



A Series of Special Services for Advent

The Amazing Birth of Samuel

• Darkness Becomes Light •

The Advent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;
Come, let us meet Him on the road and place for Him prepare.

- P *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,*
C **Amen.**
P *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*
C **Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

(The Advent Wreath is lit.)

- P *Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."*
C **"Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

The everlasting Son incarnate stoops to be,
Himself the servant's form puts on to set His people free.

- P *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*
C **For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
P *Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found. Let us confess our sins, confident that our gracious God forgives us.*
C **Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!**
P *Peace be with you! Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ tells His Church, "If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven." I, therefore, a called pastor of His Church, by His authority forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One through all eternity.

• Psalm 99 •

P *Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain.*

C **The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! Let the people tremble and confess His name, for it is great and awesome.**

Alleluia! Praises sing
Unto our exalted King!
Alleluia! At His feet
Bow in worship, as is meet.
Alleluia! E'er adored
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

P *Mighty King, lover of justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

C **Moses and Aaron were His priests, and Samuel was one who prayed to Him. They called to the Lord and He answered them; He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud, and they obeyed His laws.**

Alleluia! Come and pray,
And the will of God obey.
Alleluia! Praise is due
To our righteous God, and true.
Alleluia! E'er adored
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

P *O Lord our God, You answered their prayers and forgave their sins, and punished them for their wrongdoings.*

C **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain.**

• The Prayer of the Day •

Old Testament Lesson • 1 Samuel

1:10-20

“Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel.”

Epistle Lesson • Acts 3:17-26

“Samuel ... also proclaimed these days.”

The Holy Gospel • Luke 1:46-55

“He has looked on the humble estate of his servant.”

• Theme Hymn •

A child is born—young Samuel; for Hannah, joy from tears—
A graceful, gracious offering to balm her barren years.
Anointer of the chosen: From David he would bring
A vision of God's promised One—our everlasting King.

• The Amazing Birth of Samuel •

God's Gift to Hannah

A child is born in Bethlehem, the Savior promised long
In scrolls of prophets' promises; loud hailed in angels' song.
Emmanuel, God with us, has come to heal the earth.
With sages, saints and angel tongues, proclaim the wondrous birth.

Apostles' Creed

The Offering

• The Prayers • Response

P *God of Hannah and Samuel,*

C **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

• The Benediction •

Psalm 99, Romans 55

P *Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!*

C **Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon His name. They called to the Lord, and He answered them.**

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

C **Amen.**

• Hymn •

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

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