

Order of Worship – January 3, 2021 – WOV Setting 4 Second Sunday after Christmas

Welcome

Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

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Shine your light and let the whole world
see
We're singing for the glory of the risen
King Jesus

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in
majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth
rejoice.

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He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great, How great is
our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in
His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and
the End.

The God-head, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the
Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great, How great is
our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all
praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our
God!

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praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our
God!

How great is our God! Sing with me:
How great is our God!

And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

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How great is our God!

And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

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Prayer

Gathering Song: LBW 71 Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo;
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo;
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo;
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God
desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free – free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie – With One Voice, Setting 4; page 12

A: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

Hymn of Praise - This is the Feast, With One Voice, Setting 4; page 15

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Alleluia. For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: you have filled all the earth with the light of your Incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lessons

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷ For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

- ¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
- ¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Acclamation, With One Voice, Setting 4; page 17

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

P: The Gospel according to... John 1:1-18

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept

him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

After the reading

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: **"Can I Get a Witness?"**

Message Hymn: **LBW 433 The Church of Christ, in Every Age**

The Church of Christ in ev'ry age
Beset by change, but Spirit-led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat,
And never live before they die.

Then let the servant Church arise,
A caring Church that longs to be

A partner in Christ's sacrifice,
And clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,
Can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread
And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord;
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating Word.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Praise Song: God of Wonders

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are your tabernacle;
Glory to the Lord on high.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty.
You are holy, holy;
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
And as I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty.
You are holy, holy;
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and
earth!

Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory – Rejoice In These Gifts

Kind heart, mind, body, spirit, O Lord;
We rejoice in these gifts, we rejoice in
these gifts.
Our health, our home, our fam'ly, our
church;
We rejoice in these gifts, we rejoice in
these gifts.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and
earth!
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and
earth!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy;
The universe declares your majesty.
You are holy, holy;
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and
earth!
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earth!
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and
earth!

Precious Lord reveal your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
You sent your Son to set my spirit free.
Father, hold me, hold me.

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And these are all offerings to You, our
Father, Creator,
And these are all offerings to You, our
Savior, Redeemer,
And these are all offerings to You,
Holy Spirit.
Rejoice in these gifts, rejoice in these
gifts.

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Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayers are concluded with

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Agnus Dei – WOV – page 25

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle: With One Voice, Setting 4; page 26

C: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father and to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen, amen, amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Song: **LBW #158 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus our of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise:
“I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth’s redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav’n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.”

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Sending

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Yes, Lord, we will!