

INCARNATION

JESUS OUR SAVIOR

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Prelude

Ruben

Greetings & Announcements

Call to Worship

The time of waiting and watching is here! Let us make our hearts ready.

We await the Lord of Peace to quiet our souls.

The Lord of Peace comes to us this day to free us from all that weighs us down.

We are ready to receive the precious blessings of the Messiah.

Let us together worship God who so loved the world

Let us praise God in song and prayer, in word and in deed.

Opening Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

#209

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
Who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
A Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
The prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Advent Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#211

O come, O come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 1:20b-21

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Luke 2:8-12

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, ^[a] the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Advent Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten
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 have been
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

#184

Message

Incarnation: Jesus Our Savior

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Closing Hymn

What Child Is This?

#219

What child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Sending Forth