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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!** (Revelation 22:20)

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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Goodness of God

I love You Lord oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice you have led me through the fire
In darkest night you are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after it's running after me
Your goodness is running after it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after it's running after me

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Prayers of the People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (saying together)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Announcements

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

¹And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. ²“There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. ¹⁰The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” ⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: “Prayers of Love”

The Rev. Todd Simonis

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Holy Communion

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words at the Table

Officiant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (saying together)

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.

He Has Done Great Things

He has done great things
He has done great things
Arms open wide the Lamb crucified
Worthy is He

He has done great things
Our God has done great things
Thorns on His brow grace flowing down
Worthy is He

Chorus

As high as the heavens above great is His everlasting love
Rivers of mercy run over us
As far as the east from the west
He has removed all our sin we are forgiven by His blood

As far as the east from the west
He has removed all our sin
We are forgiven by His blood
Thank God I'm forgiven by His blood

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Holy Forever (Christmas)

Held within a manger, the Son of God arrived
The one who would be called Emmanuel
The promise was delivered unto a virgin bride
The one who would be called Emmanuel

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry holy all creation cries holy
You are lifted high holy holy forever

In the humble town of David
A Savior born today
The one who would be called Emmanuel
Behold the host of heaven
With holy roar proclaim
The one who would be called Emmanuel
The Messiah our God is with us now

Hear Your people sing holy
To the King of kings holy
You will always be holy, holy forever

You will always be holy, holy forever

Ending

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Post-Communion Prayer (saying together)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

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

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

O come desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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The Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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