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FOR

 Christ is born 

THE BABE, THE SON OF MARY

The Songs We Sing
Third Sunday in Advent
December 13, 2020

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY OF ADORATION

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Debbie Highmark and Mickie Schmidt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Ron Ridderbos

Quotes and Reflections

"Jesus Christ is the center of everything and the object of everything, and he who does not know him knows nothing of the order of nature and nothing of himself." — Blaise Pascal

Join all the glorious names
of wisdom, love and power,
that mortals knew,
that angels ever bore;
All are too mean to speak his worth,
Too mean to set my Savior forth. — Isaac Watts

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation

Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken

CHORUS

F B \flat

For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. For

5 F B \flat F

You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. Tru - ly our hope is in You,

3rd time to Coda Φ

VERSE

10 C F

tru - ly our hope is in You.

1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra - diance
2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in You we

15 B \flat C

shines on all who look to You in the dark. Em - man - u - el
find more than e - nough. We come as we are; O heal and re -

18 F D.C. al Coda

come, come light our hearts. For
-store, come light our hearts.

Φ Coda

21 F

You.

***Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1-3**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker

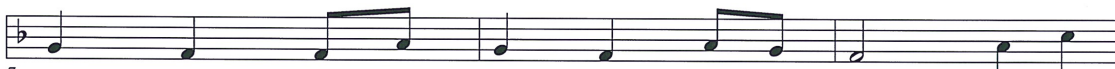
Lighting of the Advent Candle



1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, in the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, He the
3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, Christ the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by



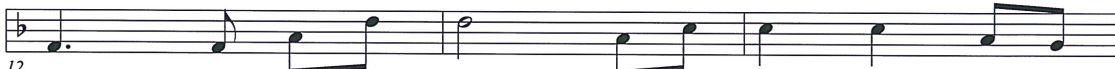
4 dawn - ing of the King. He the theme of hea -vens
per - fect Son of Man. In His li - ving, in His
Lord - u the pon the of tree. life. But no stead of ru - ined -
death the God of life. In the grave could e'er re -



7 prai - ses, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
suf - fering, Ne - ver trace nor - stain - of - sin. See the
sin - ners, Him. Praise hangs the the lamb; Lord; He vic - tor - y. See the
strain - ers, Him. Praise hangs the the lamb; Lord; He vic - tor - y. See the
What a



10 long - ing, in our dark - ness, Now the
true and of bet - ter de - A - dam, come to
price our of re - dem - li - verence. see the
fore - taste of de - li - verence. How the un -



12 light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
save thes hell - bound man. Christ the great and sure ful -
Fa - thers plan un - fold! Bring - ing ma - ny sons to
wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -



15 scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som us.
fill - ment of the un - law; in Him we stand.
glo - ry grace as we will - sured, be love un - told.
rec - ted as we will - sured, be love un - told.
comes.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 35:1-10

The Ransomed Shall Return

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of
the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD **Call to Confession—James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteous.

Leader: Church of Jesus Christ, rejoice and give thanks to God
for his grace and forgiveness!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ abide with you!

People: And also with you!

***Song of Rejoicing**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Trinity Hymnal #224

(Children may come forward on vs. 3)

Children's Sermon

Advent Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Trinity Hymnal #208

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children may be dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

The Unbelievable

Words and Music by Steve and Vikki Cook

Sermon

"Who's Who?"

Philippians 2:5-11

Rev. Ben Tharp

*Song of Response *This Is Jesus* (to the tune of *Come Thou Fount*)

Darren Mulligan, Kyle Williams, Drake Kennedy, Tony Wood. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs, & Grant Wall

♩ = 78

Cunis C F C C Am G C

Sus. Cym.

Ethereal Synth *Piano lead (cues), Synth out*
Ac. Gtr. finger-picking

1 Verse *mf-mf*
1X - Pad and Ac. Gtr. diamonds
2X - Light groove, Bass out

6 won - der still and si - lent heav - en's bril - liance from a - bove. Light of
mys - t'ry, who could fath - om? God would leave his Ho - ly throne for a

1X - Solo; 2X - harm.

10 glo - ry pierced the dark - ness mer - cy pierced my heart with love. This is
man - ger, for a sin - ner, for us all to be His own.

2 Chorus 1x - add cello
2x - Band in full

14 Am G F (E) Am G F
Je - sus, King of glo - ry, here to res - cue from the fall. Son of

18 C G F C
God Who comes to save us, Prince of Peace and Lord of all.

22 C F C Am G C C
mf 1X - add Band (lite groove), Piano cues
2. O the Octaves Re -

Ooh. Ooh.

BGV's both X

*Benediction

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

- 314/821-7311 • www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood

Worship and General Church Information

Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.

- **Volunteers next Sunday: Ushers:** Oehlerking, Moen, Smith. **Scripture Readers:** Jackson Roberts.
- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **The Tuesday evening women's study will conclude this Tues. at 6:30pm** (note the earlier time). Bring your own dinner and come in your Christmas attire! We will read through chapter 6 of Generous Justice together.
- **Men's Bible will resume on January 8th.**
- **Wednesday Women's Bible** studies will resume in January. More info to come.
- **Jr. High and Sr. High** small groups will resume in the January.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- This year we will offer two **Christmas Eve candlelight services:** 4pm and 5:30. Both will be the same. Due to Covid restrictions, **we ask that you go to Church Center to let us know which service you plan to attend.**
- There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators if you would like to get involved: **Ushers:** Josh Hendricks (coachjph@msn.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.org), **Sunday coffee:** Amy Mitchell (amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).
- Trinity's annual **Giving Tree** is in the Narthex. If you would like to make a donation, pick up a tag on the tree and follow the instructions. Donations may be given via Church Center or dropped off in the basket by the tree in the month of December.
- The Session wishes to invite the congregation to our **annual meeting of the congregation/corporation on Sun., Dec. 20th at 5:30pm via Zoom or in-person**. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2020.
- We are **collecting gently used (clean) toys and coats for the next Robinson Food Pantry Night** on Dec. 18th. You may drop off your donations in the bin in the narthex. We are also collecting new gift bags and tissue paper.

Year End Giving

Thank you for your tithes and offerings for the General Fund and pledges to the Capstone project this year. We will report to you the financial results during the congregational meeting on December 20th. If you have a desire to provide stock to be used for 2020 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is instructed or sent to the church office prior to December 31. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Duncan Highmark.

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

