

Bell

Sending Hymn: My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness Lord

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord. I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

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

Mark your Calendars:

- December 18th – 11AM Children's Christmas Program at Nora w/potluck
- December 19th – 6:30PM Christmas Cantata at Kirkebo w/refreshments following
- December 24th – 3PM Christmas Eve Service at Kirkebo
- December Ushers: Josie & Clint Hayden and Brittany & Jesse Hayden



**Perley Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022**

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*The might of your awesome deeds shall be **proclaimed**, and I will declare your greatness
Psalm 145:6*

*We contemplate how we can prepare ourselves and others for the arrival of Jesus through our
proclaiming. John the Baptist stands as the forerunner of all future proclaimers of Christ and gives us
the courage to use our own voices to proclaim our devotion to the One who is born to save.*

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men from heav’n’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav’n and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

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!

Let us proclaim the name of the Lord and ascribe greatness to our God!

He is the Rock, his work is perfect and all his ways are just.

He is the God of faithfulness who does no wrong.

John came proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

As it is written in the book of Isaiah the prophet—all flesh shall see the salvation of our God!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Absolution

Moses writes in our first lesson, “I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect and all his ways are just. He is the God of faithfulness who does no wrong.” Therefore, with contrite and broken hearts, we confess our sin. **Heavenly Father, we come to you because you are faithful and your ways are just.**

But we are soiled by sin. **Dirty from misdeeds.**

Grimy from guilt. **Lost in a cesspool of selfishness.**

Though you are faithful. **We are faithless.**

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

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For what was delivered to us was of first importance—

That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.

That he was buried,

That he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

To the end that—all flesh shall see the salvation of our God!

Though you are just and upright.

We can be unjust and dishonest. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

John the Baptist came proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He pointed to the one who is mightier—Christ Jesus our Lord. Jesus loves you. Jesus died for you. Jesus lives for you. And Jesus forgives your every sin. And so we say to the world— **All flesh shall see the salvation of our God!**

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus whose birth, baptism, teaching, miracles, death and resurrection empower us to see your mighty salvation. With the open eyes of faith we thank, praise, serve and obey you; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle

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

Response: Christ is our light and the source of love

In this season of Advent, we search God's truth. **Response**

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel: O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer. Our spirits by Thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel

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Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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

Gospel according to Luke 3:1-16, **Glory to you, O Lord**

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

Children's Message

Message - "The Word of God Came to John"

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain

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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