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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 8th Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: We light candles for the four weeks of Advent reflecting on Christ who is always entering into our lives and our world. Today, we light two candles, a candle of hope, and today we add a candle of peace, and dare to express our longing for hope and peace in our lives, for healing, and the well-being of creation.

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” verses 1 and 2



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Readings

Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ

Children's Message

Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the highpriesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

Sermon

Song of the Day

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Affirmation of Faith for Advent

We believe in God,
creator and lover of the earth, the origin and the destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ,
God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn, who emerges as the herald of hope.

He is God's laughter in the face of despair, leading the way to the reign of promise where God's justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God,
announced by the Baptist, exclaimed by Elizabeth, and sung by Mary.
It has drawn near to us in Jesus and will be realized in the coming reign of God on earth,
when all who have lived in sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day, we hope, we work, and we pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Prayers of the People

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer.

Offering

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We life them up to God.

P: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: In this Advent season we await with longing for the fulness of your reign, O God, where are welcomed, loved, invited, and fed without condition. And so it is with hope and trust on this day that we join with Mary, who was so filled with that vision that she couldn't help but sing of it with joy.

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

Distribution of Communion

We welcome all people who come in the faith to partake of Holy Communion. Smaller children are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, ask server as you approach.

Benediction

Sending Song

"Nativity Carol"

Verses



1. Si - lent, in the chill of mid - night,
2. "Fear not," said an - gel - ic voic - es;
3. Je - sus, Lord of all cre - a - tion,



star - light shines up - on a low - ly man - ger.
"ti - dings of a won - drous love we bring you.
sleep now close be - side your moth - er, Mar - y.



Won - der, won - der of the a - ges;
Go now, find him in a man - ger;
Bring us light a - mid the dark - ness,



heav - en breaks forth on the earth.
vis - it God's home on the earth."
prom - ise of life with - out end.

Refrain



For a child is born, the world re - joic - es! Shep - herds and



an - gels pro - claim his birth. This is Je - sus the Lord, our



Sav - ior and broth - er, bear - ing God's peace to the earth.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace and hope to serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God.