

Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree

A Children's Christmas Service for All Ages

Overview: Matthew's Gospel begins with these words: A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the Son of Abraham. These words show that our Savior has a family line that can be traced just like we can trace our family lines when we do genealogy. However, more than just knowing who our Lord is descended from are the promises that God gave to each succeeding generation as they awaited our Lord's birth. Today's service by our children traces the highlights of Jesus' family tree and those promises that still hold true for us. The service gets its name from Isaiah 11:1, which states: A will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit!

The Processional Hymn: *Joy to the World* LSB #387

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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The Invocation

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

Responsive Reading

P The Jesse Tree, Christ's Family Tree
C **Points us the way to Jesus.**

P From Eden down to Calvary,
C **Our loving Savior Frees Us**

P The Promise Is for you and me.
C **And points the way to Jesus.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

The Message Presented By The Children

Readings **Isaiah 11:1-4, 10** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse
Genesis 3:1-6, 14-15 He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His
heel.

Recitation 1 Apple

Song By Children: O Jesse Tree v. 1 Adam and Eve

Reading **Genesis 9:8-13** Then God said...between Me and the earth.

Recitation 2 Rainbow

Song By Children: O Jesse Tree v. 2 Noah

Reading **Genesis 12:1-3** Now the Lord...earth shall be blessed.

Recitation 3 Tent

Reading **Genesis 22:6-8** And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.

Recitation 4 Ram

Song by Children: O Jesse Tree v. 3 Abraham

Reading Ruth 1:15-16 And [Ruth] said...your God my God.

Recitation 5 You have a Redeemer

Song By Children: O Jesse Tree v. 4 Ruth

Congregation Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* LSB #361:1-2

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!

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Reading 1Samuel 16:1, 10-13 The Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.

Recitation 6 Crown

Song by Children: O Jesse Tree v. 4 David

Reading Luke 1:11-16 And there appeared an angel ...He will turn many to the Lord their God.

Recitation 7 His name is John

Song by Children: O Jesse Tree v. 5 Zechariah and Elizabeth, John the Baptizer

Congregation Hymn: *Gentle Mary Laid her Child* LSB #374:1,3

1 Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Unfiled,
To the world a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.

- 3 Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined
But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth;
Hail the King of glory!

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Reading Luke 1:26-33 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent to Nazareth.

Recitation 8 Mary

Recitation 9 Joseph's hammer

Recitation 10 Jesus' manger

Song by All: O Jesse Tree

1. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—points us the way to Jesus
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*The virgin Mary, servant blessed,
Would raise a Son unlike the rest*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—points us the way to Jesus.
2. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—points us the way to Jesus
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*Joseph the carpenter was true;
He cared for Jesus—Mary too!*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—points us the way to Jesus.
3. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—points us the way to Jesus
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*The promise of the Jesse Tree:
Our Savior came for you and me!*
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—points us the way to Jesus.

Away In a Manger (Sung By Children)

The Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Responsive reading

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* LSB #379

1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: Refrain

ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

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