RESURRECTION CHURCH

Hybrid Worship Gathering | 12.19.21

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

If you're new, *welcome!* Our Digital Welcome Card is an easy way to get connected.

CALLED BY GOD INTO WORSHIP

The Greeting - Justin

One: The Lord be with you!
Many: And also with you!
One: El Señor este contigo!
Many: ¡Y contigo también!

Welcome / Introduction - Justin

The Call to Worship & Lighting of the Third Advent Candle - *based on Isaiah 59:9; 60:1-3, 19*

Reader 1: We wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in gloom.
Reader 2: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
Reader 1: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.
Reader 2: But the LORD will arise upon you, and nations shall come to your light.
The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.
All: For the LORD will be our everlasting light and our God will be our glory.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come!

Songs of Adoration: O Come, O Come Emmanuel
John Mason Neale | Thomas Helmore | Song #31982 | CCLI #20020171

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

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice; rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Rejoice; rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Confession of Sin - *adapted from a confession by Daniel Morris* **- Justin**

To You, present Lord—Emmanuel—the One who is with us, we confess:
In hearing Your voice, we have closed our ears.
In sensing Your leading, we have turned away.
In feeling Your presence, we have hidden from You.
We have sinned in closing
Our hands to the hungry, poor, and needy,
Our hearts to the hurting and hopeless,
Our love and lives to our neighbors.
Emmanuel, God with us, come again
To set us free from sin,
To open us to your renewing love,
To lead us on your righteous, restorative path. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Grace - **Justin**

The good news of Advent is that Jesus has come and will come again into the world. He appeared that our sins might vanish; He died that our sins might be buried; He rose that we might walk in newness of life; He will come again to restore, renew, and reconcile all things to himself. Even now, know that you are a forgiven, reconciled child of God. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Song of Thanksgiving: The Doxology - all together!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above you heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen.

Song of Response: I Wait
D. Leonard | L. Jordan | T. Jordan | Song # 7062639 | CCLI #20020171

O restless heart do not grow weary
Hold on to faith and wait
The God of love, He will not tarry
No, He is never late

So I wait in the promise
I wait in the hope
Yes, I wait in the power
Of God's unending love

Be still and rest secure my soul
He knows what's best for me
Here in my patience lies the goal
To wait and trust in Thee

So I wait in the promise
I wait in the hope
Yes, I wait in the power
Of God's unending love

Even through my imperfections
His light is shining through
Though dim I am still a reflection
Of His mercy and His truth

So I wait in the promise
I wait in the hope
Yes, I wait in the power
Of God's unending love

INVITED BY GOD INTO COMMUNITY

Passing of Peace - **Justin**

One: The peace of Christ be with you
Many: And also with you!
Uno: La paz de Cristo este contigo
Todos: ¡Y contigo también!

Res Kids Dismissal - Justin

- Parents, if you've already checked your kids in, you can send them down with our volunteer at the back of the room. If you haven't checked them in, please go down with them.
- There is a *space for feeding children in the side room to your right.*
- Our kids will rejoin us after the close of the sermon, so keep an eye out for your little one.

- OPTIONAL PRAYER: “Almighty God, heavenly Father, thank you for the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Community Prayer Time - Sarah

- Where do we need God to meet us? (pray for needs, griefs, burdens, etc)
  ¿Dónde necesitamos que Dios nos encuentre? (necesidades, cargas, dolores ..)
- What are we celebrating? (birthdays, anniversaries, new jobs, etc) - answers to prayer?
  ¿Qué estamos celebrando? (cumpleaños, aniversarios, nuevos trabajos, etc.) - ¿respuestas a la oración?

The Lord’s Prayer - Sarah

> *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 and ever. Amen.*

Announcements - **Justin**

- If you’re new, *welcome!* Our Digital Welcome Card is an easy way to get connected.
- Join our email list. This is the primary way that we communicate about the life of our church.
- **Afghan Refugee Care -** We partnered with the Emmanuel Gospel Center to care for Afghan refugee families that are coming to Boston. We made a $500 donation through the EGC to refugee settlement care and some of you signed up for tangible things like backpacks and sheets - you can give them to Lauren today before you leave and she’ll get them to the right place! Thank you for being a part of welcoming these families.
- **No Christmas Eve Service | Christmas Worship on Sunday 12/26 and 1/2!**
  - Due to Christmas Eve’s proximity to a Sunday, and the situational limitations of our pastors, we will not be hosting a Christmas Eve worship gathering this year. Join us on 12/26 and 1/2 for Christmastide Worship Gatherings.
  - Keep an eye out on Slack to see who’s around Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There are some parties and dinners likely in the mix and if you’re around :)
- **Epiphany with Vital Groups, Thursday, January 6!**
- **To give to our church,** visit www.resurrectionbos.org/give to make a one-time or recurring gift.

ADDRESSED BY GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Scripture Reading (English) - Luke 1:39-45 - Erin

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she
entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of
Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed
with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is
this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of
your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

Lectura Bíblica (Spanish) - Lucas 1:39-45 (RVC) - Lilian

39 Por esos mismos días, María fue de prisa a una ciudad de Judá que estaba en las montañas. 40 Al
entrar en la casa de Zacarías, saludó a Elisabet. 41 Y sucedió que, al oír Elisabet el saludo de María, la
criatura saltó en su vientre y Elisabet recibió la plenitud del Espíritu Santo. 42 Entonces ella exclamó a
voz en cuello: "¡Bendita eres tú entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre! 43 ¿Cómo pudo
sucederme que la madre de mi Señor venga a visitarme? 44 ¡Tan pronto como escuché tu saludo, la
criatura saltó de alegría en mi vientre! 45 ¡Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá lo que el
Señor te ha anunciado!"

One: La palabra del Señor
All: Gracias a Dios!

Message: Prepare Him Room: ??? (Luke 1:39-45) - Justin

<u>Online</u>: Discussion in Breakout Groups (~ 8 minutes) -

1) What did you find most encouraging or challenging about the passage or message?
¿Qué le pareció más alentador o desafiante del pasaje o mensaje?

<u>In-Person</u>: The Lord's Supper - Justin

Invitation

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Sursum Corda* ("Hearts up!):**

One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
Many: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Words of Institution:

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same he took the cup, after supper, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***Mysterium Fidei* ("Mystery of Faith")**

One: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayer of Invocation

> Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and bless these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be bound in fellowship to all who share this feast, united in mission throughout the world. Keep us faithful in your mission until Christ comes in final victory, that we may feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.
>
> The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

Concluding Prayer

Song of Adoration - Evermore (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! Evermore!
Evermore! Evermore!

This is he whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;

Now he shines, the long expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore! Evermore!
Evermore! Evermore!

Christ, to you, with God the Father
and the Spirit, there shall be
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And the shout of jubilee:

Honor, glory, and dominion
And eternal victory
Evermore! Evermore!
Evermore! Evermore!

Blessing - Justin

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

¡Que el Señor te bendiga, y te cuide!
¡Que el Señor haga resplandecer su rostro sobre ti, y tenga de ti misericordia!
¡Que el Señor alce su rostro sobre ti,
y ponga en ti paz!
En el nombre del Senor, del Hijo, y Del Espiritu Santo.

Sending - Justin

One: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
let us strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying:

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!