

**+ WE WORSHIP OUR LORD**  
**SING A SONG OF ADVENT...MARY'S SONG**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022, 11:15AM +**

*Gabriel's Message, or, The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came is a Basque Christmas folk carol about the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary by the archangel Gabriel that she would become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. It quotes the Biblical account of Luke 1:26-38 and 46-55. A Basque folk carol, originally based on Angelus Ad Virginem, a 13th or 14th Century Latin carol, was collected by Charles Bordes and then paraphrased into English by Sabine Baring-Gould, who spent a winter as a boy in the Basque country. The tune is called Gabriel's Message by Edgar Pettman published in his 1892 book Modern Christmas Carols. Notable modern interpretations include Sting's interpretation as part of "A Very Special Christmas". Christian rock band Jars of Clay recorded a version for their 2007 Christmas album. Charlotte Church recorded a version for her 2000 Christmas.*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**PRAISE SONG**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- C** **Restore us, O God, let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**
- P** I waited patiently for the LORD, He inclined to me and heard my cry.
- C** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
- P** O God, You have set forth the way of life for us in Your Son. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
- C** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love. I acknowledge my sinful nature and confess my sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**
- P** Upon this your confession and by the command of my Lord, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

**P** Together, we pray,

**C** **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us.**

**Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant us a deep and abiding peace for all of our days. By the working of Your Spirit, lead us to share that joy we now know as Your gift. Keep us in true faith until the coming of Your everlasting kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

## *CHILDREN'S TIME*

### *OLD TESTAMENT READING*

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

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, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*EPISTLE*

*Romans 15:4–13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ

Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

*Luke 1:46–56*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

## **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*PRAISE SONG*

- P** Please rise as we confess our faith using the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, echoing the proclamation of John the Baptist,

### *NICENE CREED*

- C** I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

# *THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES*

## *PRAYERS OF HIS CHILDREN*

- P** With hope we pray  
**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

### *PREFACE*

*LSB 160*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### *THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

- P** Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
*LORD'S PRAYER*

- 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.**

## *DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION*

### *GOD'S BENEDICTION*

*LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious  
to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you  
peace.
- C** Amen.

## **PRAISE SONG**

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