

A MIDWEEK JOURNEY THROUGH

ADVENT

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Hymn Sing & Vespers



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Prelude

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

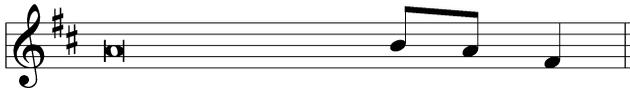
Hymn Sing

-At this time, anyone from the congregation may pick to sing a stanza from any hymn of their choosing-

Advent Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



G make haste to help me, O Lord.



G Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalm 97:1-2, 6, 9, 12 (*spoken*)

- P** The LORD reigns, let the | earth rejoice;*
- C** **let the many coast- | lands be glad!**
- P** Clouds and thick darkness are all a- | round him;*
- C** **righteousness and justice are the foundation | of his throne.**
- P** The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,*
- C** **and all the peoples see his | glory.**
- P** For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the earth;*
- C** **you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.**
- P** Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righteous,*
- C** **and give thanks to his | holy name!**

Hymn Sing (*1x*)

LSB

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:2-7

- L** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

- L** A reading from Matthew, chapter 1.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an

Magnificat

LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at
www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving



Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 233



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

Mt. 6:9-11

C 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Salutation

LSB 233



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus

LSB 234



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

O Sing of Christ

LSB 362



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par-a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.

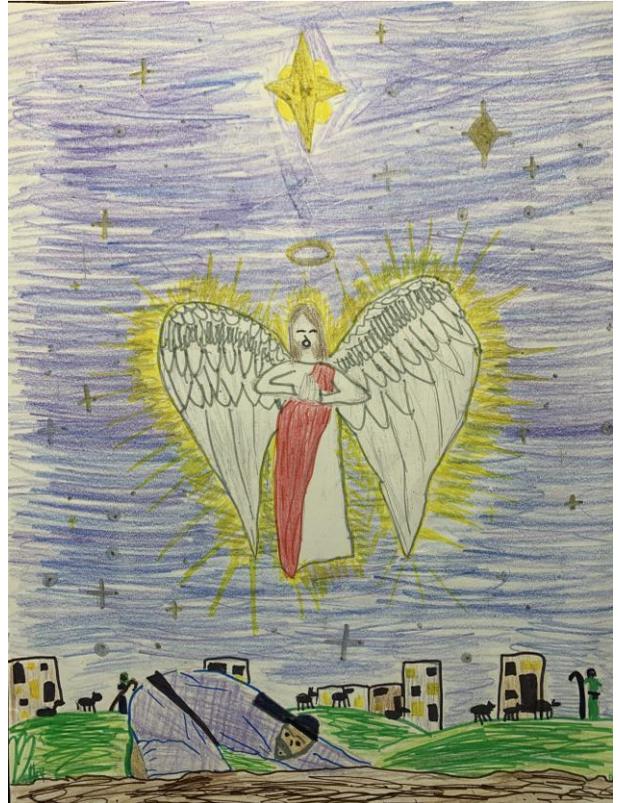


Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

This Advent season, please enjoy our St. Paul Lutheran School Christmas drawings throughout the years!



Christmas Midweek Services- 12/17 @ 7pm (St. Paul School's
Christmas Program)

Christmas Eve Service- 12/24 @ 5pm + 11pm

Christmas Morning- 12/25 @ 10am