



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Third Sunday of Advent

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

A Medley of Christmas Hymn Tunes

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE PROPHET, BETHLEHEM, AND SHEPHERD CANDLES

Joanne Lang and Tom Lee, liturgists

One: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

All: They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations." (Isaiah 61: 1-3, 11)

One: The Advent Wreath reminds us of God's eternal love; without beginning and without end. The candles of the wreath remind us of the biblical story of God's unconditional love.

All: We light the first candle of the Advent Wreath, the Prophets' candle, to remind us of the hope the prophets declared for the coming of the Messiah.

One: We light the second candle of the Advent Wreath, the Candle of Bethlehem, to remind us that Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem and it was there that their son Jesus was born in a stable.

All: We light the third candle of the Advent Wreath, the Shepherds' Candle, to remind us that the good news of great joy was first shared with ordinary shepherds while they cared for their sheep.

HYMN**Angels. from the Realms of Glory**

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!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

CALL TO CONFESSION

As John the Baptist called the people to repent, as Jesus calls us now, we turn to the one who is both Judge and savior, trusting that repentance opens the door to new life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commandment to resist idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or with your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our guilt into praise, for the sake of the one who proclaims good news and for the sake of all the world. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, we are forgiven. The Lord takes away judgment and offers us new life. Do not worry. Live in peace as a forgiven and forgiving people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 46 - 55

SERMON

"Mary's Song"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Canticle of the Turning
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Irish Medley

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN**Angels We Have Heard on High**

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strain.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

POSTLUDE

Valses Poeticos No 2. Allegro humoristico

Enrique Granados



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