

DECEMBER 22, 2019

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WAIT AND LISTEN

10:45 AM

A MUSICAL SERVICE BASED ON HOLY SCRIPTURE AND THE WRITINGS OF HENRI NOUWEN
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF DIXON MARTIN, FAITHFUL CHOIR MEMBER, WHO PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 8

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

Jason W. Crosby

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

INTROIT 161

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Emily Steinbach, solo

Descant by David Willcocks

Congregation is invited to sing on Stanzas 2, 3 & 4.

BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Jason W. Crosby

*HYMN OF PRAISE 173

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Descant by David Willcocks

DEDICATION OF MADELINE JUNE MEADOR

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY

Michael and Kate Meador

Ava Meador

COVENANT OF DEDICATION

Minister, Parents and Congregation

Minister: By God's love we are given children through the miracle of birth.

Congregation: We give God thanks.

Minister: May we greet each new son and daughter with joy, and surround them all with faith so they may know Christ and want to be his followers.

Congregation: Never let us neglect children, but help us to delight in them, showing them the welcome God has shown us all.

Minister: Michael and Kate, in presenting Maddie to the Lord, do you promise in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church to teach your daughter the gifts and claims of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word and example to bring her up in the nurture, discipline and instruction of the Lord?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Brothers and sisters of this community of faith, I commend to you this family. Your love, care and example are as necessary to this covenant as their faithfulness in keeping their promise. As they seek to raise their daughter in the way of Jesus, will you do all in your power to make this church a true spiritual home for them, lending them the support of your prayers, your presence, your care and your love?

Congregation: With God's help we will so seek to follow Christ ourselves that Michael and Kate shall be strengthened and confirmed in their resolve, and that their daughter, surrounded by steadfast love, may be nurtured in the faith and led to walk in the way of Jesus.

WORDS OF BLESSING

THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLE, CERTIFICATE AND BLANKET

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GLOBAL MISSION MOMENT

Adrienne Eisenmenger

ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
 Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God. Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
 Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below.
 For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon.
 E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz, ©1954, 1982, by Concordia Publishing House

READING

Michael Smith

ANTHEM

Comfort, Comfort
 Allison Hammons, piccolo

FREU DICH SEHR
 arr. John Ferguson

"Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!" So says our God.
 Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
 To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
 Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near.
 Calling us to true repentance since the kingdom now is here.
 Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
 Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting!

Straight shall be what once was crooked, and the rougher places plain!
 Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign!
 For the glory of our God now on earth is shed abroad,
 And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Johannes Olearius, 1671: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

ADVENT LITANY OF LOVE

The birth of Christ brought forth into the darkness of this world a great light.

Thanks be to God.

In Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, we find our greatest love.

Thanks be to God.

Our Savior, however, promised to come again to fully redeem humanity and creation.

Thanks be to God.

This Advent season may we celebrate gifts already found in Christ and faithfully anticipate God's gifts yet to come.

May we prepare the way.

SONG AND PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF LOVE

When God Is a Child

Joan Collier Fogg

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain: When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong.
 And none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. *Refrain*

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Savior is born. *Refrain*

Love is a flame that burns in our heart, Jesus has come and will never depart. *Refrain*

Brian Wren, ©1989 in *Bring Many Names*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Eileen Bartlett

*CAROL

Canticle of the Turning

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
 And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
 So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

REFRAIN: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn.
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. REFRAIN

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. REFRAIN

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. REFRAIN

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

You are invited to make an offering of your gifts as well as a silent offering of yourself.

CHORAL OFFERING

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY, arr. Gustav Holst

Elizabeth Weaver, soprano; Gregory Rahming, baritone

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth your full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood.
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Lord most high. Amen.

Liturgy of St. James, 4th century; tr. Gerald Moultrie, 1864

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

O Source Of Love, The Giver And The Gift

VENI EMMANUEL

O Source of Love, the Giver and the Gift, with glad and gen'rous hearts we now uplift
Our voices in eternal praise, for all your gifts that crown our days.
O Lord, our God, our hearts to thee are bound to share your love with people all around. Amen.

Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

READING

Annie Hammon

SOLO

Quia Respexit

Johann Sebastian Bach

Laura Lea Duckworth, soprano

Magnificat

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae; ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent.

Because he has regarded the lowly state of his maiden; for look! from now on they will say that I am blessed.

Tr. Francis Brown, 2006

READING

Laura Green

ANTHEM

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give thee honour to this day that sees December turn to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn
 Thus on the sudden! Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be:
 'Tis he is born, whose quick'ning birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, to heaven and the underearth.
 We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his show'rs
 Turns all the patient ground to flow'rs. The darling of the world is come; and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him.
 The nobler part of all the house is here, is the heart, which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,
 To do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this reveling.
 What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King?
 Robert Herrick, 17th century

READING

Hilary Jones

ANTHEM

Three Kings of Orient

John H. Hopkins, Jr.
 arr. John Rutter

Michael Smith, Luke Griffin, Logan Flecke, soloists; Allison Hammons, flute

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
 Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
 King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh,
 Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
 Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise, King, and God, and sacrifice!
 Heaven sings Alleluia! Alleluia earth replies.

John H. Hopkins, Jr. 1857, alt.

READING

Jason W. Crosby

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church
 to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

*CAROL OF RESPONSE 171

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN
 Descant by David Willcocks

*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
 Gregory Rahming, baritone

Robert C. MacGimsey

*SILENCE

*POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

- Readings are taken from *Following Jesus*, by Henri Nouwen, copyright 2019 by the Henri Nouwen Legacy Fund.
- We welcome guest pianist Jennifer Gilcreast, music specialist at Highlands Latin School, and Jerffrey Doll, a graduate trumpet student at the University of Louisville. We also welcome guest singers Laura Lea Duckworth, Emily Steinbach, and Fran Weinstock.
- CDs of today's service may be ordered through the church office.
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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you would prefer to explore baptism or church membership privately, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.