



Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree

A Christmas Service

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Welcome/Introduction

Opening Hymn

LSB 387: JOY TO THE WORLD

1. (Sung by the Pak Family)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. (Sung by Jim Pemberton)

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. (Sung by Lindstrom Family)

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. (Sung by the Pak Family)

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.



The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading

P: The Jesse Tree, Christ's family tree,

C: Points us the way to Jesus.

P: From Eden down to Calvary,

C: Our loving Savior frees us.

P: The promise is for you and me

People: And points the way to Jesus.

The Christmas Meditation (Pastor Mankin)

The Message Presented by the Children

Reading from Isaiah 11:1–4, 10

Eli Freeburg (*Symbol: Stump of Jesse*)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear, but with righteousness He shall judge the poor. . . . In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious.

Pyper, Chloe, and Bailey Cox (*Symbol: Apple*)

Now Eve and Adam were the first, And through their sin, the world was cursed. But by God's love, these two were blessed, And through their fruit, we, too, find rest.

O Jesse Tree

Sung by Pyper Cox

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*When Eve and Adam took that bite,
God promised to make all things right.*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Jim and Luke Pemberton (*Symbol: Rainbow*)

The world was sinful, mean, and bad.

The people made God very sad.

The waters made the world anew—

Like Noah's fam'ly, me, and you!

O Jesse Tree

Sung by Jim and Luke Pemberton

Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*God cleansed the world from evil sin;
Another promise would begin.*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn

LSB 370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS, *stanza 1*

Sung by Bailey Cox

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!

Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13

Hank Petro

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for Myself a king among his sons. . . . And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. *1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13*

Porter and Titus Grant: (*Symbol: Crown*)

This David, shepherd, lowly boy,
Was blessed by God to sing with joy!
He ruled, he conquered—he still sinned—
But God still loved him to the end.

O Jesse Tree

Sung by Porter and Titus Grant

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*Though Jesse's son was frail and small,
His offspring would be King of all!*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Margaret and Evelyn Mankin: (*Symbol: His Name Is John*)

Messenger to Zechariah:
Time was near for the Messiah.
His son, John, would spread the story
Of God's coming grace and glory!

O Jesse Tree

Sung by Margaret and Evelyn Mankin

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*Though dear Elizabeth was old,
Her boy—a prophet—was foretold.*
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading

Matthew 3:1-6

Theo Petro

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’”

Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Hank and Theo Petro:

John the Baptist by the river
Told of Jesus, true life-giver.
What a story! What a blessing!
What a joy to be confessing!

Reading

Luke 1:26-33

Miles Lindstom: (*Symbol: Mary*)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

Isaac Lindstom: (*Symbol: Joseph’s Hammer*)

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Syriana Schaub: (*Symbol: Jesus' Manger*)

Since Adam, Eve, and through the years—
Through sin and triumph, joy and tears—
God kept His Word, His family;
The Christ has come for you, for me!

Song: O Jesse Tree

Sung by Isaac and Miles Lindstrom (Symbol: Cross)

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
The promise of the Jesse Tree:
Our Savior came for you and me!
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Responsive Reading

L: The Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—

C: Points us the way to Jesus.

L: From Eden down to Calvary,

C: Our loving Savior frees us.

L: The promise is for you and me

C: And points the way to Jesus.

Prayer

Benediction

P: Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 379: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

(Sung by Chloe Cox)

*1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels:*

(ALL) Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

(Sung by the Pak Family)

*2. Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing!*

(ALL) Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

(Sung by the Mankin Family)

3. *Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest:*

(ALL) Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

(Sung by the Lindstrom Family)

4. *Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing!*

(ALL) Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**