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PRELUDE

Waiting for a King - Joe Martin



WELCOME

Have a happy December!

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open, and from whom nothing is hidden, in your mercy hear our prayers this morning. Purify our hearts so we may worship you in spirit and truth, the only worship acceptable to you. Be glorified in every aspect of this service. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.





Advent Candle Lighting

We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring, and with the hopeful expectation for peace on earth. For the



Scripture says, "He shall purify his people like gold and silver until they shine forth his righteousness that includes practicing peace and goodwill. This candle also points to the birth of the Savior as the Prince of Peace and the one who will return as King of Kings.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!



RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Lord Jesus, we are preparing our hearts
to celebrate your birth and Second
Coming.

Our minds are set on remembering the
true meaning of Christmas and
remembering that you will come again.





GTG # 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

OPENING HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Matthew 1: 18-21

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged in marriage to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and was unwilling to disgrace her publicly, he resolved to divorce her quietly. But after he had pondered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to embrace Mary as your wife, for the One conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."





*Let us trust God's love for us and
confess our sins, confident in God's
mercy.*

CALL TO CONFESSION



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have sent your messengers to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Forgive us for not fully embracing your message. From this day forward, give us the grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.





ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scripture teaches that when we earnestly repent, God hears our prayers and grants those requests that are in accordance with his divine will. Praise be to God for His everlasting mercy.



Happy Holidays!

PASSING THE PEACE



Announcements



02 Morning Devotions
*Mon-Sat, 6:00 am -
6:15 am, via ZOOM.*

05 Evening Advent Study
*7:00 pm, via
YouTube.*

16 Luncheon
*Thursday, December 15,
11:00 am - 1:00 pm.*





RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 122: 18-19

Blessed be the Lord, our God who alone does wondrous things.


Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with
his glory! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION





LUKE 24: 44



Therefore, you must also be ready, for the Son
of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.





MORNING
MEDITATION



SILENT MEDITATION



CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



COMMUNION HYMN

(PH) # 513

Let Us Break Bread Together



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE



Sisters and brothers, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! Women, men, youth, boys, and girls, come! The Scriptures say they will come from north and south, east, and west, and sit at the Table. This is the Lord's Table. Christ, our Lord, invites those who love him. Come to the feast which he has prepared.

All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering, and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known to us and present in your Son, Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us, to reconcile all creation to life, and everlasting life. By him, with him, and in him, the web of your love is made whole, and we with it.

Jesus gathered his disciples and said: "Remember me." And so, we do. We remember that he gathered not only his friends but even his betrayer around a common table, sharing the gifts of wheat and vine, the first fruits from the earth. We remember that he offered himself to us, that we may follow him even beyond death into eternal love.

Gather us now at your table, O God, that we may be sustained in our faith journey. May these gifts of the earth be for us the gift of your goodness made present, made known. And grant that we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.



PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

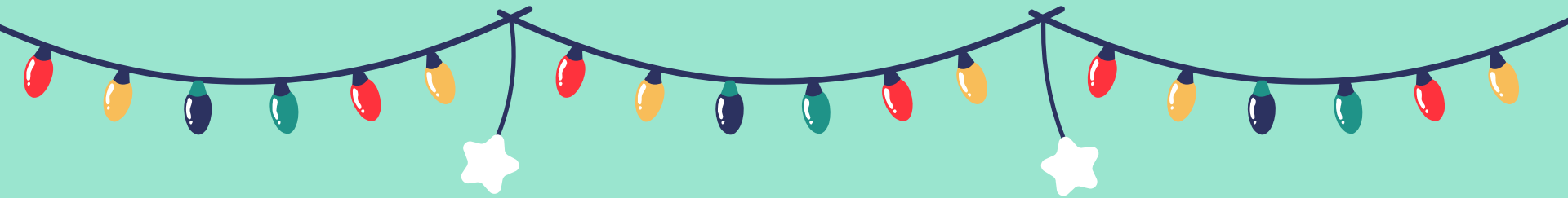


The gifts of God for the people of God. Let
us keep the feast.

This is the body of Christ given for you.
Take eat it all.

This is the blood of love poured out for
you. Drink it all.





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



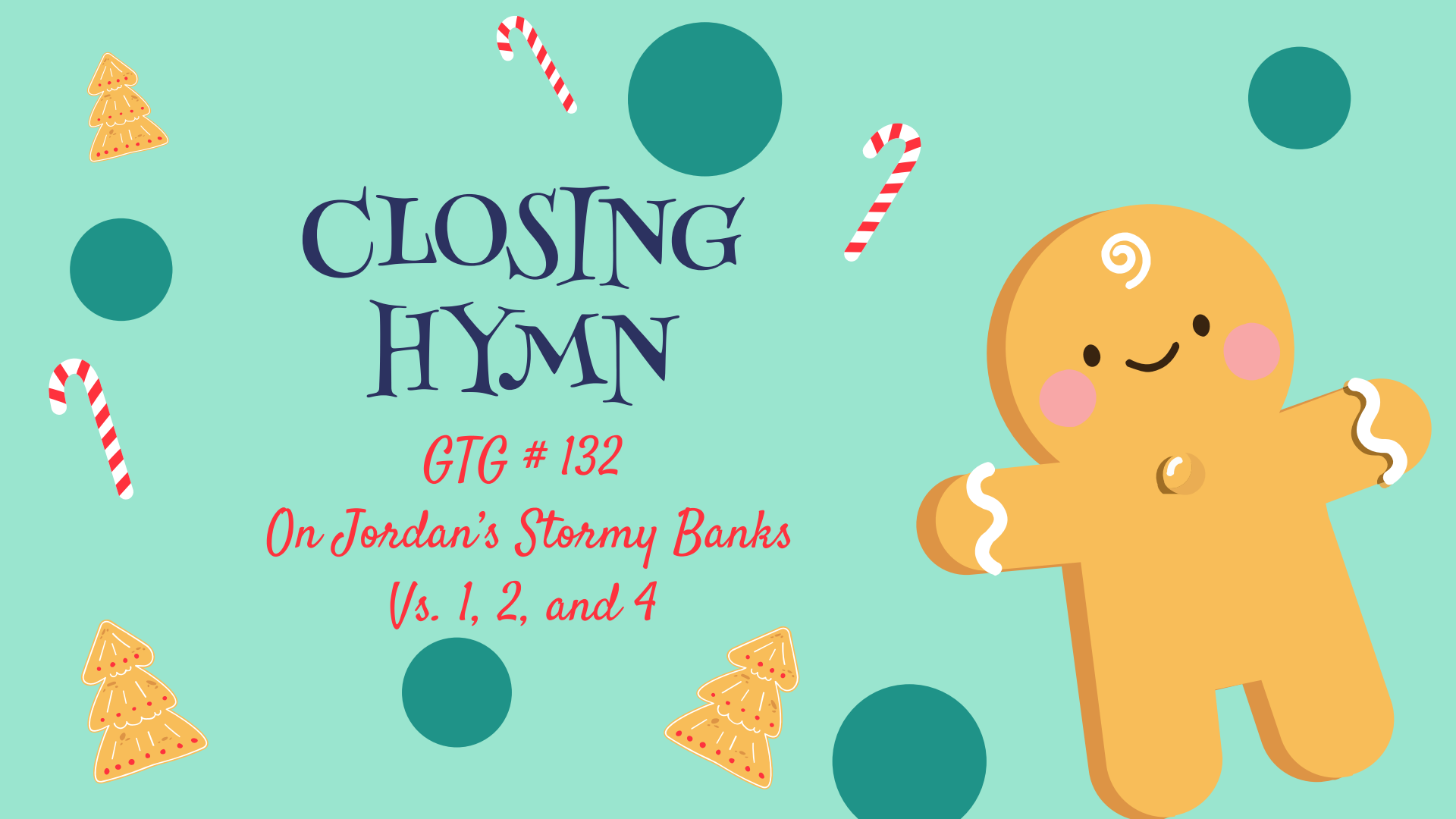


THE LORD'S PRAYER



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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine are the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.





CLOSING HYMN

GTG # 132

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Vs. 1, 2, and 4





BENEDICTION

About that day and hour no one knows.
Therefore, keep awake, for you do not
know on what day your Lord is coming.
Be ready for the Lord will come at an
unexpected hour. May the Spirit of the
Lord surround us as we walk and wait
for his coming.



GTG # 568

CONG. RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

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