

Liturgy of the Word

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Prelude

*Light Four Candles*

Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!

Candlelighting (Lucernaria)

- V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.  
**R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:  
**R. O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**

Opening Music

*Magnify the Lord*

Verse 1: Good news of great joy For ev'ry woman ev'ry man. This will be a sign to you,  
A baby born in Bethlehem. Come and worship do not be afraid.

Verse 2: A company of angels, Glory in the highest And on the earth a peace among Those on whom His favor rests.  
Come and worship do not be afraid.

Chorus: My soul my soul magnifies the Lord. My soul magnifies the Lord.  
He has done great things for me, Great things for me.

Verse 3: Unto you a child is born, Unto us a Son is giv'n. Let ev'ry heart prepare His throne, Let ev'ry nation under  
Heav'n. Come and worship do not be afraid.

Bridge: Of His government there will be no end. He'll establish it with His righteousness  
And He shall reign on David's throne And His name shall be from this day on.

Bridge: Wonderful Counselor. Everlasting Father. Wonderful Counselor and His name shall be. Everlasting Father oh  
yeah.

Tag: My soul my soul magnifies the Lord. He has done great things for us.

Ending: Oh yeah, He has done great things. He has done great things.

Acclamation

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

## Collect of the Day

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.**

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-16*

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

### *Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*

<sup>1</sup>*Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.*

<sup>2</sup>*In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \* stir up your strength and come to help us.*

<sup>3</sup>*Restore us, O God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

<sup>4</sup>*O LORD God of hosts, \* how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?*

<sup>5</sup>*You have fed them with the bread of tears; \* you have given them bowls of tears to drink.*

<sup>6</sup>*You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \* and our enemies laugh us to scorn.*

<sup>7</sup>*Restore us, O God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

<sup>16</sup>*Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \* the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.*

<sup>17</sup>*And so will we never turn away from you; \* give us life, that we may call upon your Name.*

<sup>18</sup>*Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

### The Second Reading: *Romans 1:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Sequence Hymn

*Speak, O Lord*

Elizabeth Niedt

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning, you have the words of everlasting life.

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning, you have the words of everlasting life.

### The Gospel – *Matthew 1:18-25*

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this

took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### Gospel Response – *Speak, O Lord*

## The Sermon

### Nicene Creed

### Prayers of the People

*All remain standing. Presider or other leader*

Let us pray for all our needs in this Holy Season, saying, **Hear us Lord!**

. . . Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. **Lord, have mercy.**

### Confession of Sin

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

### The Peace

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## HOLY COMMUNION

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### Offertory Music

*Hey, Hey! Anybody Listening?*  
Children’s Chapel Choir

Avery and Marsh

### Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

### The Great Thanksgiving - *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing. . .  
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God . . .

. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving . . .

. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*People and Celebrant*

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Communion Music**

#### *Come thou, long expected Jesus*

Verse 1: Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2: Born thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Bridge: You're our joy, You're our hope (REPEAT)

Ending: Israel's strength and consolation. Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart

Charles Wesley | Rita West Gernon | Rowland Hugh Prichard

### **Sending Forth**

#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## Blessing

### Closing Music

#### *Soon and Very Soon*

Text: Andraé Crouch

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
3. No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
4. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

### Dismissal

Celebrant    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People        ***Thanks be to God.***

### Postlude

#### *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save!

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