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Prelude and Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.**
Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
God of life,
**you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**
We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.
We nurture conflict and build barriers.
We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation.
Have mercy on us.
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.
Amen.
Hear the good news:
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In+ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**
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WORD

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will
bruise the serpent's head.*
Favourite Christmas Hymn
Second LessonGenesis 22:15-18
*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the
earth be blessed.*
Favourite Christmas Hymn

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.
Favourite Christmas Hymn
Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.
Favourite Christmas Hymn
Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Favourite Christmas Hymn
Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1, 3-7
St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.
Favourite Christmas Hymn
Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16
The shepherds go to the manger.
Favourite Christmas Hymn
Eighth LessonMatthew 2:1-12
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.
Favourite Christmas Hymn
Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14
St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.
Favourite Christmas Hymn

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SENDING

Blessing
Sending Song..... 299 Cold December Flies Away
Dismissal: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
Thanks be to God.

**St. Matthew's wishes you a very blessed and joyous Christmas and prays that
these twelve days of Christmas bring you peace and health in 2023.**