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**PUBLIC WORSHIP** *of* **GOD**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 8, 2019

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” is one of the earliest Christians hymns still in common usage. The hymn, as we currently have it, is a paraphrase written by Gerard Moultrie and based on the fourth century Greek text “Prayer of Cherubic Hymn” in the Liturgy of St. James. Originally it was thought to have been the work of James the Lesser, the brother of Jesus, but now seems to have been created under Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 347).

This ancient and beautiful text evokes a sense of majesty at the incarnation of Christ, and the slow, chant-like melody wonderfully expresses that awe and mystery. This hymn invites us to ponder the wonder of the Incarnation, to celebrate the Light of Christ, and to worship Him as the King of Kings.

As we enter worship today, let us join the song of the cherubim who endlessly cry, “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

## CHRIST OUR GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Savior of the Nations Come” . . . . . J.S. Bach

*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: “Sheep May Safely Graze” . . . . . J.S. Bach

*Robin Branch, flute*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Hannah and Philip James (8:15)

Kimm Clayton, K’meil Durr, K’miyah Durr, and Joyce Small (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Dan Burns

✦HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 150 “Ye Angels Rise and Fill the Skies” . . . MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Words: Robert Liddon / Music: Heinrich Reimann; arr. Metzger / Luke 2:13-14*

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦BELGIC CONFESSON: Article 18 . . . . . Betty Eubank (8:15)

Don Batchelor (11:00)

Christians, what do we believe concerning the Incarnation?

**We confess that God fulfilled the promise  
made to the early fathers and mothers  
by the mouth of the holy prophets  
when He sent the only and eternal Son of God  
into the world at the time appointed.  
The Son took the “form of a slave”  
and was made in “human form,”  
truly assuming a real human nature,  
with all its weaknesses, except for sin;  
being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, without male participation.  
And Christ not only assumed human nature  
as far as the body is concerned but also a real human soul,  
in order to be a real human being.  
For since the soul had been lost as well as the body,  
Christ had to assume them both to save them both together.**

*The Belgic Confession, a comprehensive statement in 37 articles of the Christian Reformed faith, is one of the best-known and well-loved of the Reformed confessions. It highlights the continuity between the Reformed tradition and the early church by modeling teaching of the ancient Apostles Creed.*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . VENI EMMANUEL

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Father,  
 who faithfully fulfilled Your promise of redemption  
 through the advent of Your one and only Son,  
 we confess with broken hearts  
 that we have continued in our sin and rebellion  
 and have grieved You with our callous hearts.  
 Please forgive us for all our sins,  
 for we are truly sorry and do earnestly repent.  
 Restore and renew our spirits by Your grace  
 that we may draw near to You, obey You, enjoy You,  
 and glorify Your matchless Name,  
 through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Matthew 1:21

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,  
 for he will save his people from their sins.*

## WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Away In a Manger" . . . . . arr. Ola Gjeilo

*Words: John Thomas McFarland / Music: arr. Ola Gjeilo / Luke 2:7*

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,  
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
  
 The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,  
 But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
 And stay by my side until morning is nigh.  
  
 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
 Close by forever and love me, I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
 And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

*The Chamber Choir  
 Lizzie Young, soloist  
 Calvin Ellis, director*

✦DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Brett Wynne

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. . . . . Peggy Stephens

# CHRIST OUR KING

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 125 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" . . . PICARDY  
*Words: Gerard Moultrie / Traditional French Carol / Habakkuk 2:20*

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Luke 1:46-55  
*(page 856 in the pew Bible)*

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON                      *The Ordinary People of Christmas: Mary*                      George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 133 "The Advent of Our God" . . . . . ST. THOMAS  
*Words: Charles Coffin / Music: Aaron Williams / Philippians 2:6-7*

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* . . . . . G.F. Handel; arr. Metzger

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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**I. God is Merciful** (*Luke 1:46-48, 50, 53-55*)

**II. God is Mighty** (*Luke 1:49-53*)

# Messiah

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

**December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

This evening, our Chancel Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra, under the direction of Calvin Ellis, will present Part I of Handel's *Messiah*. It portrays the prophecy and coming of God's plan of redemption for the world, Jesus Christ, and concludes with the magnificent "Hallelujah Chorus!" Please join us for worship!