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## Sunday Advent Worship

December 20, 2020

9:30am Online

Virtual Christmas

Program

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# TO CHOOSE LOVE

DO NOT BE AFRAID.....

## PRELUDE

*"We Will Wait"*

CCLI# 1941957

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*(Adapt. from: Written by Sem. Kayla Sadowy and The Rev. Carla Christopher Wilson)*

Jesus, who comes as new birth,  
we have prepared for you  
with comfortable traditions and humble requests.

We have remembered your birth as if it was a past act  
and not the bold declaration of a living God.

We have rested in the safer hope of your work,  
struggling with our call as co-creators of the Beloved Community,  
hurting your children with our ill-informed action and comfort-catering inaction.

*All this we humbly confess together.....*

**Help us remember in this season of anticipation  
that we prepare not only for you, but because of you.**

**Challenge us to examine our intentions, and to hold sacred both the act of preparing,  
and the transforming justice love of the one who comes. Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*"No Room"*

CCLI# 1941555

## ADVENT PRAYER

Let us pray together,

**We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

## ADVENT SONG

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus vs. 2"*

ELW 254

## VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

## REFLECTION SONG

*"Joy to the World "*

ELW 267

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.*

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(9:30am Online Only)*

## 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.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May you find time for rest this season, may you create space to wait and may the Lord our God fill you with hope, peace, joy & love.

May Jesus Christ be ever present in your heart and may the Holy Spirit illuminate your way.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*"When I Think Upon Christmas"*

**CCLI # 7095539**

## SENDING

Go in peace, as we share in the Resurrection by:

**Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

## No Room

### Chorus

There's no room at the inn  
Is there no room within our busy lives  
For Christ to enter in

### Verse 1

Guests are coming there are meals to make  
Gifts to wrap and things to bake  
Are you ready time is drawing near  
Lines are long no time to wait  
Go on now and don't be late  
Do you think you'll find the message here

### Chorus

There's no room at the inn  
Is there no room within our busy lives  
For Christ to enter in

### Verse 2

It's been many years since that simple birth  
Emmanuel has come to earth  
To live to die to rise and lead the way  
Still today Christ wants to heal  
To show to us His love is real  
May that love be born in us each day

### Chorus (x2)

There's no room at the inn  
Is there no room within our busy lives  
For Christ to enter in

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# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

# Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



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



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

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

# When I Think Upon Christmas

## Verse 1

When I think upon Christmas, Words can't express  
How our Father in heaven has sent us His best  
To be born in a manger, The King in the hay  
And creation will worship His Name

## Chorus 1

For the joy of the world He was born  
Bringing peace to us all through the gift of the Son  
Now the darkest of ages are done  
For the Saviour of heaven has come

## Verse 2

When I think upon Jesus, The King of all days,  
I can't help but respond with an off'ring of praise  
Like the wise men and shepherds  
I'll follow Your light  
Like the angels I'll lift Your Name high

## Chorus 2

For the joy of the world You were born  
Bringing peace to us all Through the gift of Your love  
Now the darkest of ages are done  
For the Saviour of heaven has come

## Verse 3

Now I look back in rev'rence to that holy night  
For the God of the heavens had us on His mind  
Let us sing of His glory; Rejoice in His Name  
Oh Emmanuel with us always  
And forever His kingdom will reign

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world.  
Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, continue to bless the Church, our families, and our neighbors. Inspire the faith of your people and strengthen us in love and service to our community.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we give thanks for the earth you have made. Bless and protect the seas, mountains, plains, forests, skies, and soils that surround us. Give us humility as we tend them.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we pray for the leaders of all nations, that they amplify the voices of people in need. Guide all people entrusted with leadership, to create societies in which everyone can flourish. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for those in need. Nourish those who lack access to adequate food and nutrition. Bless the work of advocates, community organizers, and food pantries, especially the Racine County Food Shelf, Living Faith Food Pantry and Holy Communion Food.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, we thank you for your Holy Spirit that has empowered those who have worked tirelessly on multiple COVID vaccines that are starting to be available in the world, we also are blessed with t doctors, nurses, CNAs and so many more that care for those who are struggling with COVID. Also, be with all of us as we gather as safely as we can for the upcoming Christmas Week and shower us with the spirit of hope, peace, love and joy.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, surround everyone in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit with your tender presence upon those we lift in prayer today....especially Mitch, Roy, Doris, Pastor Bill & Family, Cindy, Nancy, Tom, Barb, Betty, Joyce, Mark, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl & Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie, and Shirley. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who have died, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Send your comfort, peace and presence to them in their grief and sorrow. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**