



Worship Service for December 4, 2022 Second Sunday Of Advent

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Paula McKnight

Praise & Worship Celebration Congregation

TNCH # 135 "O Come, All You Faithful" verses 1 & 3

O come, all you faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come now, o come now
To Bethlehem.

Come and behold
The ruler of all angels:
O come in adoration,
O come in adoration,
O come in adoration:
Christ is Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all you messengers
Of heavenly love:
"Glory to God,
All glory in the highest":

O come in adoration,
O come in adoration,
O come in adoration:
Christ is Lord.

Welcome

Pastor Mak

Centering Moment

Pastor Mak

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: In Advent we watch and wait.

ALL: We prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world.

LEADER: Come, Holy Child, come!

ALL: In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship.

LEADER: We watch for signs of God's presence breaking into the world.

ALL: Come, Holy Child, come!

LEADER: We watch for signs of God's Divine Nature in each of us.

ALL: Actions of compassion and grace toward each other and creation.

LEADER: Come, Holy Child, come!

**ALL: Come, Holy Child! Remind us of our divine
essence and holy calling to Peace.**

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #133 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1 & 2

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in your dark streets shines forth
The everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in you to night.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing, and voices ring
With peace to all on earth.

Lighting the Advent Candles The Vines/Mechler Family

It is the season of short days and long nights. We light this candle to remember that even in natural darkness, our lights shine. Let us lift up the flame of our souls as guides to all who need a safe place to live, a shelter from violence, and a friend.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mak

Sung Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Father, our Mother, 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.

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

Plymouth's General Fund &
"Love146" - Loose Offering

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

Doxology

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that Love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one
Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Even during Advent, a time set aside for waiting, it is often very hard for us to wait. Our world worships the power that acts quickly through force.

ALL: The time, talent, and treasure of this offering is a way for us to act. A way for us to bring the Beloved Kin-dom here to earth.

LEADER: We open our hearts and spirits to new birth and transformation.

ALL: We commit what we have gathered to help us sow seeds of love into the world.

Blessing of the NAM Bags Pastor Mak & Congregation

***Hymn** Congregation

TNCH #145 "Once in Royal David's City" (v1, 2 & 4)

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for a bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Jesus came to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Head of all,

Sheltered in a rustic stable,
Cradled in a common stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
Daily like us lived and grew,
Jesus, little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles and comfort knew.
Jesus felt the pain of sadness,
And the joyous life of gladness.

1st Biblical Witness

Pastor Mak

Joel 3:9 - 12

Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare war, stir up the warriors. Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weakling say, "I am a warrior." Come quickly, all you nations all around, gather yourselves there. Bring down your warriors, O Lord. Let the nations rouse themselves, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the neighboring nations.

2nd Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

Isaiah 2:1 - 4

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's

house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Special Music "Grant Us Peace" Plymouth Choir

The world waiting with hope, watching expectantly for the peace promised by God in the scriptures

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord.

That peace was brought to earth in the form of a Child, born in a stable in Bethlehem. "For unto us a Child is born, a Son is given. And He will be called the Prince of Peace."

Dona nobis,
dona nobis pacem.

Born a child to grant us peace.
do-na no-bis pacem.
Grant us peace, Lord.

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Starlight shines in the evening sky while Mary sings a lullaby.
Peace on earth, good will for all.

Hope is born in a manger stall,
Dona nobis,
dona nobis pacem.

Born a Child to grant us peace.
Dona nobis pacem.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay close by me
forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for
heaven to live with Thee there.

Dona nobis,
dona nobis pacem.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

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