

## ORDER OF SERVICE – 7 DECEMBER, 2025

### Prelude

### Welcome and announcements

### LIGHTING SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

**Prayer (All):** *Blessed Lord, who caused the holy Scripture to be written for our learning, help us so to hear it, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it, that, through patience and the comfort of your voice speaking through Scripture, we may, in embracing Christ, forever hold fast to the hope of everlasting life given us only in him. Amen.*

### Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 34)

<b>Leader</b>	Glorify the Lord with me: let us exalt his name together.
<b>Church</b>	<i>I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.</i>
<b>Leader</b>	Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
<b>Church</b>	<i>Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.</i>

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn

**RB#201: Down from His Glory**

### Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, you are a great and holy God, worthy of all honour and praise. You are faithful to keep all your promises. We confess we fall far short of your calling and commands. We love ourselves more than we love you. We fear the disapproval of men, rather than fear and obey you. Without your mercy, we would be cast away from your presence. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew a right spirit within us. Teach us to fear you truly. Attune our ears to your commands. Purify our lips to praise you, and be faithful witnesses to your gospel of grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon

### Passing of Peace

### Pulpit Hymn

**In the Bleak Midwinter**

### Verse 1

*In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron  
Water like a stone*

*Snow had fallen snow on snow  
Snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter  
Long ago*

**Verse 2**

*Our God heav'n cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ*

**Verse 3**

*Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air  
But His mother only  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss*

**Verse 4**

*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 can I give Him  
Give my heart*

**Second Pulpit Hymn (11.00am)**

**Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 1**

**Message**

**Rev Eugene Hor**

*The Children of Promise Threatened, But Not Destroyed*

**Offertory Song RB#192: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**Doxology & Prayer of Consecration**

**CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Rev Zadok**

**Affirming the Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
he was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and buried;  
he descended to the dead;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayer of humble access***

**(All)** *We do not trust in our own righteousness, O God, but only in your mercy. It is your nature to have mercy. Grant us, O gracious Lord, as we partake of the bread and the cup, to be renewed so that we will walk in newness of life, and grow into Your likeness and abide in you, as the branch abides in the vine. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

**Minister:** This is the Lord's Table. The Lord invites all who place their trust in Him to come.

**People:** *Worthy is the Lamb of God who was slain.*

**Minister:** The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest and trial took bread and broke it and gave thanks to the Father. He said, 'Take and eat; this is My body, given to you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'

**People:** *O Lamb of God who takes away our sins, have mercy on us.*

**Minister:** In the same way , Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave to all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant

in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this to remember Me.'

**People:** *O Lamb of God who takes away our sins, have mercy on us.*

**Minister:** Draw near with faith and partake and be strengthened.

**People:** *We draw near in faith and we are thankful!*

**Partaking of the Communion Elements**

**Prayers of the People**

Rev Zadok

**Closing Song      RB#179 Angels we have heard on high**

**Benediction**

Rev Zadok

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

**SERMON NOTES:** Rev Eugene Hor (Exodus 1)

## **Introduction**

We live in a culture that seeks to silence the Christian voice ...

### **God's Promise Of Blessing Is Coming True!**

vv.1-7 cf. Gen.12:1-3

Gen.12:1-3 i) land, ii) great nation (many descendants cf. Gen.22:17; 26:4), and iii) blessing to all peoples on earth!

blessing in v.7 ... *but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.* (cf. Gen.1:22, 28)

### **God's Promise Of Blessing Is Threatened! vv.8-14**

v.9 ... the promise is a threat to the King

v.10 ... we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous (multiply further)

v.11 ... the plan is to enslave and oppress

v.12 ... the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread

### **The King's Hidden Plot To Destroy The Children Of The Promise vv.15-21**

vv.15-16 ... a hidden plot to destroy

v.17 ... *the midwives however, feared God ...*

v.20 ... *and the people increased (multiplied) and became even more numerous.*

### **The King's Open Plot To Destroy The Children Of The Promise v.22**

v.22, *Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."*

## **Conclusion**

**1) God's promise to bless Abraham still stands today in Jesus!** cf. Matt.1:1, 21; 26:18-29; 28:18-20

God's plan is that through his children the peoples of the earth will be blessed in the gospel!

**2) God's promise to bless Abraham in Jesus will always be threatened, but will never be stopped!**

Matt.2 ... the promise is a threat to the King who secretly plots (vv.7-8) and who seeks to destroy the promise (vv.16-18)

Acts 7:17 ... a reminder to those who are threatening the promise ... it's unstoppable!

9:31; 12:24; 4:4; 16:5; 19:20 ... multiplied, increased, grew, spread ...

2:41, 47; 5:14; 6:7; 11:21; 14:21; 17:4, 12; 28:23 ... the Lord added to their number, increased, rapidly, large number, many believed, even larger numbers ...