

Order of Service

December 20, 2020

Call to Worship

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18

Songs of Adoration

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee, Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song

Chorus

Come to Bethlehem and see, Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King

Chorus

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, Sing with us our Savior's birth

Chorus

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O Come All Ye Faithful
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

Chorus

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

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright, Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all, Glory in the highest

Chorus

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

Chorus

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Advent Celebration: Love

Old Testament Advent Reading

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

New Testament Advent Reading

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31-39

Lighting of the Candle of Love / Responsive Reading

Leader: The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us.

People: Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The Bible says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Leader: Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, and it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends.

Together: We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen amen, world without end

The Apostles' Creed

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, dead, and buried; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

*catholic church here does not mean the Roman Catholic church, but the universal church (past and present) which includes both the saints of the church and the doctrines in the Scriptures.

Children's Song

Lauri Yoo

"Encourage One Another"

Encourage one another, And build each other up
Build each other up, Build each other up
Encourage one another, And build each other up
Up up up up up up up up up

Encourage one another, Don't tear each other down
Tear each other down, Tear each other down
Encourage one another, Don't tear each other down
Down down down down down down down down down

Encourage one another, And build each other up
Build each other up, Build each other up
Encourage one another, And build each other up
Up up up up up up up up up

Children's Sermon

Lauri Yoo

Sermon

Chul H. Yoo

Corporate Response

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when he comes

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Benediction and Offering

Chul H. Yoo