



[WORSHIP AT HOME ADVENT & GATHERING SONGS](#)

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***Live-stream video is unavailable for December 13/20.** *The worship service will be video recorded and will be available in the VIDEO LINK or on the "Bethel CRC Lacombe" Youtube channel after the Worship service at approximately 12 noon on Sunday.

Advent Song Video: *Your Name*

Gathering Song: (Youtube) *Speak, O Lord*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Opening Prayer

King of Glory, you are God. You are powerful. You rule the entire world. We praise you because you are so great. But you became a baby. You were tiny and weak. You were just like us. We praise you because you came, and we look forward to when you will come again. In your name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Call to Worship Litany

PASTOR: We gather in preparation,

PEOPLE: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

PASTOR: We gather in expectation,

PEOPLE: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

PASTOR: We gather in celebration,

PEOPLE: for we are those people who have said yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed,

yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.

PASTOR: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

God's Greeting

Song of Praise:

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* LUYH 56**

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE:
A SAVIOR MADE KNOWN**

Lighting of the Candle of JOY

Advent Song:

***Blessed Be the God of Israel* LUYH 67**

Prayer for God's People

WE HEAR THE WORD

Readers' Theater: *Zechariah Speaks*

John's Cousin: Hey, did you see what happened at Uncle Zechariah and Aunt Elizabeth's house yesterday at their new baby's circumcision ceremony?

Friend: No, what happened? It must be pretty amazing, for you to be so excited. They're so old, nothing exciting ever happens there.

John's Cousin: Well, you know that Uncle Zechariah hasn't been able to talk ever since he saw that angel in the temple and Aunt Elizabeth became pregnant. Aunt Elizabeth says it's been so quiet since Uncle couldn't talk, but then, when the guests asked Aunt Elizabeth for the baby's name, she said it's going to be John and when they looked to Uncle Zechariah, he wrote the same thing down on a tablet. Then, all of a sudden, Uncle Zechariah got his voice back again!

Friend: Wow! What did he say? Did he say anything really special?

John's Cousin: He sang a song all about his baby boy John and praising God. In the song, Uncle said that John is going to be a prophet who's going to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. There was so much I didn't really understand, but Uncle sang about a lot of Old Testament promises about the Messiah. A strange but cool song.

Friend: I hope somebody wrote it down so that we can all learn it. Any song about God and his promises is special and we need God's special promises right now with all the trouble around. It's a perfect time for the Messiah to come!

John's Cousin: Amen! Let's go find the other kids and see if they want to play.

Scripture: Luke 1:67-79

Sermon: Zechariah Speaks

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN HOPE

Song of Response:

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies LUYH 667

Offering for Bethel Budget

Prayer for Offering

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can, I give him, give him my heart.

GOD'S BLESSING: An Irish Blessing

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone, may you always remember when the shadows fall - you do not walk alone.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Closing song:

How, Bright Appears the Morning Star

LUYH 101:1,3