

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 9:00AM

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us now make our confession to our merciful Father in heaven. O God, our holy Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P We confess that we have not lived lives that are holy and have not shaped all our actions so that they are in accord with Your commands.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

1. Over the skies of Bethlehem

Appeared a star

While angels sang to lowly shepherds

Three wise men seeking truth

Travelled from afar

Hoping to find the Child from heaven

Falling on their knees they bowed

Before the humble Prince of Peace

Chorus

I bring an offering

Of worship to my King

No one on earth deserves

The praises that I sing

Jesus may You receive

The honor that You're due

O Lord I bring an offering to You

I bring an offering to You

2. The sun cannot compare
To the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare
To stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy
Lord I come

Chorus

I bring an offering
Of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves
The praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive
The honor that You're due
O Lord I bring an offering to You
I bring an offering to You

Chorus

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PSALM 11

Psalm 11

¹In the LORD I take refuge;
how can you say | to my soul,*
“Flee like a bird to your | mountain,
²for behold, the wicked | bend the bow;*
they have fitted their arrow to the string
to shoot in the dark at the up- | right in heart;
³if the foundations | are destroyed,*
what can the | righteous do?”
⁴The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in | heaven;*
his eyes see, his eyelids test, the chil- | dren of man.
⁵The LORD tests the | righteous,*
but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves | violence.
⁶Let him rain coals on the | wicked;*
fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion | of their cup.
⁷For the LORD is righteous;
he loves | righteous deeds,*
the upright shall be- | hold his face.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER

L Let us pray.
O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

EVERLASTING GOD

1. **Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord**

Repeat verse

Pre-chorus
**Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

Chorus
**You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God
You do not faint, you won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

(whole song 2x)

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READING

Isaiah 42:1–7

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 42.

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Romans 12:1–5

- A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 12.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GRAVES INTO GARDENS GRAVES INTO GARDENS

1. I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus

**Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You**

**2. I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again**

Bridge

**You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can**

Bridge

**You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can**

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SERMON

SERMON TEXT

Mark 11:12–25

¹²On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” ¹⁸And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹And when evening came they went out of the city.

²⁰As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” ²²And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. ²³Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, since You have thrown open the gates of this world and sent us Your Son, let us always find Him where He promises to be, in this place of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, preserve Your Church. By Your mercies, lead us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to You in faith, for the good of our neighbors. Send faithful pastors to preach Your Gospel among us, and help all Christians to think with sober judgment, not considering themselves more highly than others, but each living and serving according to the measure of faith assigned by God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Your Son diligently heard the Word of God and grew in wisdom and stature, submissive to His earthly parents and always about Your business and in Your house. Keep the families of Your Church abiding in Your Word, eager to be found among Your Word and Sacraments, and always treasuring Your divine wisdom and favor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the nations, Your eye is on all who fear You. Grant humility and integrity to rulers, sow love of one's neighbor among citizens, and faithfully bring forth justice according to Your will and Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, at His Baptism Your Son voluntarily took on Himself all of our frailties and the results of our sinfulness. Give Your comfort to [_____ and] all who mourn. Extend Your healing hand to [_____ and to] all who need Your care. Assure them of Your promise that even when Your people walk through the fire, the flames will not consume them. Grant them faith to believe that they need not fear, for You are with them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You offer grace to Your people in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Assure us of our salvation through this wonderful gift, that we would faithfully receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We implore You, rule and direct our hearts to be good examples to children and those subject to us, that we may not offend them by word or deed but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word. Give them Your Spirit and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit and our homelife may advance Your glory, honor and praise as well as our own improvement and welfare, giving offense to no one; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION (AARONIC)

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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

SHINE, JESUS SHINE

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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