

Worship Leader Edition
Fourth Sunday of Advent
“Bearer of Hope”

December 18, 2022

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME *by Jubilee (Invite people to download bulletin from the website – stlukesbloomington.org)*

+OPENING SONG

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

C. Tomlin, et. al.

Verse 1

Joy to the world
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven
And nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat
The sounding joy

Chorus

Joy unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell

Joy unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

Verse 3

He rules the world
With truth and grace
And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders
Wonders of His love

Chorus

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Bette Gamboni)*

L: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Bette Gamboni)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center} (Rob)*

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(Laura Hurd & Robyn Noble)*

L: We long for the presence of Christ, Emmanuel, God with us

C: Come Bearer of Hope

CANDLE LIGHTING

The fourth candle is lit and this response is used:

L: Love coming to earth to live among us Full of grace and truth

C: Come Bearer of Hope

L: Do not be afraid: see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people

C: Christ, shine in our hearts today

SONG:

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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Jubilee (Verse 4):

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone

All sing (Refrain):

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (Emily)

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Judy Ludwigson)

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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 with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 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. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

“O Come All Ye Faithful (We Adore you)”

*traditional; Wade, Oakeley,
Baloche & Janis/Galbraith*

Verse 1

Oh come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye
Oh come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus 1

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exaltation
Oh sing all yet citizens
Of Heaven above

Glory to God
Glory in the highest

Chorus 2

We adore You
We adore You
We adore You, Jesus

Bridge (4 times)

We adore You
We adore You
We adore You Jesus

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Bette Gamboni*)

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS (*Bette Gamboni*)

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After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: We wait in hope.

MEAL

+INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Behind Altar}* (*Rob*)

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

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. 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

“Glory, Let There Be Peace”
Jubilee Praise Team

*Stevens, Maher & Popdic/
Foster & Galbraith*

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

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L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

Please stand as you are able.

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *{Front Center} (Bette Gamboni)*

L: Loving God, you have fed our spirits with your word of hope and your food of life. Empower us to go forth strengthened and renewed, to serve the world you love.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

+BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: Be Bearers of Hope. Let the Hope that does not disappoint dwell in your hearts and share the Hope of Christ with all you meet. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen

+SENDING SONG

“All Things Are Possible”

D. Zschech/Mark Cole

Verse 1

Almighty God my Redeemer
My hiding place my safe refuge
No other name like Jesus
No pow’r can stand against You

Verse 2

My feet are planted on this rock
And I will not be shaken
My hope it comes from You alone
My Lord and my salvation

Chorus

Your praise is always on my lips
Your word is living in my heart
And I will praise You
with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord
You fill my life with greater joy
Yes I delight myself in You
And I will praise You

with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

Bridge

When I am weak
You make me strong
When I’m poor I know I’m rich
For in the power of Your name

All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible

Chorus

Bridge

Ending

All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible

+DISMISSAL *(Bette Gamboni)*

L: Go in peace. Wait for the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REPRISE