

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 24, 2023

376 Once in Royal David's City

- 1 Once in royal David's city, Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby, In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 For He is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And He leads His children on, To the place where He is gone.
- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable, With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Versicles

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**
L Prepare the way of the Lord.
C **Make His paths straight.**
L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P So that we may experience the peace of sins forgiven, let us come before our Lord with
humble hearts as we confess together:

- C **Gracious Father, we all have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. By what we have
done and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and have not
accomplished Your plans for our lives.**
P Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, You alone give us
the redemption and the restoration, the absolution and the ability to follow Your Word.
Through the work of Jesus, the Word made flesh, do for us what is impossible apart from
You.
C **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may follow Your plan for our lives and
walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P In the mercy of our gracious Father, Jesus came into this world, journeying from the crib to the
cross, from the tomb and to His throne of glory in order to secure our forgiveness according
to God's plan of salvation. Receive His assurance of pardon this day as we celebrate Jesus'
coming to save us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive
you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *sts. 1-2, 8*

- 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come, To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:
- 2 "To you this night is born a child, Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth.
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery, That You might share Your joy with me.

Christmas Cantata "Joy to the World" *see red insert in your bulletin*

Apostles' Creed

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into
hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T
everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C **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
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Offering

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *sts. 13–14*

13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
 A quiet chamber set apart, For You to dwell within my heart.
14 My heart for very joy must leap; My lips no more can silence keep.
 I, too, must sing with joyful tongue, That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

Reading *Luke 1:26–38*

L A reading from Luke, the first chapter.
 ²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,
²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.
³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”
³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.
³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.
L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
C **Amen.**

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. *Refrain*
ref *Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.*
2 Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night,
 God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*
3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
 Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*
4 Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*
D 5 All creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son,
 Evermore your voices raising, To the_ternal Three in One. *Refrain*

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