



Servant Songs

AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES



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Beverly Heights United

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

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THE LORD GATHERS US FOR ADVENT WORSHIP

Prelude

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Stanley

*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

Sing Out with Joy

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 320**

vv. 1-3

Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Congregational Response **No. 320**

v. 4

Rejoice, All Ye Believers

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.

Slay utterly, O Lord, and cast down the sin which does so easily beset us; bridle the unholy affection; stay the unlawful thought; chasten the temper; regulate the spirit; correct the tongue; bend the will and the worship of our souls to You, and so sanctify and subdue the whole inward man, that setting up your throne in our hearts, to the dethronement of all our idols, and the things of earth we hold too dear, You may reign there alone in the fullness of Your grace, and the consolations of Your presence, till the time arrives when we shall reign with You in glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him! Matt. 25:6

1. Re - joice, all ye be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;
 3. Ye saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near:
 and wait for your sal - va - tion, the end of earth - ly toil.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er, when sor - row is no more:
 a - rise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

the Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he draw - eth nigh;
 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 a - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb ye shall be - hold,
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, pray, and watch, and wres - tle: at mid - night comes the cry.
 go meet him as he com - eth, with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him your di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that brings us un - to thee.

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

Mr. Peter A. Chace

Leader: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame,

People: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

People: for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

Advent Hymn No. 195

vv. 1-4

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Children are invited to the South Transept during the last verse of the hymn.

The Lighting of the Advent Star and Advent Countdown

Congregational Response

Advent Doxology

Boswell

**Glory in the highest heaven to the Father and the Son
 And the Spirit He has given hallowed be the Three-in-One.**

Choral Anthem

Gaelic Alleluia
 Peter Chace, *tambourine*

Nobis, arr. Courtney

*On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
 Awake and harken for He brings glad tidings of the King of kings. Alleluia!
 Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
 And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there. Alleluia!*

*We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
 Without Your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay. Alleluia!*

*All praise to You eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,
 Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*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 2:22-35

Sermon

Servant Songs
Simeon's Song

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Barraclough

Hannah Devlin and Cindy Egeland, *flute*; Nathan Devlin and Karl Egeland, *violin*

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See back cover)

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.*

Communion Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 316**

vv. 1, 2

The Mighty God, the Lord

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary on "Veni Emmanuel"

Helmore

The Mighty God, the Lord

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The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth. Ps. 50:1

1. The might - y God, the Lord, hath spo - ken un - to all;
 2. Our God shall sure - ly come, and si - lence shall not keep;
 3. "To - geth - er let my saints un - to me gath - ered be,

from ris - ing to the set - ting sun, he un - to earth doth call.
 be - fore him fire shall waste, and storms tem - pes - tuous round him sweep.
 those that by sac - ri - fice have made a cov - e - nant with me."

From Zi - on, his own hill, where per - fect beau - ty dwells,
 He to the heav'ns a - bove shall then send forth his call,
 Then shall the heav'ns de - clare his righ - teous - ness a - broad;

Je - ho - vah hath his glo - ry shown, in bright - ness that ex - cels.
 and like - wise to the earth, that he may judge his peo - ple all:
 be - cause the Lord him - self is judge, yea, none is judge, but God.

****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.

Servant Songs

An Advent Sermon Series

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 22

9:00 AM Christian Ed for All Ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Food and Fellowship
7:00 PM Congregational Carol Sing

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas! Jesus Christ is born!
Church Offices Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Church Offices Open 9 AM to 12 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM Food and Fellowship
10:00 AM Worship Service

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