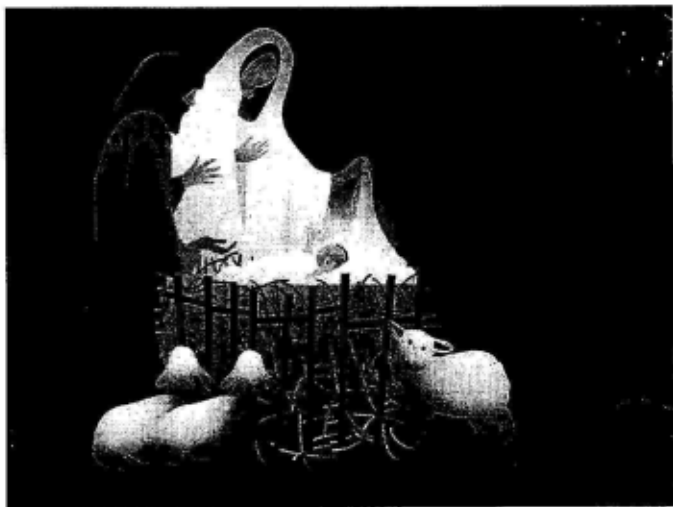


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*What Child Is This?*

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# Order of Advent Worship

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## Opening Hymn:

**Opening Liturgy:** ..... Vespers, TLH p. 41

*P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.*

**C [♫]:** And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

*P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*

**C [♫]:** Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

## Confession & Absolution:

*P: Let us confess our sins and find comfort in the Lord's mercy:*

**C:** I lay in fetters, groaning, You've come to set me free;  
I stand, my sin, bemoaning, You've come to rescue me.  
A glory You have given me, A peace found in Your love,  
For You have now forgiven me, Will take me home above.

*P: Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Let not your souls distress;  
Your guilt the Lord has pardoned, In Him your soul now rests.  
He comes to you, all willing, Moved by His Love alone,  
Your woes and troubles stilling; For all to Him are known.*

**Response:** ..... TLH 77: All My Heart This Night Rejoices

**Sing [♫]:** Guilt no longer can distress me;  
Son of God, Thou my load  
Bearest to release me.  
Stain in me Thou findest never;  
I am clean, All my sin  
Is removed forever.

**Responsive Psalm:** ..... Selected Psalms

December 1: Psalm 8, TLH p. 124

December 8: Psalm 2, TLH p. 123

**Response:**..... TLH 77: All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Sing [♫]: He becomes the Lamb that taketh  
Sin away And for aye  
Full atonement maketh.  
For our life His own He tenders  
And our race, By His grace,  
Meet for glory renders.

**Scripture Reading:**..... Selected Readings:

December 1: Luke 1:5-25

December 8: Luke 1:26-38

**Confession of Faith:**..... Formula of Concord, Person of Christ (selected)

C: Christ did not receive His majesty, to which He was exalted according to His humanity, only after His resurrection from the dead and His ascension, but when He was conceived in His mother's womb and became man and when the divine and human nature were personally united. On account of this personal union and communion of the natures, Mary, the most blessed virgin, did not conceive a mere, ordinary human being, but a human being who is truly the Son of the most high God, as the angel testifies. He demonstrated His divine majesty even in His mother's womb in that He was born of a virgin without violating her virginity. Therefore she is truly the mother of God and yet remained a virgin. Here you must take your stand and say that wherever Christ is according to the deity, He is there as a natural, divine person and is also naturally and personally there, as His conception in His mother's womb proves conclusively.

**Response:**..... TLH 77: All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Sing [♫]: Forth today the Conqueror goeth,  
Who the foe, Sin and woe,  
Death and hell, o'erthroweth.  
God is man, man to deliver;  
His dear Son Now is one  
With our blood forever.  
  
Shall we still dread God's displeasure,  
Who, to save, Freely gave  
His most cherished Treasure?  
To redeem us, He hath given  
His own Son From the throne  
Of His might in heaven.

**Sermon:**

*What Child Is This?*

*On Mary's lap is sleeping* ..... Luke 1:26-28

*The Babe, the Son of Mary*

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" (NKJV<sup>2020</sup>)

Hymns: TLH 274; TLH 645; TLH 85, st. 1-3

December 1, 2021

*Nails, spear shall pierce Him through* ..... Luke 2:34-35

*The cross He'll bear for me, for you*

<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against <sup>35</sup> "yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (NKJV<sup>2020</sup>)

Hymns: TLH 139; TLH 167; WS 709

December 8, 2021

*The King of kings salvation brings* ..... Luke 1:31-33

*Let loving hearts enthrone Him*

<sup>31</sup> "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." (NKJV<sup>2020</sup>)

Candlelight Worship Service

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**Response:** ..... WS 712: What Child Is This

Sing [♩]: December 1

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!

December 8

2. Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where oxen now are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear; For sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through;  
The cross He'll bear for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

**Hymn:**

**Offering, Prayer, Lord's Prayer, & Benediction:**

**Closing Hymn:**