



THE SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS

AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES



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BEVERLY HEIGHTS CHURCH

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

The Newborn King
Beverly Heights Orchestra

arr. Winkler

*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: We gather for worship and wait upon the Lord!

People: We cry, “Maranatha,” Oh Lord, come to us!

Congregational Introit **No. 15**

vv. 1, 5

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise (**See Bulletin**)

vv. 1-3

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Responsive Reading

Psalm 126

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

People: **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

Responsive Hymn (**See Bulletin**)

vv. 4, 5

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.
Neh. 9:5

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, you peo - ple of his choice;
2. Though high a - bove all praise, a - bove all bless - ing high,
3. O for the liv - ing flame from his own al - tar brought,
4. God is our strength and song, and his sal - va - tion ours;
5. Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God a - dore;

stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
who would not fear his ho - ly name, and laud and mag - ni - fy?
• to touch our lips, our minds in - spire, and wing to heav'n our thought!
then be his love in Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed pow'rs.
stand up and bless his glo - rious name hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

James Montgomery, 1824, 1825
Mod.

CARLISLE S.M.
Charles Lockhart, 1769

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - ty gates! The King of glo - ry waits;
2. O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ is con - fessed,
3. Fling wide the por - tals of the heart; a tem - ple set a - part,

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The bass line starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, and a quarter note D3.

the King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near,
where Christ is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes
a tem - ple set a - part! From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy,

The second system of musical notation continues the piece in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff continues the melody from the first system, starting with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff continues the bass line from the first system, starting with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, and a quarter note D3.

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

So come, my Sov'reign, enter in!
Let nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

The Sav - ior of the world,
The King in tri - umph comes,
A - dorned with pray'r and love,

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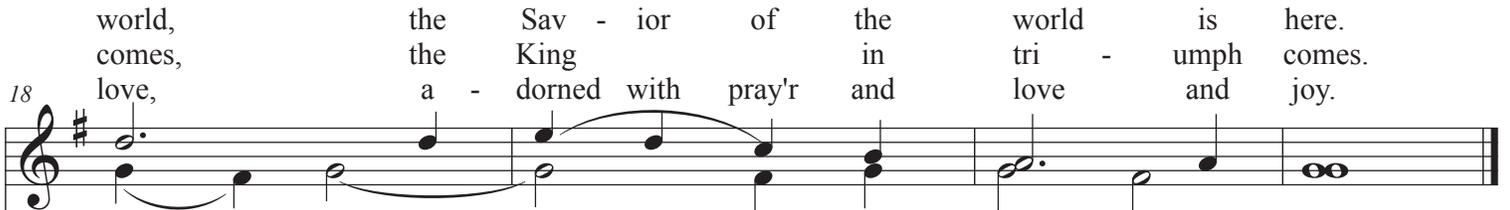
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world, comes, love,
the Sav - ior of the world is here.
the King in tri - umph comes.
a - dorned with pray'r and love and joy.

Sav - ior
King
dorned with pray'r

of the world is here.
in tri - umph comes.
and love and joy.

world
comes,
love

is here
a - dorned

the Sav - ior's here.
in tri - umph comes.
with love and joy.



Sav - ior of the world is here.
King in tri - umph comes.
dorned with pray'r and love and joy.

of the world is here.
in tri - umph comes.
and love and joy.

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Pastor Chace

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

Almighty God, You who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying in the wilderness, forgive our unwillingness to praise Your name! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come. Thanks be to God!.

Unison Confession of Faith

Definition of Chalcedon

Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Advent Scripture Lesson: Haggai 2:4-9

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Advent Litany

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him,

People: the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

Leader: the Spirit of counsel and of power,

People: the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Advent Hymn **No. 196**

vv. 1-4

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Children are invited to the side transept during the last verse of the hymn.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle and Advent Countdown

Congregational Response (**See Bulletin**) *Hear My Prayer, O Lord*

Wilbur

Special Music

Great Joy to the World
Beverly Heights Orchestra

arr. Cranfill

Congregational Response **No. 731**

Doxology

**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.**

*Children ages 18 months to kindergarten are dismissed to the Walkabouts Room and Runabouts Room downstairs.
Please use the back sanctuary exits to access the stairs to the childcare rooms.
The Nursery is open but not staffed. All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-80

Sermon

The Spirit of Christmas
Strength of Spirit

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sanderman

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Hear My Prayer

Based on Psalm 86 portions

Hear my pray'r, O Lord, and an-swer me. I am poor and need - y.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

Save my life for You are the on - ly God, For to You I cry.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern.

Refrain

You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy. Grac-ious are You, O God. Slow to an-ger, a-

The third system begins with a double bar line and the word 'Refrain' in italics. The vocal line starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same accompaniment.

repeat Refrain

bound-ing in faith-ful-ness. Turn to me, de - li - ver me. Save me in Your love.

The fourth system continues the refrain. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See bottom of next page)

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 (See Screen)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Doxology (See Bulletin)

Advent Doxology

Benediction

Postlude

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Jinna Park, *Organist and Accompanist*

Burton

Beverly Heights Orchestra

Chad Winkler, *director and conductor*

Cindy Egeland, Lori Gides,
Rebecca Henry, Karley Lucas,
Selah Winkler, *flute*

Henry Cramer, Jonathan Lucas,
Ben Webster, John Winkler,
trumpet

Hudson Winkler, *keyboard*

Mande Brodzinski, Amy Lucas,
clarinet

Luca Gides, Chris Phelps,
Scott Westgate, *trombone*

Justine Campagna,
Nathan Devlin, Karl Egeland,
Autumn Nuss, Tabby Sheyko,
Evangeline Tan, *violin*

Wendy Stuhldreher, *oboe*

Miles Bennett, Peter Chace,
Addison Lucas, Jack Michalak,
Noah Tan, Teddy Tan, *percussion*

Elliott Bennett, Kyung Won Jeon,
Kate Jeon, *cello*

Lans Taylor, *tenor saxophone*

Joe Campagna, *bass*

Holly Devlin,
Charlotte Houghton, *horn*

Jinna Park, *piano*

Special thanks to our section coaches:

Cindy Egeland (winds), Chad Winkler (brass), Peter Chace (percussion), Joe & Justine Campagna (strings)

Advent Doxology

Boswell

Congregation sings twice.

Glo - ry in the high - est heav - en

The first system of musical notation for the doxology. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry in the high - est heav - en".

to the Fa - ther and the Son

The second system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "to the Fa - ther and the Son".

and the Spi - rit He has giv - en

The third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "and the Spi - rit He has giv - en".

hal - lowed be the Three - in - One.

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the doxology. The lyrics are: "hal - lowed be the Three - in - One.".

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

All baptized 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.

The Spirit of Christmas

An Advent Sermon Series

November 30	Luke 1:5-25
December 7	Luke 1:26-38
December 14	Luke 1:39-80
December 21	Luke 2:8-20
December 28	Luke 2:22-35
January 4	Matthew 2:13-18

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
10:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Christmas Musical
(BH Christian Academy)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
10:00 AM Ladies' Tea and Ornament
Exchange

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Congregational Dinner
7:00 PM Carol Sing

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