

**Order of Worship
for
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022**

ORGAN PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!*

KYRIE

(from the ELW, pages 140-141)

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb, who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign, alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Let us pray

*Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to love Your world. With Your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive You with love and serve You always; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

SONG

“Lord, I Need You”

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we light the Candle of LOVE. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times. But in this season we recognize this LOVE in a special way. There is no power greater than God’s kind of LOVE. It is stronger than empires and rulers, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. Because of the Gift of Love, God’s Son, that came down from heaven, we learn to LOVE because we now know that God first loved us.

(Candle of LOVE is lit)

READING

1st Corinthians 13:1-13

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter thirteen, verses one through thirteen.

Paul writes:

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ *Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

From the Gospel of Matthew, chapter one, verses eighteen through twenty-five.

Matthew writes:

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,

for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a Son, and he named Him Jesus.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
“The Humility of True Love”
Rev. David Hewitt

CHORAL OFFERING
“Total Praise”
Words & music by Richard Smallwood and Joel Rainey

OFFERING
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HYMN
“We Are An Offering”
ELW 692

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

At this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

***For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may so.***

***For those joining us online,
If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.***

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and
peace, now and forever. Amen!*

SONG

“Emmanuel”

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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