

# Order of Worship – December 20, 2020 – WOV Setting 4

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome

### Your Name Is Holy

You are the sov'reign "I Am,"  
Your name is holy.  
You are the pure, spotless Lamb,  
Your name is holy.  
You are the Almighty One,  
Your name is holy.  
You are the Christ, God's own Son,  
Your name is holy.

In your name there is mercy for sin,  
There is safety within,  
In your holy name.  
In your name there is strength to remain,  
To stand in spite of pain,  
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### There's a Quiet Understanding

There's a quiet understanding  
When we're gathered in the Spirit;  
It's a promise that he gives us,  
When we gather in His name.  
There's a love we feel in Jesus,  
There's a manna that He feeds us,  
It's a promise that He gives us  
When we gather in His name.

And we know when we're together,  
Sharing love and understanding,

In your name there is mercy for sin,  
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That our brothers and our sisters  
Feel the oneness that He brings.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
For the way You love and feed us,  
For the many ways You lead,  
Thank you, thank you, Lord.  
Thank you, thank you, Lord.  
Thank you, thank you, Lord!

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## Advent Devotion – Ben and Kandra Tobin

READING: Ephesians 2:12-18

Candle Lighting

PRAYER

### Gathering Song: The Advent of Our God

The advent of our God  
Shall be our theme for prayer;  
Come, let us meet him on the road  
And place for him prepare.

The everlasting Son  
Incarnate stoops to be,  
Himself the servant's form puts on  
To set his people free.

Come, Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly king,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace he comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again,  
And all his scattered saints unite  
With him on high to reign.

Before the dawning day  
Let sin be put to flight;  
No longer let the law hold sway,  
But walk in freedom's light.

All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

**C: we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen**

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free – free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie – With One Voice, Setting 4; page 12

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

## Hymn of Praise - This is the Feast, With One Voice, Setting 4; page 15

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Alleluia. For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen**

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord Christ,

**C: Stir up your power 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**

Lessons

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” <sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup> Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” <sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

<sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

**Romans 16:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation, With One Voice, Setting 4; page 17

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

P: The Gospel according to... **Luke 1:26-38**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*After the reading*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message: **"Count Me In..."**

Song: **He is Able**

He is able, more than able  
To accomplish what concerns me today.  
He is able, more than able  
To handle anything that comes my  
way.

He is able, more than able  
To do much more that I could ever  
dream.

He is able, more than able  
To make me what He wants me to be.

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Message: “Count Me In...”

Message Hymn: **LBW 28 Savior of the Nations, Come**

Savior of the nations, come;  
Show the glory of the Son!  
Ev'ry people, stand in awe;  
Praise the perfect Son of God.

Not of human seed or worth,  
But from God's own mystic breath,  
Fruit in Mary's womb begun  
When God breathed the Word, his Son.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child  
Of the virgin undefiled!  
Mighty God and man in one,  
Eager now his race to run!

God the Father is his source,  
Back to God he runs his course;

Down to death and hell descends,  
God's high throne he reascends.

He leaves heaven to return;  
Trav'ling where dull hellfires burn;  
Riding out, returning home  
As the Savior who has come.

God the Father's precious Son  
Girds himself in flesh to run  
For the trophies of our souls,  
Longer than this round earth rolls.

Shining stable in the night,  
Breathing vict'ry with your light;  
Darkness cannot hide your flame,  
Shining bright as Jesus' name.

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**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**Praise Song: Majesty**

Here I am, humbled by Your majesty,  
Covered by Your grace so free.  
Here I am, knowing I'm the sinful one,  
Covered by the blood of the Lamb.  
Now I've found  
The greatest love of all is mine  
Since You laid down Your life,  
The greatest sacrifice.

Majesty, majesty;  
Your grace has found me just as I am:  
Empty-handed, but alive in Your hands.  
Here I am, humbled by the love that  
You give,  
Forgiven so that I can forgive.

Here I stand, knowing that I'm Your  
desire,  
Sanctified by glory and fire.  
Now I've found the greatest love of all  
Is mine since You laid down Your life,  
The greatest sacrifice.

Majesty, majesty;  
Your grace has found me just as I am:

Empty-handed, but alive in Your hands.  
Majesty, majesty;  
Forever I am changed by Your love,  
In the presence of Your majesty,  
majesty.

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### Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### Offertory – With One Voice, Setting 4, Page 21

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers are concluded with*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## Closing Song: **His Love Endures Forever**

Give thanks to the Lord,  
Our God and King.  
His love endures forever.  
For he is good,  
He is above all things.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand  
And out-stretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise,  
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us.  
Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise,  
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us.  
Forever, forever.

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## Sending

A: Go in peace.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C: Yes, Lord, we will!**