

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI  
Worship Music – 12/12/2021

**Hail to the LORD's Anointed**

**Hail to the LORD's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.**

**To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever, that name to us is love.**

Advent Wreath Prayers: Joy

During the third week in Advent, we spend time thinking about joy.

From Psalm 5:11, we hear these words,

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,

so that those who love your name may exult in you.”

*Two purple candles and one pink candle are lit.*

Too often, we think joy is something big, O God. A brass band or a parade can certainly bring us joy. Just as easily and far more often, we can feel joy in a hug or the squeeze of hand, we can see joy in a smile or hear it in laughter. Help us to not overlook the simple joys that peak into our lives daily. This week in our Advent journey, open our eyes to the joy that surrounds us. Amen.

**The Snow Lay on the Ground**

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.  
Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

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'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne,  
that brought into this world the God made man.  
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem, the ass and oxen shared the roof with them.

Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

And thus that manger poor became a throne;  
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.  
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host;  
to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

**Song of Thanksgiving (Red #236 – Refrain)**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
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**Prayers of the People**

Gracious Father, we long to live much less of a driven life and much more of a called life.  
We long to live with less fear and more freedom, less by frenzy and more by faith, with

fewer obsessions and with much more adoration of you, the God of all peace. So we heed the words of St. Paul, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”

**Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**

Gracious Father, forgive the times when you call us forward and we do nothing and make excuses. Instead, enable us to be like Mary as we go forward, always forward, forever forward—marching to the words, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”

**Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**

Gracious Father, for many of us what hinders most is fear. The fear of not being enough and having enough, the fear of losing face and losing control, the fear of missing the mark and missing out. Only your presence with us in Jesus our Lord can keep us from falling into the pit of worry and anxiety. That’s why we decide to, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”

**Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**

Gracious Father, drive out everything in our lives that holds us back from full-hearted and all-out devotion to you. Your Son lived a life of perfect obedience for us as the second Adam, fulfilling everything you require of us. Christ’s resurrection from the dead on the third day is the first fruits and guarantee that one Day we will be as lovely as you and as loving as you. What a glorious Day that will be! That’s why we say, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”

**Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**

Gracious Father, we place ourselves, these prayers and those we love before your throne of grace, trusting in the powerful and priceless name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

### Rejoice, the Lord Is King

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up or heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**