



# Servant Songs

AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES



December 1, 2024

# Beverly Heights United

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Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

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## THE LORD GATHERS US FOR ADVENT WORSHIP

Prelude

*Prelude on "Gloria"*  
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Payne

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Call to Worship

Leader: Behold the coming kingdom of our father David!

**People: Glory in the Highest!**

Choral Introit

*Song of Mary*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord; My spirit doth rejoice in God,  
For He, my Savior, did in grace His servant's humble state regard.*

*For generations, fearing Him, His mercy will on them abide.  
His mighty arm displays His strength; He scatters those who dwell in pride.*

*He helped His servant Israel, in memory of His mercy sure,  
As told our father Abraham, and to his seed forevermore.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 198**

vv. 1-4

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Mr. Peter A. Chace

Congregational Response **No. 198**

vv. 5, 6

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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*Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7*

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot  
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is  
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.  
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 Let me thy inner presence feel;  
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
 Let new and nobler life begin!  
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
 until the glorious crown be won.



## THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Confession of Sin, Followed by Silent Confession

*Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Unison Confession of Faith

The Chalcedonian Definition

Following the saintly fathers, we all with one voice teach the confession  
of one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ:  
the same perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity,  
the same truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and a body;  
consubstantial with the Father as regards His divinity,  
and the same consubstantial with us as regards His humanity;  
like us in all respects except for sin;  
begotten before the ages from the Father as regards His divinity,  
and in the last days the same for us and for our salvation  
from Mary, the virgin God-bearer, as regards His humanity;  
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only-begotten,  
acknowledged in two natures which undergo no confusion,  
no change, no division, no separation;  
at no point was the difference between the natures taken away through the union,  
but rather the property of both natures is preserved and  
comes together into a single person and a single subsistent being;  
He is not parted or divided into two persons,  
but is one and the same only-begotten Son, God, Word, Lord Jesus Christ,  
just as the prophets taught from the beginning about Him,  
and as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself instructed us,  
and as the creed of the fathers handed it down to us.

# THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Advent Litany

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.

**People:** For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

Leader: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

**People:** Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Advent Hymn No. 324

vv. 1-4

*Christ Is Coming!*

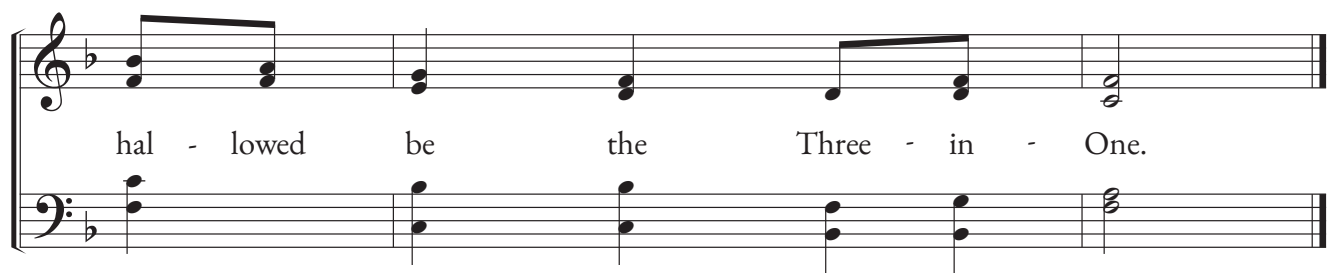
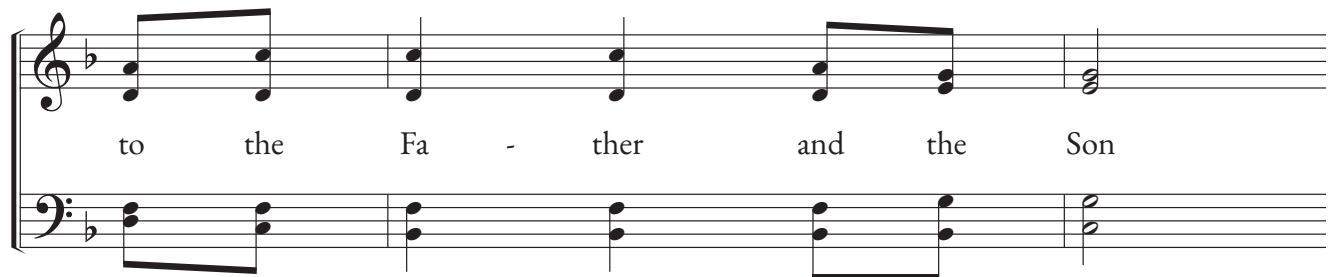
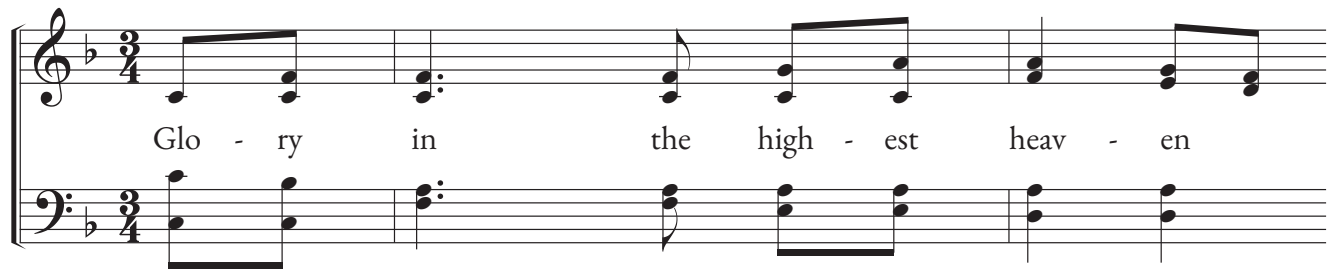
*Children are invited to the front of the Chancel during the last verse of the hymn.*

The Lighting of the Advent Star and Advent Countdown

Congregational Response

*Advent Doxology*

Boswell



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## Christ Is Coming!

*We wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior,  
Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13*

1. Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from her groans and  
 2. Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of thy bit - ter  
 3. Long thine ex - iles have been pin - ing, far from rest, and  
 4. With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, let no harp re -

tra - vail cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion  
 cross and pain; she shall yet be - hold thy glo - ry,  
 home, and thee: but, in heav'n - ly ves - tures shin - ing,  
 main un - strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus

hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!  
 when thou com - est back to reign: Christ is com - ing!  
 they their lov - ing Lord shall see: Christ is com - ing!  
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: "Christ is com - ing!"

Christ is com - ing! Come, thou bless - ed Prince of Peace.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.  
 Christ is com - ing! Haste the joy - ous ju - bi - lee.  
 Christ is com - ing! Come, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come!"

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way; as the Light descending  
From the realms of endless day, comes the powers of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!*

Congregational Response **No. 731**

## Doxology

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

*Children ages kindergarten and younger are dismissed to the Nursery, Walkabouts Room or Runabouts Room.  
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

**Servant Songs**  
Mary's Song

Pastor Devlin

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

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**THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (\*See below)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

*Please note: we will eat together in the pew.  
Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.  
The Elders are serving bread and wine.  
To better serve those with restrictions,  
please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

**THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM**

Closing Hymn **No. 18**

vv. 1, 6

*You Holy Angels Bright*

Benediction

Postlude

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

arr. Hayes

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***\*May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

*All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.*



# You Holy Angels Bright

*Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Ps. 148:2*

1. You ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or  
2. You bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race, and  
3. All na - tions of the earth, ex - tol the world's great King; with  
4. Sing forth Je - ho - vah's praise, you saints, that on him call! Him

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our  
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sav - ior's face; God's prais - es  
mel - o - dy and mirth his glo - rious prais - es sing; for he still  
mag - ni - fy al - ways, his ho - ly church - es all! In him re -

song, for else the theme too high does seem for mor - tal tongue.  
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light you do a - bound.  
reigns, and will bring low the proud - est foe that him dis - dains.  
joice, and there pro - claim his ho - ly name with sound - ing voice.

5. My soul, bear now your part,  
triumph in God above;  
with a well-tun-ed heart  
sing now the songs of love;  
you are his own, whose precious blood  
shed for your good his love made known.

7. With your triumphant flock  
then I shall numbered be;  
built on th'eternal Rock,  
his glory we shall see.  
The heav'ns so high with praise shall ring  
and all shall sing in harmony.

6. Away, distrustful care!  
I have your promise, Lord;  
to banish all despair,  
I have your oath and word;  
and therefore I shall see your face  
and there your grace shall magnify.

# Servant Songs

*An Advent Sermon Series*

December 1, 2024	Mary's Song	Luke 1:46-55
December 8, 2024	Zechariah's Song	Luke 1:68-79
December 15, 2024	The Angel's Song	Luke 2:19
December 22, 2024	Simeon's Song	Luke 2:22-33
December 29, 2024	John the Baptist's Song	Luke 3:4-6
January 5, 2025	Jesus' Song	Luke 4:16-21

## This Week at Beverly Heights

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 AM Christian Ed for All Ages  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 6:30 PM Fusion for MS/HS students

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

*Church Offices Closed*

6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 PM ACE Team Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting  
 7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
 9:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM Christian Ed for All Ages  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 4:30 PM Glory in the Heights

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