

A Children's Christmas Service for All Ages
December 24, 2020
Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree

The Opening Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful LSB 379

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the king of angels: **Refrain**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

- 2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, In the highest: **Refrain**

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

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The Invocation

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

All: Amen.

Responsive Reading

Leader: The Jesse Tree, Christ's fam'ly tree,

People: Points us the way to Jesus.

Leader: From Eden down to Calvary,

People: Our loving Savior frees us.

Leader: The promise is for you and me

People: And points the way to Jesus.

The Christmas Meditation

The Message Presented by the Families

Reading: Isaiah 11:1–4, 10; 9:6–7 (Benjamin and Paul)

Musical Anthem: Hallelujah (Rachel, Steve, Abigail)

Reading: Genesis 3:1–6, 14–15

Adam and Eve (John, Melissa, Austin, Abby)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

When Eve and Adam took that bite,

God promised to make all things right.

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading: Genesis 9:8–13

Noah (Brayden and Devin)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

God cleansed the world from evil sin;

Another promise would begin.

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading: Genesis 12:1–3

Abraham and Sarah (Sam)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

God promised Abraham a son;

His line would bring the Chosen One.

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading: Genesis 22:6–8

Isaac (Jonathan, Tabatha, Jaxson)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

Through Abr'am's line came sacrifice;

But it was God who paid the price!

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: What Child Is This *LSB* 370:1

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

Reading: Genesis 28:10–14

Jacob (Cooper)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*When Jacob's planning fell apart,
God granted him a brand-new start.*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading: Ruth 1:15–16

Ruth (Riley and Kennedy)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*God helped Ruth follow faithfully;
She's now part of Christ's family!*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem *LSB* 361:1–2

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 10–13

David (Brooke)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*Though Jesse's son was frail and small,
His offspring would be King of all!*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading: 1 Kings 5:2–5

Solomon (Abigail and Landon)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*The temple of King Solomon
Prepared God's people for His Son.*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High LSB 368

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. **Refrain**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

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

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Reading: Luke 1:11–16

Zechariah (Elizabeth and Abigail)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*Though dear Elizabeth was old,
Her boy—a prophet—was foretold.*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading: Matthew 3:1–6

John the Baptist (Adrian)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*And God gave John the pow’r to say:
“The Lord is near; prepare the way!”*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child LSB 374:1, 3

Gentle Mary laid her child, Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefined, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race, Who have found His favor.

Gentle Mary laid her child, Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined, But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!

Reading: Luke 1:26–33

Mary (Rachel, June, and Nicholas)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*The virgin Mary, servant blessed,
Would raise a Son unlike the rest.*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph (Mark, Robin, Harper, Noah)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*Joseph the carpenter was true;
He cared for Jesus—Mary too!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading: John 1:14

Jesus (Scott, Sara, Nickolas, Jordan)

Song: O Jesse Tree

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

The promise of the Jesse Tree:

Our Savior came for you and me!

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: Away in a Manger LSB 364

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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Prayer

Pastor: We pray:

All: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son—the Son of Adam, of Jesse, of David. You promised a Messiah through a special family tree.

Thank You for making us all sons and daughters in Your family through our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(Before we sing Silent Night, the Elders will be lighting your candles from the Christ Candle on the Advent Wreath. The candles that you received will be lit by an Elder on the end of the pew. Please light the person's candle next to you all the way down your pew. Keep the lit candle upright and light the unlit candle from that. Please extinguish the candles after the song and return them after the service on your way out.)

Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Hymn: Silent Night *LSB 363*

- 1 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

- 2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

- 3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Benediction

Pastor: Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World *LSB 387*

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

THE BOARD OF ED –Would like to thank the people who donated items for the gift bags for the children.

SPECIAL THANKS – To everyone that helped with the program this year.

ALL CHILDREN – After the service please pick up a bag of candy that will be distributed by the Board of Christian Ed. Thanks to the board of Ed and to everyone that helped to put the bags together.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP – Join us tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. Service will be with Holy Communion.

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**