



RESURRECTION CHURCH
Worship Gathering | 12.22.24
Fourth Sunday in Advent

CALLED BY GOD INTO WORSHIP

The Greeting - Peter

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Many: And also with you!

One: El Señor este contigo!

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and the grace of Jesus the Son,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with us all.

All: Amen!

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Nayanny & Logan

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The sun shall no longer be your light by day,
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All: For the LORD will be our everlasting light and our God will be our glory.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come!

Light the Advent Candle

Song of Adoration: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Wesley | Mendelssohn-Bartholdy | Song # 27738 | CCLI #2002017

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

King of Heaven come down

King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of Heaven come

King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
You are strong to save
In Your mighty name King of Heaven come
Oh oh

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
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Repeat chorus

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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,
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Song of Response: O Come, All You Unfaithful

Kauflin | Clow | Song # 7160115 | CCLI #20020171

O come all you unfaithful
Come weak and unstable
Come know you are not alone

O come barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying
Come see what your God has done

Christ is born Christ is born
Christ is born for you

O come bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken

Come taste of His perfect love

O come guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given slain for our
pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

So come though you have nothing
Come He is the offering
Come see what your God has done

Song of Thanksgiving: The Doxology

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

A Dios el padre celestial
Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Y al eternal Consolador
Unidos todos alabad. Amen

Song performance: Gracias - Uber and Cristina

Marcos Witt

Me has tomado en tus brazos
Y me has dado salvación
De tu amor has derramado
En mi corazón

No sabré agradecerte
Lo que has hecho por mí
Solo puedo darte ahora
Mi canción

Para darte las gracias
Gracias, Gracias Señor
Gracias, mi Señor Jesús
Gracias, muchas gracias, Señor
Gracias, mi Señor Jesus

Lord you took me into your arms
And you've shown me truest love
You have given me such mercy
I'm unworthy of

Lord your mercy everlasting
I could never understand
For all the love and grace you've shown
I just want to say

Thank you, thank you my Lord
Thank you from the bottom of my heart (x2)

Para darte las gracias
Gracias, Señor
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Gracias
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Gracias, mi Señor Jesús

At the cross you gave your life for me
As a gift of your great love
It was the gift of everlasting life
From above

I can boldly come before your throne
Through your blood I've been set free
I'm going to shout it to the heavens
I've been redeemed

Lord I thank you, thank you my Lord
Thank you from the bottom of my heart (x2)

Gracias, gracias Señor,
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús (x2)

Thank you, thank you my Lord
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INVITED BY GOD INTO COMMUNITY

Passing of Peace - Bruce

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 - Bruce

- 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."

Greeting

Community Prayer Time - Bruce

Neighborhood Spotlight - Today we're praying for the holiday gatherings in our neighborhood. These can be joyful but also can bring anxiety and feelings of loneliness; rates of depression rise during the holidays. We'll ask God through his Spirit to bless our neighborhood's gatherings, for genuine connection, and that God would draw people to himself and bring peace and joy.

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Announcements - Peter

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ADDRESSED BY GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Scripture Reading (English) - Ephesians 2:4-10 (ESV) - Tricia

Lectura Bíblica (Spanish) - Efesios 2:4-10 (RVC) - Cristina

Message: Advent FOUR - The making of good: The Good (Eph. 2:4-10) - Bruce Dykstra

Concluding Prayer + Prayer Volunteer - Uber

Song of Response: O Holy Night

Cappeau | Chislett | Dwight | Thomas | CCLI# #7095544 | License # 20020171

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

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains He shall 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

Christ is the Lord
O praise His Name forever
His power and glory
Evermore evermore proclaim
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SENT BY GOD INTO THE WORLD

Blessing: Bruce

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

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let us strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
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even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying:

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⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

⁴ Pero Dios, cuya misericordia es abundante, por el gran amor con que nos amó, ⁵ nos dio vida junto con Cristo, aun cuando estábamos muertos en nuestros pecados (la gracia de Dios los ha salvado), ⁶ y también junto con él nos resucitó, y asimismo nos sentó al lado de Cristo Jesús en los lugares celestiales, ⁷ para mostrar en los tiempos venideros las abundantes riquezas de su gracia y su bondad para con nosotros en Cristo Jesús. ⁸ Ciertamente la gracia de Dios los ha salvado por medio de la fe. Ésta no nació de ustedes, sino que es un don de Dios; ⁹ ni es resultado de las obras, para que nadie se vanaglorie. ¹⁰ Nosotros somos hechura suya; hemos sido creados en Cristo Jesús para realizar buenas obras, las cuales Dios preparó de antemano para que vivamos de acuerdo con ellas.

One: La palabra del Señor

All: *Gracias a Dios!*

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