

**Home Worship Liturgy
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 27, 2020**

The Lord be with you! We invite you to combine individual or family worship in your home with a video available on the Calvin Church website around 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 27.

<https://www.calvincrc.org/recent-services/>

Italicized parts of the liturgy are included in the video, so you can choose to participate along with the video or on your own.

*Prelude: Angel Songs – arr. Joel Raney
Lisa Meyer and Kenneth Bos, pianists*

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Gesu Bambino – Pietro Yon
Trudi Huizenga, soloist*

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,
was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Greeting

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit – that Spirit who makes us one with God and one as the people of God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (#98:1-3)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

If those gathered choose to sing more songs together, here are a few options:

- Sing familiar hymns accompanied by a piano or another instrument, if available.
- Sing familiar hymns a cappella.
- Consult hymnary.org for hymn lyrics (and some music sheets) to distribute, if necessary.

Call to Confession

*When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary,
he became like us in all things but sin.
May we who have been reborn in him
be free from our sinful ways.*

Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

*O God,
in the beginning you spoke,
and creation was born, the object of your loving care.
In the fullness of time you spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, the gift of your love.
We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love.
This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.
We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven from our sin, and we are free. Amen!

Message for Children

Before the video prayer, you may wish to speak or journal your own prayers, and then join your prayers to others as you start the video again.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

*Hymn: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (#93:1-3)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Prayer for Illumination

*God of light,
you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ,
your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth.
Open us to your revelation once again,
that in the words of your holy scripture
we might know your presence and follow in your light always.
Amen.*

*Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday,
December 27: Luke 2:22-38*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – "Good News in Jerusalem"

Prayer of Application

Offering

Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

*Doxology: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (#80:1-3)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

*Postlude: Ding! Dong! Merrily on High – arr. Cindy Berry
Lisa Meyer and Kenneth Bos, pianists*

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

F C F C

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;

F C7 F dm Gm7 C7 F

give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day.
 now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!

C7 F Dm Gm7 C7 F Am

Ox and ass be-fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for-ev-er-more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev-er-last-ing hall.

Dm A Dm C F Gm7/B^b C F

Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain *Unison* F B \flat /F F C7 F

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

B \flat /F F Gm/B \flat F/C C7 F *Fine*

go, tell it on the moun-tain that Je-sus Christ is born.

Harmony F C F

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a-bove the earth
3 Down in a low-ly sta-ble the hum-ble Christ was born,

G7 C7 *To Refrain*

be-hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Words: African American spiritual, 19th c., P.D.

Music (GO TELL IT 7.6.7.6 refrain 7.8.7.6): African American spiritual, 19th c.; arr. © 2012 Faith Alive Christian Resources

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

F C Am B^b F/C C F

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Dm7 G7 C Fmaj7 G7 C

peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

F F/C C F F/C C

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

B^b D Gm C7 F C F

with the an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain B^b D Gm C7 F C7 F

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.

Music (MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7. D refrain 7.7): Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; adapt. William H. Cummings, 1856, P.D.