

Brief reflection

Prayer of letting go

Words of Assurance and declaration of forgiveness:
...Friends hear Christ's word of grace to each one of us:
Your sins are forgiven
Thanks be to God

Prayers for the earth

An invitation to light candles as we pray

...The Lord's Prayer

Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love Maker
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by all peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another forgive us
and help us to forgive.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love
now and forever, amen.

Offering

Song: Gaudete

Blessing

You are welcome here. If you have been to church often, never before,
or not in a long time, here you are welcome.

Christmas Day worship 9.30am

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**Fourth Sunday in Advent
19 December 2021**

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Prayers of thanks and gratitude

Sung response: we gather in love and praise
amen, amen, a-men, amen, amen

Song: *chorus* *Gaudete, gaudete Christos est natus*
Ex Maria virginæ, gaudete.
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Tempus ad est gratiæ hoc quod optabamus,
Carmina lætitiæ devote redamus.

chorus

Deus homo factus est naturam erante,
Mundus renovatus est a Christo regnante.

chorus

Ezecheelis porta clausa per transitor
Unde lux est orta salus inventior.

chorus

Ergo nostra contio psallat jam in lustro,
Benedicat domino salus regi nostro.

chorus

Medieval hymn - Translation of chorus:
Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born
Of the virgin Mary, Rejoice!

Lighting the fourth Advent candle

Song: He came down that we may have hope (X3)
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have peace (x3)
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have joy (x3)
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have love (x3)
Hallelujah for evermore.

(Cameroon traditional)

Telling the Christmas Story Together

Song: O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Chorus *Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!*
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night divine, O holy night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming;
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land,
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;

Chorus *He knows our need, To our weakness no stranger!*
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King! before him bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
his law is Love and his gospel is peace;
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease,
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his holy name!

Chorus *Christ is the Lord, then ever! ever praise we!*
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!
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Reading from Sacred Scripture

Micah 5.2-5a
Luke 1.46-55

For these words of faith and Jesus the Word
Thanks be to God