
OUR JOURNEY:

ADVENT IV
December 20, 2020

WAKING TO WONDER

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Veni, Veni Emmanuel: Praeludium
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L. SOWERBY

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Amy Kienzle

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

KYRIE

HYMN 157

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Music continued on next page...

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Greg VanAcker, Lector

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, God's anointed.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Annunciation and The Magnificat (from the Holden Evening Prayer)

M. HAUGEN

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary.

The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you.

You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High."

And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

All:

1., 3. My ——— soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part,

fine last time

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Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,
strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,
How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,
hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

LESSON

Rhonda Holmen, Lector

Romans 16:25-27

Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because, in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is Near

E. SANDS

Al - le - lu - ia! Hur - ry, the Lord is near.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hur - ry, the Lord is near.

Vers Sound the trumpet, the Lord is near; see, he comes to save us all. ***Refrain.***

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall.

Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Sorensen Family

SERMON

Pastor Amy Kienzle

MUSIC FOR PRAYERS

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. BACH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Cary Rodda

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your households.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings.

This year our special Advent Offering -- The Gift for the Christ Child -- will go to Family Promise (familypromisesacramento.org), an organization that helps families get out of homelessness.

To give in support of this special gift visit our website under the "Giving" tab at the top left.

Choose "Gift for the Christ Child" from the drop-down and make your donation.

You can also send a check with "Gift of the Christ Child" in the memo.

Thank you for supporting this important partner!

We thank God for your commitment to St. John's, including your giving pledge/plan for 2021. To make a pledge online, please go to www.stjohnslc.org and click on the "2021 Pledge" tab at the top of our Home page.

You may also mail your pledge to the church (St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811), call 916-444-0874, or email linda.baldwin@stjohnslc.org.

If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our Worship With St John's Card here.

Linda Bush, soloist

*Latin**Ave Maria, gratia plena,**Dominus tecum,**Benedictatu in mulie ribus**Et benedictus fructus ventris tui**Jesus Sancta Maria**Ave Maria, Mater Dei**Ora pronobis Peccatori bus**Nunc et in hora mortisnostrae**Amen.**English**Hail Mary, full of grace**The Lord is with thee**Blessed art thou The bodies of woman**And blessed the fruit of your womb**Holy Mary**Hail Mary, Mother of God**Pray for us sinners**now and at the hour of our death**Amen*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. We praise you, O God,

for your creating, liberating, and life-giving Word! You set the foundations of the world, you lead your people into freedom, you lift up the lowly, and fill the hungry with good things. Our hearts sing of your mercy and might! Send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may witness to your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

The Annunciation
(from Poèmes Evangéliques, no. 1)

J. LANGLAIS

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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