

# *Soli Deo Gloria*

*To God Alone be the Glory*



**10:00 am Worship**  
**December 20, 2020**  
***Christmas Sunday***

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# Order of Worship

## Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

## Hymns of Praise

### **ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY** (*Hymn #179*)

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant Light;  
Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star;  
Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

### **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH** (*Hymn #184*)

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.  
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?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

## Christmas Reading

*Luke 2:1-15*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

## Special Music

*Away in a Manger*

## Scripture Reading

### **GALATIANS 4:1-7**

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**Prayer of Confession (in Unison)**

**Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.**

**Hymn of Response**

**O HOLY NIGHT (HYMN 194)**

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope – the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!  
Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our Friend.  
He knows our need – to our weakness is no stranger,  
Behold! Your King, before Him lowly bend! Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!  
Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and his gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!  
His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

## Prayers of the Church

### Doxology & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

#### Closing Hymn

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING** (*Hymn #192*)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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#### Benediction