

Order of Worship, Nov 29th, 2020 – First Sunday in Advent

Opening Hymn “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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 descendeth, our full 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 heav’nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow’rs of hell may vanish, 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, Lord Most High!”

Welcome & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song of Praise: “Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness – opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you; hope of a life spent with you!

*(Chorus) So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God!*

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted – glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor.

(Chorus)

*Bridge: And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
No, I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross (repeat)*

(repeat Chorus)

Prayer of Confession:

Lord of our lives, we bow before you. You are faithful, though we at times are faithless. You are full of mercy, though we harden our hearts. Hear our humble prayer: forgive us our sins, and create a new and right spirit within us, that we might live to the praise of your glory. Through Jesus Christ, we pray.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

The Lord declares the end from the beginning.

“My purposes shall stand,” says the Lord,

“I will bring my deliverance near,

I will put my salvation in Zion!”

Advent Carol: “In the Bleak Mid Winter”

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan;

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

Snow had fallen – snow on snow, snow on snow;

In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain,

Heav’n and earth shall welcome him, when he comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter, a stable-place sufficed

For the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and Archangels may have thronged there

Cherubim and Seraphim gathered in the air

But his mother Mary, in her maiden bliss,

worshiped the beloved only with a kiss.

What then can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would give a lamb,

And if I were a wise man, I would do my part.

But what I can I give him – I will give my heart.

Message for Children

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:7-13 “The Greatest Sermon Ever... *How to Pray*”

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

Thy wings shall my petition bear
To him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.

And since he bids me seek his face,
Believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

(I'll cast on him my ev'ry care and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!)

Benediction