

Wee Worship ■ Advent 2023

A service for preschool children and their families



GATHERING SONG *See box at right*

OPENING PRAYER *Adapted from The Shema*

Presider Let us love God with our hearts
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**
Presider Let us love God with our minds
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**
Presider Let us love God with our strength
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**

SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King! (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

SONG *See reverse*

THE LESSON OF THE DAY, FOLLOWED BY A STORY

Children are invited to move forward; parents are welcome, too.

All sing alleluia, after which the lesson is read. All repeat the alleluia, and then a story relating to the lesson is told.

A CREED

**We believe in God the creator; we believe in Christ the Son;
we believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is Three in One.**

THE PRAYERS

We pray for the church, the world, and those people who need our prayers.

*After each bidding, the People sing: **Loving God, hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE *All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

THE OFFERTORY

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (or use the QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

SONG *See reverse.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Children are invited to move forward; parents are welcome, too.*

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them unto God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues. When indicated, all sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues. At the words "And so we sing our story of faith" all sing:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again, again.

The Presider continues. When indicated, all sing the Lord's Prayer.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is kept and the bread is broken.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar station.

Respond to communion by saying "Amen."

POST-COMMUNION SONG: THANK YOU, GOD

SENDING SONG *See box at right*

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere you may go.

SOME OF THE SONGS WE LIKE TO SING

1. O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning 'til the break of day.
2. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me hoping . . .
3. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me joyful . . .

3. STAY AWAKE! BE READY!

Stay awake! (clap clap) Be ready! (clap clap)
You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming.
Stay awake! (clap clap) Be ready! (clap clap)
The Lord is coming soon!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
The Lord is coming soon!

4. WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME!

1. While we are waiting, come! (x2)
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come!
2. With power and glory, come . . .
3. Come, Savior, quickly come . . .

5. THIS LITTLE LIGHT

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Every single day, I'm gonna let it shine . . .

MONDAY—gave me the gift of love

TUESDAY—peace came from above

WEDNESDAY—taught me to have more faith

THURSDAY—gave me a little more grace

FRIDAY—taught me to watch and pray

SATURDAY—told me just what to say

SUNDAY—gave me power divine,

just let that little light shine

6. GET, GET READY!

We're gonna get, get ready—prepare—
get, get ready for Christmas Day!

Fill our hearts with hope. (x3)

Fill our hearts with peace. (x3)

Fill our hearts with joy. (x3)

Fill our hearts with love. (x3)

7. PEACE LIKE A RIVER

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2. I've got love like the ocean . . .

3. I've got joy like a fountain . . .

4. I've got peace, love, and joy like a river . . .

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