



WORSHIP SERVICE 12-13-2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

We invite you to gather your Advent candles (5 candles any color) before we begin.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

People: All the earth worships you;

Leader: They sing praises to you,

People: We have come to sing praises to your name with joy.

PRAYER

HYMN # 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.

***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,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven 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**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

LEADER: Today we relight the candles of Hope and Peace, and we light the candle of Joy. Joy seems elusive in our day; it can feel just out of our reach. How long has it been since we experienced a deep, satisfying sense of joy unspeakable? May God light our hearts with joy, even as we wait.

PEOPLE: **Though {we} have not seen him, {we} love him. Though {we} do not now see him, {we} believe in him and rejoice with joy that is unspeakable and filled with glory. I Peter 1: 8**

HYMN While We Are Waiting, Come
While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN # Go, Tell It On the Mountain
***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.***

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **CHORUS**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2: 22- 32

²²When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord), ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

REFLECTION

Do We See What Simeon Saw?

HYMN

Do You See What I See?

Said the night wind to the little lamb, “Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky little lamb, do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night,
With a tail as big as a kite; with a tail as big as a kite.”

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, “Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the trees,
With a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea.”

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, “Do you know what I know?
In your palace wall mighty king, do you know what I know?
A child, a child, shivers in the cold,
Let us bring him silver and gold; let us bring him silver and gold.”

Said the king to the people everywhere, “Listen to what I say,
Pray for peace, people everywhere, listen to what I say;
The child, the child, sleeping in the night,
He will bring us goodness and light, he will bring us goodness and light.”

BENEDICTION