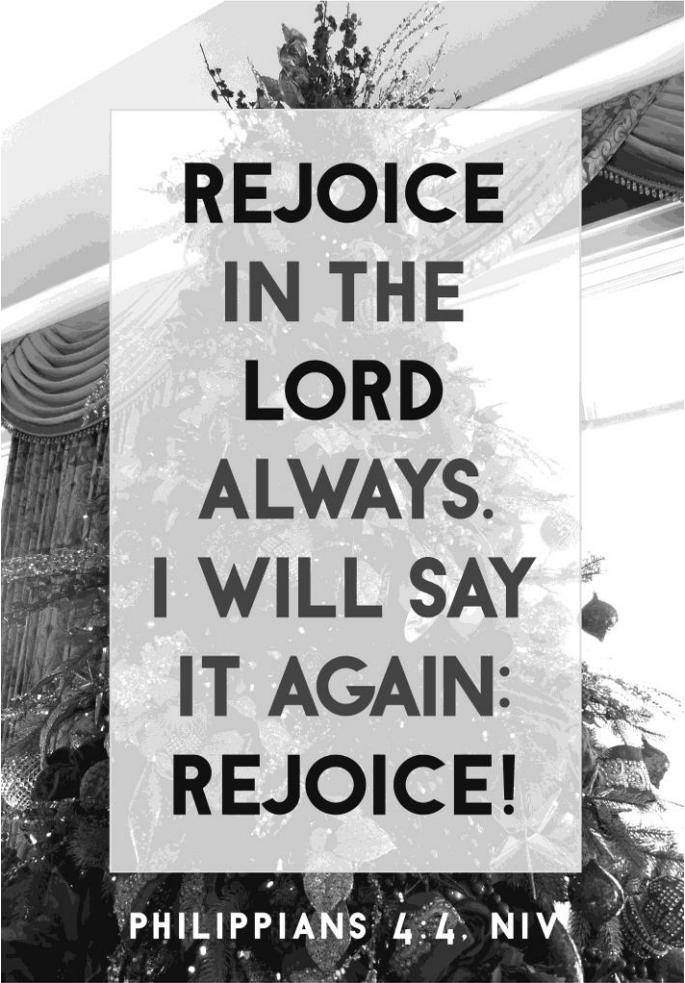


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**REJOICE
IN THE
LORD
ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY
IT AGAIN:
REJOICE!**

PHILIPPIANS 4:4, NIV

Offering will be received at both doors

THE CHILD WHO IS JOHN'S JOY

It was a joyous scene when the ark of God drew near to Jerusalem in King David's day. The ark of the covenant was such a gift of grace and mercy, David did something that adults—especially kings—never do. He leapt for joy before the ark. But it was an even more joyous scene when John the Baptist, the forerunner, met Jesus, the Savior, for the first time, while they were both still in their mothers' wombs. John, in the womb of an elderly, formerly barren woman, leapt for joy at the voice of Mary, the Virgin carrying God's Son in her womb. God's special presence on earth would no longer be tied to a gold-covered box but rather to the incarnate Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Our hearts have every reason to leap for joy as John the Baptist leapt. God's presence is among us as Christ draws near to us in His Word and Sacraments, and He has promised to be near to us forever when He comes again on the Last Day.

Stand if able

Versicles

L O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L 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 Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalmody

Psalm: (Read Responsively)

Psalm 98:1-6

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!*

C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P The LORD has made known his salvation;*

C he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;*

C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

- P** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,*
C with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- P** With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
C make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Sit

349 Hark the Glad Sound

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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*Christ
 IS Coming!*

Readings

Old Testament Reading:

2 Samuel 6:12–23

P The Old Testament Reading is from 2 Samuel, the sixth chapter.

And it was told King David, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!” And David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD—and I will make merry before the LORD. I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor.” And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle:

Philippians 4:4–7

P The Epistle is from Philippians, the fourth chapter.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand if able

Holy Gospel:

Luke 1:39–45

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Advent Responsory

Jeremiah 23:5a, 6

- L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
L In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Sit

Sermon



Canticle

Stand if able

Antiphon

Psalm 141:2

- I** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Magnificat (I – Men; II – Women)

Luke 1:46–55

- C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
- I** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- II** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
- II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- II** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- I** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- C** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

Introduction to Collects

Psalm 102:1

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** **And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, when John heard the voice of Your mother, You caused him to leap for joy in Elizabeth's womb for You were now present in the flesh to save all flesh. Draw near to us in Your Word and Sacraments and stir up our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your gracious visitation, may leap for joy and serve You with gladness through this life into the life and the world to come, where we shall behold You face to face in the resurrection of all flesh; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

- L** Almighty God, by the atoning sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You established Him as our Mercy Seat of forgiveness. Sprinkle our hearts clean with Christ's blood through the preaching of the Gospel so that, having been set free from our sins, we may rejoice in the Lord always and thank Him for His unfailing mercy toward us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

- P** The grace of our Lord +I- Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**



346 When All the World Was Cursed



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
 The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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