

Anticipating Advent – Magnify

December 20, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Lighting the Candle of Love

The McBurney Family

*Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen, to a tribe called Israel,
with a light of hope and words of peace.*

*Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary,
with a light of joy and words of love.*

*As we light our fourth Advent candle,
we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.
Come now, Child of Mary.
Come now, Child of Love.*

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him, ..., Christ the Lord!
True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created.
O come, let us adore him, ..., Christ the Lord!
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, ..., Christ the Lord!*

- 18th century Latin hymn

A Moment for Children
from Luke 1

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The Magnificat
Luke 1:46-55

Morgan Hopper

Hymn

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed

CAROL

*For ages women hoped and prayed to bear th'anointed One,
Both Israel's Savior and the world's, the new day's shining sun.
Did they not know? Did they not guess what pain would then be theirs,
If God's anointed graced their home in answer to their prayers?
Young Mary did not think to hope for miracles of birth,
Yet God chose her to be the one to make Christ's home on earth.
So Mary sang her heartfelt praise of God who sets things straight;
The mighty fall, the weak are raised, the hungry fill their plate.
Our hearts rejoice as Mary's song becomes our hymn of praise.
For Christ has come, Emmanuel, to claim our years and days.
Both present now and coming still, accomplished fact and dream,
We join the song that Mary sings, an earthly, heavenly theme.*

- Jane Parker Huber

Sermon

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Response

Rejoice

by Mark Hayes

Donna Davis, piano

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.*

- 14th century Latin carol

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh:
To us the path of knowledge show; and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

- 9th century Latin hymn

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!*

- Isaac Watts

Prayers of the People

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The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;

Suddenly return, and never, never-more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

- Charles Wesley

Benediction

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*Now to God, who is able to establish you by the gospel and the proclamation of
Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages
past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the
command of the eternal God, so that all peoples might believe and obey God –
to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ our Lord! **Amen.***

- from Romans 16