

**Midweek Advent Worship**

**Evening Prayer**  
at  
**Calvary**

**“Advent Angels”**

**A Service of Hymns, Lessons, and Prayers**

*Featuring*

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*Personal Prayers for worship can be found on  
pages 10 & 11 in the front of the hymnal*

## + Evening Prayer +

Stand



**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**M:** Has - ten to save me, O God.



**C:** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all the we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name.

Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Be seated.*

*Candles may be lit as the hymn is sung.*

## LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

*Psalm 141*



The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below each staff is the corresponding lyrics, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice."

**M** Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## PSALM 98

62 – Joy to the World

*Children sing vs. 1,2; congregation joins in singing vs. 3,4*



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And



earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry  
 all their songs em - ploy, While fields and  
 thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to  
 makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and  
 floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re - peat the  
 make his bless - ings flow Far as the  
 of his right - eous - ness And won - ders



na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
 sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
 curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far  
 of his love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**M** Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**+ The Service of The Word +**

## READING

Revelation 12:1-6

*Mark the contrast between what Jesus' birth looked like from behind the curtain and what it looked like to human eyes. One was a "not-so-silent-night" while the other appeared serene.*

REVELATION 12:1 A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. <sup>3</sup> Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. <sup>4</sup> His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. <sup>5</sup> She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. <sup>6</sup> The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

## HYMN

60 – Silent Night! Holy Night

*Children sing vs. 1, 1 (in German), and 2; congregation joins in singing vs. 3*

1. *Silent Night! Holy Night!*  
*All is calm, all is bright,*  
*Round yon virgin mother and child.*  
*Holy Infant, so tender and mild.*  
*Sleep in heavenly peace.*  
*Sleep in heavenly peace.*

2. *Silent Night! Holy Night!*  
*Shepherds quake at the sigh,*  
*Glories stream from heaven afar;*  
*Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;*  
*Christ, the Savior, is born!*  
*Christ, the Savior, is born!*

1. *Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht*  
*Alles schlaeft, einsam wacht*  
*Nur das traghte hoch heilige paar,*  
*Holder knabe im lockigen haar,*  
*Schlaf in himlischer Ruh!*  
*Schlaf in himlischer Ruh!*

3. **Silent Night! Holy Night!**  
**Son of God, love's pure light**  
**Radiant beams from thy holy face**  
**With the dawn of redeeming grace,**  
**Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**  
**Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

## READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

*Those who announce the Good News from the mountaintops have "beautiful feet"!*

ISAIAH 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your

God reigns!" <sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. <sup>9</sup> Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

## HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory  
*Vs. 1, James Montgomery; vs. 2-5, James Tiefel*

*Children sing all the verses and refrain; congregation joins in singing refrain on vs. 3 and the entirety of vs. 5*

1. *Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation's story;  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

*Refrain:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

3. *Come, O blessed Zechariah,  
Mute in doubt, but now in song  
Raise a hymn for God's long promise  
To destroy the devil's wrong.*

*Refrain:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

2. *Mary, hear the angel's message  
Trusting it as God's own Word.  
Lift your heart in holy wonder;  
Magnify your gracious Lord.*

*Refrain:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

4. *Simeon, hopeful all your lifetime  
For the coming of the King,  
Sing your prayers in peaceful wonder;  
Light and glory he will bring.*

*Refrain:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

**5. Saints and angels, now and ever,  
Raise a song of glorious praise.  
In your hymns proclaim the message,  
Sing the gospel all your days.**

*Refrain:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

## READING

Philippians 2:5-8  
*Jesus' birth is a humble birth.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in

human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

## HYMN

*Children sing all the verses.*

68 – Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.  
And take us to heav - en to live with you there.

Text: *Little Children's Book*, Philadelphia, 1885, st. 1-2; *Vineyard Songs*, Louisville, 1892, st. 3.

Tune: CRADLE SONG (11 11 11 11) William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921.

**+ Advent Meditation +**  
(Luke 1:26–38)

**Advent Angels: From Mary's Perspective**

## CANTICLE

Song of Mary  
*Magnificat*

*Sung by the children*

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations will call me blessed.  
The Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him  
in ev'ry generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

*He has cast down the mighty from their thrones  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent a way empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our fathers, to Abraham,  
and to his children forever. Amen.*

**+ Friendship Register and Gathering of Offerings +**

**+ The Service of Prayer +**

*Stand*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**M** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**M** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M** For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M** For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**M** In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



**C:** A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

*Be seated*

## HYMN

*Congregation sings all the verses.*

24 – The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His  
 2 "I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's de - cree: A  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; "To  
 4 Of her Im - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All  
 bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your  
 me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My  
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And



hail," said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, "Most  
 Son shall be Im - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, Most  
 soul shall praise and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name." Most  
 Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say, "Most



high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!  
 high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!  
 high - ly fa - vored maid - en, Glo - ri - a!  
 high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!

Text: Basque carol, paraphrase Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.  
 Tune: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE (10 10 12 10) Basque carol.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

**M** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

### Joy Has Dawned

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Children sing vs. 1-3; congregation joins in singing vs. 4

- Joy has dawned upon our world, promised from creation –  
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory;  
But a humble gift of love – Jesus born of Mary.*
- Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels.  
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'erable and helpless.*
- Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.  
Gold – a King is born today, Incense – God is with us,  
Myrrh – His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.*
- Son of Adam, Son Heav'n, given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a Babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist'ry.**