

Welcome to Zion!

There's a place for you here.



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Advent Worship 2019

We Gather

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Please stand,
kneel, or sit,
as you wish.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

OPENING LITANY

We are the people of Zion!

A city on a hill, a light that cannot be hid!

Following Jesus

Everyone is welcome here!

Following Jesus

We equip each other for ministry!

Following Jesus

We are sent to serve our neighbor!

This is the day the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pray...

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Please be seated following the
Lighting of the Advent Wreath.*

We Hear & Respond to God's Word

The Readings are found on the "Today's Readings" Insert.

YOUTH MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Following the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM

SECOND READING

Following the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand,
as you are able.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel...

Glory to you, O Lord!

Following the Reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Please stand,
as you are able.*

APOSTLES' 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 saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following Each Petition: ...Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

We Come to the Table

OFFERING HYMN

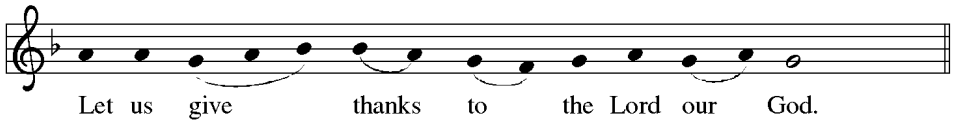
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...and our lives reveal your light.

Amen.

*Please stand,
as you are able.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (Words of Institution)

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Jesus in his body and blood. If, for reasons of health or conscience, you only choose to receive the bread or wine, please know that Jesus is fully present in each element. If you are not baptized, or have not yet received First Communion instruction, you are still welcome. Please come forward with your arms crossed at your chest to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*Please stand,
as you are able.*

We Are Sent into the World

BLESSING

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.

Go in peace. Christ is coming soon.

Thanks be to God.



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