

# MORNING WORSHIP

December 22, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”  
*from Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben, BWV 147*  
Rebecca Ray and Vasily Gorkovoy, violin; Courtney Guthrie, viola;  
Elizabeth Burns, cello; and Gay Pappin, organ

J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

DULCI JUBILO

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

The Beam Family

Reader: People of God Rejoice!

**People: We leap for joy at the sound of your greeting!  
We rejoice, for God is in our midst.**

Reader: In the name of God, all people are welcome in this place.

**People: We exalt with all our hearts;  
We sing aloud and shout with delight.**

Reader: Our souls will magnify the Divine,  
for God has brought down the powerful and lifted up the lowly.  
The Almighty has done great things for us.  
God will gather the outcast and change shame into praise.

**People: God will bring us home.**

UNISON PRAYER

**Almighty One, You have done great things. Give us patience as we anticipate the coming Christ.**

**As Mary welcomed the coming of Your Kingdom, may we also welcome Your promises.**

**Give us strength to throw open the doors, welcoming all Your children.**

**Help us create homes, churches and communities, where everyone feels safe and wanted.**

**Opening our hearts to welcome the coming of Christ, requires the welcoming of all people in radical ways.**

**May we welcome as we have been welcomed by You. Amen.**

+\*HYMN 88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God our Savior, we ask for Your mercy. Though we have heard Mary’s son, we still seek security in pride,  
power, and possessions. Though we know Your story, we resist the cost of following You. We pass by the  
lowly and turn away from the hungry. Forgive us, we pray. Make us messengers of the peace You bring. As  
we wait for You, turn our apathy into acts of service, and our greed into loving expressions of generosity.  
Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Luke 1:78-79

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38, pew Bible p.931

HOMILY

"Mary, Ready or Not"

Lori Archer Raible

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Missa in dulci jubilo*

Byron Adams

Chancel Choir, Rebecca Ray and Vasily Gorkovoy, violin; Courtney Guthrie, viola;  
Elizabeth Burns, cello; and Gay Pappin, organ

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY

*Shepherd's Noel*

J. Wayne Kerr

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Thanks be to You, O God, maker of heaven and earth, giver of justice, lover of righteousness, hope of the afflicted, friend of the poor. Your faithfulness never fails. Take and use these gifts to further Your purpose and fulfill the promises of the world to come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 129

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ES IST EIN' ROS'

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*I Saw Three Ships*

arr. Mark Rippe

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

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### **Missa in dulci jubilo, by Byron Adams SATB choir, soloists, strings, and organ (2019)**

The *Missa in dulci jubilo* is a "parody mass" based on the hymn "In dulci jubilo" ("In sweet rejoicing"), a familiar Christmas Carol. A convention of the early Renaissance, a parody mass uses existing song material (sacred or secular) to form the basis of a mass and its movements (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus Dei). The original text was written by the Christian mystic and German Dominican Friar Heinrich Seuse (1295-1366) about 1328. Seuse, known for his controversial writings, mortifications, and deep love of Christ, was beatified by Pope Gregory XIV in 1831. Seuse used a macaronic setting of German and Latin in his hymn, and "In dulci jubilo" has been famously set by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) and J. S. Bach (1685-1750). Eventually, it would find its way into hymnals and missalettes of Protestant and Catholic denominations, and today we know it as "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" retaining macaronic text setting with English and Latin.

Byron Adams (b. 1955) composed this mass “as a gift to the choir and Master of Music of St. Thomas the Apostle [Church], Hollywood, California.” Adams weaves the carol “In dulci jubilo” throughout each movement in the parody-mass style, and set it for organ alone or organ and strings. The work was premiered on Christmas Eve 2019.

Translations of each movement

Kyrie: “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.”

Gloria: “Glory to God in the highest. And on Earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We worship You. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty, Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You, who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You, who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For You alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.”

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.”

Agnus Dei: “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.”

**SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT**

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God’s creativity in human diversity. We’d like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

**WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE** Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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