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At Home Bulletin

WELCOME and ADVENT READING

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

**For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation, God gives mercy.**

Luke 1:46-50

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hill; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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Psalm 43

Tune: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment, you pronounce
you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Matthew 7:1-2

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Lord we have turned away from you, our only hope.

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us,
yet we act as if there is no reason for hope.

Your Son sacrificed for us, rose victorious over sin and death.

Forgive us Lord for our cynicism, our doubt, and our hopelessness.

**We confess that we find it easier to trust in our gadgets, our bank
account, and our reputations than in the hope of the Eternal King.**

**We claim to have the hope of the gospel,
but despair at the prospect of suffering and persecution.**

Awake in us afresh a hopeful trust in you.

You are our only hope for forgiveness and restoration.

Restore to us a love of holiness and delight in your way.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

II Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him
we might become the righteousness of God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good-will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song of peace on earth, good-will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,
For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good-will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good-will to men."

Till ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day—
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, good-will to men!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 20:11-15

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Book of Life and Death of Death"

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion
as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence
of the body of Christ.*

HYMN OF SENDING

Christus Victor

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus 1:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us, spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

Chorus 2:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won Hallelujah! Amen
With every tribe and every tongue we join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble? When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever. *Chorus 2*

Bridge

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen, amen *Chorus 2*

Tag

Sing the victory of the lamb, Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: *The Book of Life and the Death of Death*