

UNWRAPPING
the Names
OF
Jesus

...through the Advent Hymns

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Thursday Advent Worship, Week 2
December 10, 2020
Berea Lutheran Church

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LSB 338

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

ADVENT LITANY

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Stay with us Lord, for it is evening,

People: **and the day is almost over.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: **and illumine Your Church.**

Pastor: Joyous light of glory:

People: **of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

PSALM 98

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the end of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn — shout for joy before the Lord the King.

OFFICE HYMN *“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”* LSB 355 (Vs. 1-3)

Pastor: A reading from Isaiah 45:8; 40:1-5

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

OFFICE HYMN *“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”* LSB 355 (vs. 4-5)

Pastor: A reading from Luke 1:67-79

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

OFFICE HYMN *“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”* LSB 355 (Vs. 6-7)

SERMON

MAGNIFICAT *(to the tune of “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”)*

1. My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
He keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.
2. For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows; His name like light Remains in time perpetually.
3. His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scatter those of proud intent
And casts them down from high estate, Then gives the low His nourishment.
4. He feeds the hungry as His own; The wealthy leave with empty hands,
He gives His help to Israel; His gracious promise always stands.

PRAYER

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: for seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for the, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Finally for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

People: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

BLESSING

HYMN

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” LSB 342