



December 27, 2020

Welcome

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Light the Christ Candle throughout Seattle and the World

Worship Leader, Beth Bollinger

Silent Listening

Call to Worship

Hymn *Angels From the Realms of Glory* #143

Sylvia Oines

Angels, from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
You 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 us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light *(Chorus)*
Sages, leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great desire of nations
You have seen his natal star *(Chorus)*
All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One *(Chorus)*

Scripture Luke 2:22-40

Beth Bollinger

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the

child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

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

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Beth Bollinger

Our Response to God’s Great Love [*\(click here if you would like to give your offering online\)*](#)

Children’s Message

Peter Moe

Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful* #133

Sylvia Oines

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

True God from true God, light from light eternal

Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes

Very God, begotten, not created *(Chorus)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

O sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above

Glory to God, 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)*

Sermon *Seeing Jesus*

Doug Kelly

Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #132

Sylvia Oines

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today

Ox and ass before him bow, and He is in the manger now

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice

Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Our Prayers to God

Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Danielle Merseles

Benediction

Doug Kelly

Closing Song *Go Now in Peace*

Sylvia Oines

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go *(Repeat)*

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preaching today is Doug Kelly and leading worship is Beth Bollinger. Beth is a native of the Pacific Northwest, received her PhD from the University of Washington, and currently works at Seattle Children's Research Institute. She is active in Bethany's Young Adults group, Arts and Nominating Committees, and her really great small group. She loves reading fiction, pretending she knows how to critique film, and baking her German family recipes.

Ministers: You, who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love.