
 Invitation

Sharing the Meal: “Before the Marvel of this Night”
 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Carl Schalk
 LUYH 80

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Psalm 146

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

**He upholds the cause of the oppressed
 and gives food to the hungry.**

**The Lord sets prisoners free,
 the Lord gives sight to the blind,
 the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord loves the righteous.**

**The Lord watches over the foreigner
 and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
 but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

**The Lord reigns forever,
 your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the Lord.

*Closing Song: “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

LUYH 69:1,2

*Benediction

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019



The Word became flesh

Worship Participants

Pastor: Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Choir Director: Ryan Smit

Worship Leader: Sanneke Kok ♦ Candlelighter: Everett Fedders

Sound: Doug DeBoer ♦ Projection: Dave Goslinga ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

The proclamation, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” assures us that God has entered into human history through the incarnation of the Son. The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God’s actions—past, present, and future. (Reprinted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

Gathering

Choral Anthem: "While by the Sheep"

arr. Hugo Jungst

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent Prayer

In the psalms of David, in the words of the prophets, in the dream of Joseph, your promise is spoken, eternal God, and takes flesh at last in the womb of the virgin.

May Emmanuel find welcome in our hearts, take flesh in our lives, and be for all people the welcome advent of redemption and grace.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

*Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LUYH 56

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise: "Sing to the King"
"Joy to the World"

LUYH 474
LUYH 92:1-3

Renewal

Prayer for Renewal

LUYH 73

Statement of Assurance

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries.

Choral Offertory: "At Bethlehem"

arr. Claude L. Bass

Word

Children's Blessing: "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

LUYH 76

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Isaiah 35

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Sermon: "Deep Down Joy"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "God Reigns, Earth Rejoices"

LUYH 91

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

LUYH 783A

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Table

We invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We believe that this is a family meal. Children who do not yet take communion may join their parents for a spoken blessing. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact Pastor Joel or your elder. This morning we will come forward to receive the elements. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.

Introduction

This is a season of Immanuel.

As we reflect on God revealed in Christ, so too do we reflect on Christ present at this meal.

Christ is the Bread through which we have life and the Vine to which we are connected.

May this time of sharing bread and cup bring us to a new awareness of God's grace embodied in Christ.

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Words of Institution from 1 Corinthians 11

Through the broken bread, our eyes are opened. **Christ is with us.**

Through the cup of blessing, our hearts are warmed. **Christ is changing us.**