
Will we live to see the dawn?
Come, Lord, come!**

**Nations rise and nations fall;
Come, Lord, come!
God is with us through it all.
Come, Lord, come!**

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WELCOME

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN THE NAME

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen*

WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES

Children of God, let's ask our Father to forgive our sins, because Jesus Christ is our Lord, who has died and risen again for us.

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we confess to you that we are sinful. And we have sinned against you in many ways – in our thoughts and in our words, in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. Have mercy and forgive us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, Lord; help us to obey you, keep us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God has had mercy on us. He loves us, and has given his son to die for us. So, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Merciful God,
you sent your messengers to preach repentance
and prepare the way for our salvation.
Turn us away from our sins,
so that we greet our coming redeemer,
Jesus Christ, with joy.
For he lives
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The second candle –symbol of peace
When God created Adam and Eve, they were 'in his image'. They were loving, and there was peace in the Garden of Eden. That peace was lost when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned. Jesus brought peace to earth again. He died to pay for all our sins. So God is at peace with us. All who believe in Jesus receive God's gift of peace. Jesus is the 'Prince of peace'. Peace is our second Christmas gift.

THEME OF THE DAY: John 1:1 – 18, 29
“The *Who* and *Why* of Christmas”
Christmas according to the Gospel writers: John (2)

WE LISTEN – BIBLE READINGS

Malachi 3:1 – 4

Philippians 1:3 – 11

RESPONSE

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

WE LISTEN – GOSPEL READING

John 1:1 – 18, 29

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Jesus saves”: (Baby Jesus is born)

* In the weeks leading up to Christmas, we’re going to be looking at the story of Christmas in our Children’s time, *using the stories in “The Beginner’s Bible”*.

Last week we looked at “*An angel visits Mary*”, the story of how the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she was going to have a special child, God’s Son.

This week, we going to look at the next story in “*The Beginner’s Bible*” about the birth of Jesus.

It’s called “*Baby Jesus is born*” and it’s found online at

<https://youtu.be/hqGRs8P1cE4?t=63>

- * Let me ask you a couple of questions about this story. Firstly, “**Who** was born in that manger?”

Jesus, God’s Son, God Himself become a human being

- * OK! The next question is a bit harder...
“**Why** was God’s Son born for us?”

Yes, you’re right! To show us the way to God, and to rescue us by suffering and dying on the cross for our sins....

- * Colin tells us this in a song that he sings about Christmas called “Jesus saves”

The chorus goes like this:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Jesus is the way

Jesus is the Saviour you can come to him today

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

People from their sin

You will find forgiveness

When you put your trust in him

- * Let’s sing about why baby Jesus was born: in order to “save” us, to rescue us. Let’s listen to Colin Buchanan as he sings, “Jesus saves”. It’s online at <https://youtu.be/UuW20ke2hgE?t=21>

CHILDREN’S SONG

“Jesus saves”

WE BELIEVE

Let's stand and confess our faith together 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: AT126 "THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"

<https://youtu.be/6FqdoUR0-jY>

***The light of Christ has come into the world,
The light of Christ has come into the world.***

**All men must be born again
to see the kingdom of God;
The water and the Spirit bring
new life in God's love:**

**God gave up His only Son
out of love for the world,
So that all men who believe in Him
will live forever:**

**The light of God has come to us
so that we might have salvation;
From the darkness of our sins we walk
into glory with Christ Jesus:**

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ODAYS MESSAGE

John 1:1 – 18, 29

“The Who and Why of Christmas”

Christmas according to the Gospel writers: John (2)

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

SONG: TIS260 “BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD”

<https://youtu.be/Dw-fjgslBrk>

**He walked on earth
showing glimpses of heaven.
Demons, death, disease had no hand.
The wind and the waves
were obedient before Him:
Well may they say, "Who is this man?"**

***Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away our sin,
the Light of the world,
the Son of God!
Worthy is the Lamb
to receive our praise,
and glory and honour, and power.***

**He turned not His face
from our pain and destruction,
He drank the bitter cup to the end.
He who knew no sin
took the punishment for us,
deserted by God, man and friend.**

**On the third day
He was raised up with glory,
reigning on high, the risen Son.
Now we have life,
a new hope, a new future.
Now we cry, 'Come, Lord Jesus come!'**

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WE GIVE – The Offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Loving God, lead us to listen
to the message of your salvation
and to live as your people,
always ready for the day when Christ will return.
Help us to use our time
in service to you and to other people.
Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Call to prayer

John the Baptist came to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ. Let us pray for God's help and healing through Christ.

The regular response, OR:

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the messengers of God: pastors and bishops, evangelists and missionaries
- * for those who, like Paul, are imprisoned for their faith
- * for the rulers of the earth, especially for our own state and federal governments
- * for those who have sinned, that they repent and believe in Christ

- * that we prepare the way for the gospel by pursuing justice in our society
- * that just as we await summer and the harvest and holidays, we may be prepared for the coming day of the Lord

Concluding prayer

Lord God, as your servant John the Baptist called your people to prepare a way for the Lord, let us always be prepared to receive the blessings that you freely give us through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and watch over you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.

Amen

SONG: AT250 “GLORIFY YOUR NAME”

<https://youtu.be/9egVMmUQ6Wg>

Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the earth

Glorify your name, glorify your name.

Glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name.

Glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.

Glorify your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name.

Glorify your name in all the earth.

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