

Bell

Sending Hymn: Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room and Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing and Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy. Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love
And wonders of His love and wonders, wonders, of His love

Dismissal: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark your Calendars:

- December 18th – 9AM at Kirkebo
11AM Children's Christmas Program at Nora w/potluck
- December 19th – 6:30 Christmas Cantata at Kirkebo w/refreshments
- December Ushers: Josie & Clint Hayden and Brittany & Jesse Hayden



**Perley Parish
Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalm 30:4

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We celebrate the upcoming arrival of our Savior through songs and shouts of praise as we prepare for him. Elizabeth, in her greeting of Mary, provides a benchmark for rejoicing with others over the good news of salvation in Jesus, even as we wait.

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.

Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.

Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Invocation and Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

Sing with Moses and the people of Israel, saying—

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, she asked,

Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Again I will say, rejoice!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Absolution

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your truth and your beauty, Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For turning to what is dirty and ugly, beastly and unsightly; Father, forgive us:

Meal

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

C: In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

C: Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

C: all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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. 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

Benediction

Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

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For having no song to sing, no joy in our heart; Father, forgive us:

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For letting ourselves be drawn away from the beauty of the Gospel by temptations in the world around us; Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus! Jesus is the Prince of Peace and his atoning sacrifice, shed blood and third-day victory over death delivers divine peace to all who are penitent and contrite. Rejoice in the Lord always!

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Prayer of the Day

Dear Father, thank you for giving joy to Mary, Elizabeth and her son John as they faced overwhelming challenges and difficulties. Give us the same Holy Spirit so that we, with rejoicing hearts, may believe and be used to accomplish your holy will; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

P: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

C: Christ is our light and the source of joy

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel

Old Testament Reading, Exodus 15:1-3

Epistle Reading, Philippians 4:4-8

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel according to Luke 1:39-45, Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message - "Long, Dark Hallways"

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Hark the Glad Sound!

Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long; let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Offering Response – We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be.

All that we have is thine alone a trust o, Lord in thee.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

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