

## **20 December 2020 9:00am Traditional Worship**

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### **Welcome**

### **Acknowledgment of Country**

### **Call to worship**

**We sing:** Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes (TiS 269 *alt*)

1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart exult with joy  
and every voice with song.

2. He comes the prisoners to relieve  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.

3. He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,

and with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.

4. The sacred year has now revolved  
accepted of the Lord,  
When heaven's high promise is fulfilled,  
and Israel is restored.

5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heaven's exalted arches ring  
with thy most honoured name.

### **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

### **Declaration of God's grace**

**Bible reading:** Luke 1: 26-38

**We sing or listen to:** The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came (TiS 302)

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

2. 'for known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
'most highly favoured lady'. Gloria!

4. of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will  
ever say most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

### **Responsive Psalm:**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> **for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.**

**Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> **His mercy is for those who fear him**

**from generation to generation.**

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> **He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;**

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> **He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,**

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

## Sermon

**We sing:** Let earth and heaven combine (TiS 305)

1. Let earth and heaven combine,  
their voices all agree,  
to praise in songs divine  
the incarnate deity,  
our God contracted to a span,  
incomprehensibly made Man.

2. Unsearchable the love  
that has the Saviour brought;  
the grace is far above  
our own or angels' thought:  
enough for us that God, we know,  
our God, is manifest below.

3. He deigns in flesh to appear,  
widest extremes to join;  
to bring our vileness near  
and make us all divine:  
and we the life of God shall know,  
for God is manifest below.

4. Made perfect first in love,  
and sanctified by grace,  
we shall from earth remove,  
and see his glorious face:  
then shall his love be fully showed,  
and we shall then be lost in God.

Note: There is no intro, and it is piano only  
Please **repeat** when it gets to the end,  
as we sing 4 verses and the recording is of 2.

## Notices and sharing

### Prayers of the People

#### The 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.

## Blessing

## **We sing or listen to: Silent Night**

1. Silent night, holy night:  
all is calm, all is bright  
round the virgin mother and child,  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night:  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.'

3. Silent night, holy night:  
wondrous star, lend your light;  
with the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ our Saviour is born,  
Christ our Saviour is born.

**OPTIONAL groups for morning tea conversation.**