

World Hunger Day Service

“Maximizing Our Purpose Through Christian Living”



THE PROCESSIONAL

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this season of anticipation, let us prepare to welcome the Christ Child:

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Leader: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst;

People: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

Leader: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed.

People: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

THE INVOCATION

God, our sustainer, we ask you to pour your powerful Spirit into all who are empty this day. Fill the hearts of persons who are troubled. Fill the minds of men and women who are confused. Fill the stomachs of your children who are hungry. Fill the souls of people who are feeling lost. Fill the lives of all who need you, but do not know you. Dear Lord, may your Spirit fill us all to overflowing. May we be inspired to share our abundance with others, so that there will be no more empty hearts and minds, stomachs and souls. We pray all this in the blessed Name of Jesus Christ, who fills lives with endless grace. *Amen.*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

WORLD HUNGER LITANY

Leader: In this season of shining hope, let us call to mind the prophet's vision: if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,

People: Your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noon day.

Leader: God of tender compassion: Hear the cry of your children whose hope is faint.

People: Make bright our gloom and fill the hungry with every good thing.

Leader: Holy child, stable-born: Provide warm shelter for the poor and homeless, and help us to see you in every guest.

People: Make bright our gloom and fill the hungry with every good thing.

Leader: O God, you have remembered your promise of mercy, you have come to dwell among us, and you have revealed your glory.

All: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, that we might pour ourselves out for the hungry and reveal your care to the afflicted. In the name of Jesus we pray! Amen.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE

James 2:15-17

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM

THE NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

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MOMENTS

World Hunger Appeal

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION *“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”*

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE RECESSIONAL

THE MISSIONARY BLESSING: “God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us and give us peace.” *Amen*

WORLD HUNGER DAY APPEAL

Zion's World Hunger Day is observed during the season of Advent, a period of spiritual preparation for the coming or birth of the Christ Child. Celebrating Advent involves a time of prayer, waiting and expecting.

The nativity reminds us that Jesus was born among the poor, as a lowly outcast rejected of men. Of this spiritual poverty, the poverty of His birth is a God-ordained sign. *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."* II Corinthians 8:9. He was consecrated to God; He was BORN to be the Savior! He was born lowly in order to save, and that in Him alone all salvation is found.

During this Advent season, let us meditate on His unspeakable gift – the gift of Salvation! Give thanks to God that He was not born a mere human, as every other person is born!

Three decades ago, the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society accepted World Hunger as an annual mission challenge under the presidency of Mrs. Alcestis M. Coleman. December 6, 1982 was designated as the first World Hunger Sunday and, thereafter, missionaries throughout our denomination observe World Hunger Day. Programs and activities are planned to increase awareness. The objective of World Hunger Sunday is to help in a spiritual way by sharing and giving of our monetary resources to help relieve the suffering of the hungry. Funds can be contributed any Sunday in December. We are *"Laborers with Christ as His instruments for feeding the Hungry."*

Mary and Joseph could find no place to stay in Bethlehem when Jesus was born; but today WH&OMS ministries with support from the World Hunger Appeal, are providing the sort of help that Jesus' family might have wanted.

During Advent, fast one day for the poor and give the money you would have spent on **your meals for that day** to WHOMS to help stop World Hunger. Donating to the appeal is our response to the Gospel of Jesus.

Send your World Hunger Appeal gift, through your District President, to: **Mrs. Rosetta J. Dunham, Executive Secretary, Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, P.O. Box 26846, Charlotte, NC 28221-6846.**

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World Hunger Day



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Quadrennial Theme:

*Maximizing Our Purpose: Continuing Our Journey; Through
Mission Education, Christian Living and Mission Ministry*

Church:

Pastor