

**GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP**

**God's Welcome and Call to Worship**

1 John 4:16-18

**Songs:**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (LUYH 80)**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

O Come Let Us Adore Him – For He alone is worthy – We'll give him all the glory  
Gloria in Excelsis Deo

**Of the Father's Love Begotten (LUYH 78)**

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega— he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that ha--ve been, and that future years shall see  
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expe--cted; let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing:  
powers, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be si--lent, every voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore.

**Prayer**

*(Psalm 115:1)* Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness. Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour, yet, for love's sake, became so poor; leaving your throne in glad surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour, yet, for love's sake, became so poor. Lord, you are love beyond all telling; Saviour and King, we worship you. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us and keep us pure and true. Lord, you are love beyond all telling; Saviour and King, we worship you.

**Song:**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem (LUYH 88)**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Love**

**Advent Song:**

**Hope is a Star**

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on 'til the morning is nigh

*Refrain:*

***When God is a child, there's joy in our song  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong  
and none shall be afraid.***

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn telling the world that the Saviour is born

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth giving a promise of safety and worth

Love is a flame that burns in our heart, Jesus has come and will never depart

## GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

**Message: “God’s Everlasting”**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 51:1-15

**Song of Response:**

**This Is Your God / Meekness and Majesty (LUYH 157)**

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity in perfect harmony,  
the Man who is God. Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility, and washes our feet.

*Refrain:*

***Oh, what a mystery—meekness and majesty;  
bow down and worship, for this is your God.***

Father’s pure radiance, perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience to death on a cross,  
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,  
and, as they crucify, prays, “Father, forgive.”

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

## GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering:** Youth without Shelter

**Benediction**

**Benediction Song:**

**There Is a Redeemer (LUYH 833)**

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain:*

***Thank you O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.***

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see his face;  
there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.