

WORSHIP HANDOUT

December 13, 2020

A Person of Hope



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Bible Study via Zoom on Monday evenings.
Still some Advent Take Home Kits if you want one. Let PA know.
Help us Decorate for Advent

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord!
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
The mighty One has done great things for us!
Holy is God's name!
Let us worship God.
For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – Joy

HYMN

○ For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

My soul reaches out to God.
My Spirit rejoices in my Savior
God sees that the humble heart is open
And implants his vision into it.
We are wombs of the Divine

Through giving birth to vision all generations can be blessed.
Those who revere God will find her merciful
But the proud will see only judgments.
Those who empty themselves of selfishness will be lifted up to
God,
But those who cling to power cannot be lifted.
Those who are satiated have no room to receive
But the hungry will be filled with good things.

Amen.

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER (MUSIC) LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and
forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON 1 CEB

Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. ²Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. ³They shouted to each other, saying:

**"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces!
All the earth is filled with God's glory!"**

⁴The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

**⁹ God said, "Go and say to this people:
Listen intently, but don't understand;
look carefully, but don't comprehend.**

**¹⁰ Make the minds of this people dull.
Make their ears deaf and their eyes blind,
so they can't see with their eyes
or hear with their ears,
or understand with their minds,
and turn, and be healed."**

¹¹ I said, "How long, Lord?"

And God said, "Until cities lie ruined with no one living in them, until there are houses without people and the land is left devastated."

LESSON 2

CEB

Luke 1:46-55

Mary said,

"With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

⁴⁷ In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

⁴⁸ He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

**Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly
favored**

⁴⁹ because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

**⁵⁰ He shows mercy to everyone,
from one generation to the next,
who honors him as God.**

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm.

**He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud
inclinations.**

⁵² He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty-handed.
⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,
⁵⁵ just as he promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

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MESSAGE

"The Joy that Overwhelms"

HYMN

Star-Child

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Let us pray.

**O God,
who desires good for all creatures,
satisfy our hunger not just for food,
but for freedom, truth, justice and love.**

**O Risen Christ,
you revealed yourself to us
as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people.
We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.**

**O Holy Spirit,
bless these gifts and abide in our hearts
so that our gifts and our actions
may live out our faith,
glorify God,
and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

—from [A Service for the Eve of Thanksgiving](#) written by the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, a pastor of the ELCA, and posted on [Liturgy by TLW](#).

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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POSTLUDE