



LIVING HOPE
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22ND, 2024

The Divine Service

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Dave Perrigan

God Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord open our lips.

℞ And our mouth shall proclaim you praise.

For unto us a Child is born!

℞ And unto us a Son is given! Come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

*SALUTATION

1 Corinthians 1:9

*SONG OF PRAISE

#318 Angels We Have Heard on High

*INVOCATION

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

God Cleanses Us

READING OF THE LAW

Hear now the commandments of Your God, which he has commanded you to keep saying, " You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

This is the first and great commandment."

℞ And the second, like unto it is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded?

℞ No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed.

Then confess your sins to the Lord for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

† Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;
To the glory of Your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Psalm 130:3; 103:8-12

The peace of the LORD be with you!
✠ And also, with you!

*SONG OF ASSURANCE

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One

SONG OF PREPARATION

Long, Long Ago

Wind in the olive trees softly did blow
'Round little Bethlehem long, long ago
Sheep on the hillside lay whiter than snow
Shepherds were watching them long, long ago

Then from the happy sky angels bent low
Singing their anthems of joy long ago
For in a manger bed, cradled we know
Christ came to Bethlehem long, long ago

Long, long, long ago,
Christ came to Bethlehem long, long ago

Stars in their circling course
Telling their tidings of joy long ago
Wise men and kings gave their treasures of gold
Gifts to the Boy, born a King long ago

Long, long, long ago,
God came to dwell with us long, long ago

God Consecrates Us

*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5a

The Word of the Lord.
℞ Thanks be to God.

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:39-55

The Word of the Lord.
℞ Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jimmy Apodaca

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SONG OF RESPONSE

#317 What Child Is This

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

† We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

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with hands raised

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Please Stand † In Unison ¹catholic in its historical sense means universal

God Communes With Us

*SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

℞ We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD.

℞ It is good and right so to do.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy LORD, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing...

* ASCENSION HYMN

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

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INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SUPPER EXHORTATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

...praying now even as our Lord has taught us

† 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen

SUPPER DISTRIBUTION

#292 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

grape juice is located in the inner ring for matters of health and conscience

God Commissions Us

*SONG OF DISMISSAL

#323 O Little Town of Bethlehem

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-27



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