

**December 20, 2020 | ORDER OF SERVICE**

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## **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

*Led by Tim and Hilary Rudd*

## **WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

### **SONG 1 | Joyful Joyful**

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light:  
Angels lifting praise before You sing throughout this holy night.  
In a manger lies a baby Child of Mary, Son of God.  
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare Your glory: all creation joins to sing.  
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.  
Shepherds kneel before the infant trumpets sound and anthems raise,  
As with joy our hearts are lifted joined in wonder love & praise.

Mortals join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!

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### **SONG 2 | O Holy Night**

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world, in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared, And the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born,  
O night divine, O night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another.  
His law is Love, and His gospel is Peace.  
Chains shall He break, For the slave is our brother  
And in His Name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy, In grateful chorus rise we,  
Let all within us praise His Holy Name!  
Christ is the Lord O Praise his name forever;  
His pow'r and glory ever more proclaim,  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

*Led by Lydia Lotz*

*Luke 1:46-55 CEB*

Mary said,  
“With all my heart I glorify the Lord!  
In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.  
Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored

Holy is his name.  
He shows mercy to everyone,  
from one generation to the next,  
who honors him as God.  
He has shown strength with his arm.  
He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
remembering his mercy,  
just as he promised to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to Abraham’s descendants forever.”

## SONG 3 | Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow  
There is beauty in our tears  
And You meet us in our mourning  
With a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting  
Sanctifying us  
When beyond our understanding  
You're teaching us to trust.

### CHORUS:

Your plans are still to prosper  
You have not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood  
Faithful forever, perfect in love  
You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined  
Who could understand Your ways  
Reigning high above the heavens  
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly  
Compassionate and kind  
You surround and You up-hold me  
And your promises are my delight.

### CHORUS

### BRIDGE:

Even what the enemy means for evil  
You turn it for our good, you turn it for our good  
and for your glory.  
Even in the valley you are faithful  
You're working for our good, you're working for our good  
and for your glory. x2

### CHORUS

## SONG 4 | What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ.

### CHORUS:

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus...

You didn't want heaven without us so Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater, what could separ -ate us now.

### CHORUS 2:

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is the Name of Jesus.

### BRIDGE:

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again!  
You have no rival, you have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names.

### CHORUS 3:

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

# COMMUNION

*Led by Hallie Palsgrove*

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, [*pick up the loaf*], and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” [*tear it in half*]

*Leader: The body of Christ broken for us.*

**All: The gifts of God for the people of God.**

*Leader: Let us partake together.*

[partake in the bread; 10 second pause]

In the same way, after supper he took the cup [*pick up the cup*], saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

*Leader: The blood of Christ shed for us.*

**All: The gifts of God for the people of God.**

*Leader: Let us partake together.*

[partake in the wine; 10 second pause].

# BENEDICTION

**May Almighty God make us faithful in his calling,  
Joyful in his service and fruitful for his kingdom.**

**May the blessing of God almighty—  
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—**

**be upon us and through us with all those to whom he sends us,  
now and forever,  
Amen.**