

Midweek Worship 3

ADVENT

December 16, 2020



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bigger tomorrow
by sharing Jesus on earth today.*

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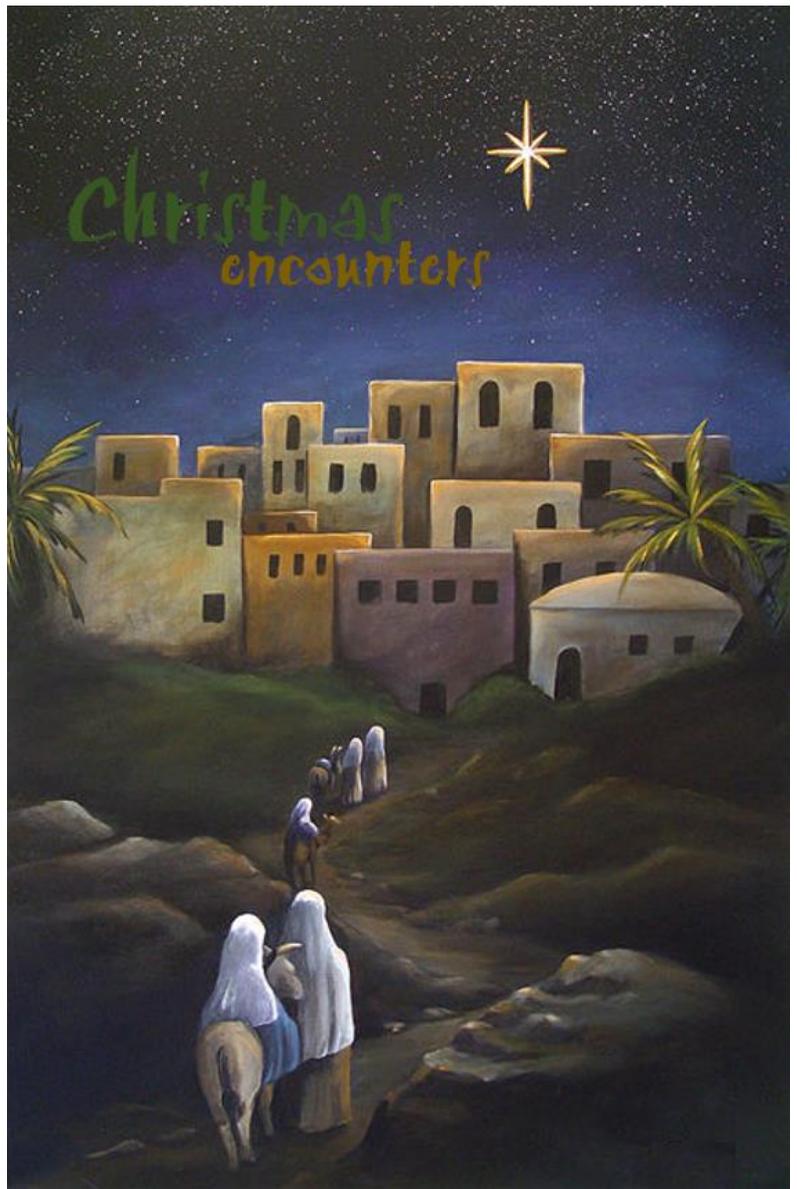
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Christmas Encounters Week Three: Making Room

The Innkeeper and Mary

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PRELUDE

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Johann Pachelbel

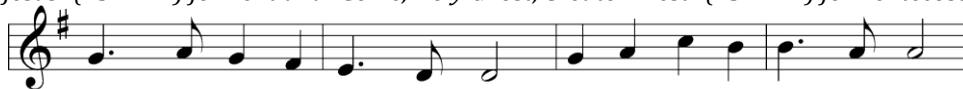
AS WE GATHER: Had the innkeepers of Bethlehem known that God was going to be born as a child in their little town on the night we have set aside as Christmas Eve, they would have spared no effort to prepare a place for Him. But because of the crowds and activity caused by the Roman census, Joseph was told that there was no room for his little family. Jesus comes at Christmas too. Have we made room for Jesus? This advent season God bids us to prepare room for Jesus in our celebrations and in our hearts, and he asks us to share Jesus with those who don't yet know him.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“See amid the Winter's Snow”

LSB 373 v. 1, 4

This is an English Christmas Carol first published in 1858 by Rev. Edward Caswall. He also wrote “Glory Be to Jesus” (LSB 433) for Lent and “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” (LSB 498) for Pentecost.



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

OPENING VERSES

Psalm 71:14-18

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;

People: again I will say, Rejoice.

Pastor: I will hope continually

People: and will praise you yet more and more.

Pastor: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, your deeds of salvation all the day,

People: for their number is past my knowledge.

Pastor: With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;

People: I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

Pastor: O God, from my youth you have taught me,

People: and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds,

Pastor: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

People: until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

HYMN OF COMFORT

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

LSB 347 v. 1

**“Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.**

**Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over.”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Having heard the hopeful message of Christ’s coming in the hymn, may we approach the Father, asking for His forgiveness that our hearts might be prepared.

People: For Jesus said, “Come to Me all you who are weary and weighed down, and I will give you rest.”

Pastor: O merciful God,

People: our celebration of holidays and festivals often reflects our sinful nature. We think about the wrong things, and sin against You by what we say and do, and by what we fail to do. Forgive us our sins, for Jesus’ sake, and enable us by the Holy Spirit to sin no more.

Pastor: God hears your confession and knows your struggle. That is why He sent His only begotten Son into the world to bring forgiveness. This is the true Christmas gift that God shares with us, and we must share with one another. God, in Christ Jesus grants us His joy and peace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, when You came to Bethlehem, there was no room.

People: Forgive us, Lord, for making no room.

Pastor: When You come to visit us this Advent and Christmas season, we sometimes act as if there is no room.

People: Forgive us, Lord, for making no room.

Pastor: We frequently have no room for you because we are occupied with other thoughts.

People: Forgive us, Lord, for making no room.

Pastor: Enable us to prepare for Your coming with joyous anticipation. Send us now Your Holy Spirit that we may never again say, "No room to You. We pray in Your holy name.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(Make room)

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

♪ **God rest ye merry gentlemen Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy**

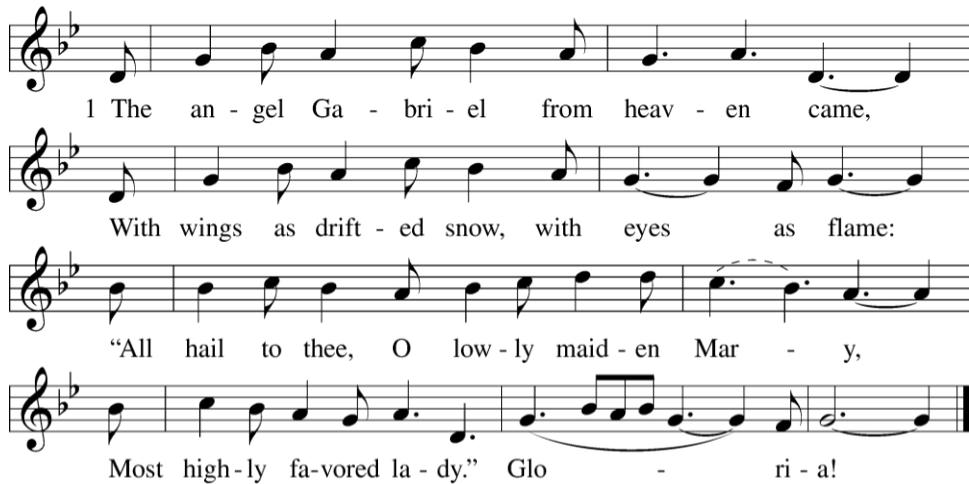
HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 2:7

(Is there room?)

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to 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

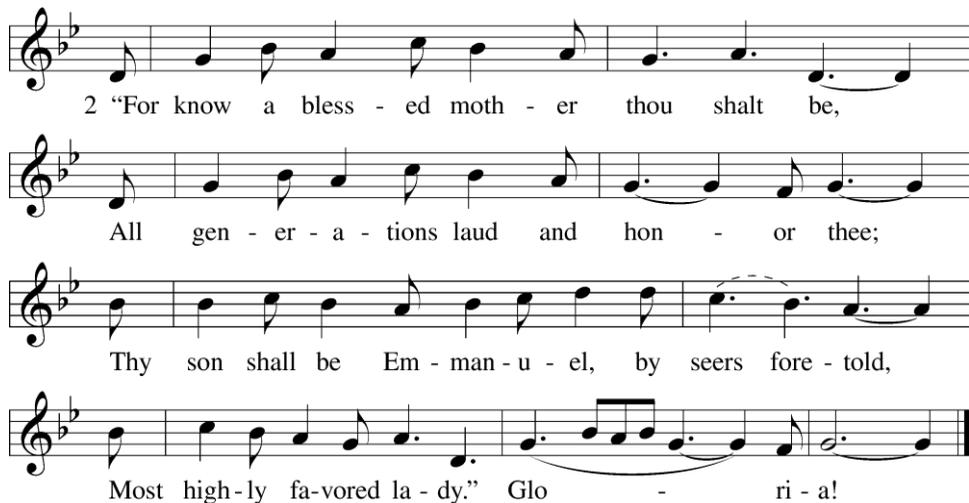
your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

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....



2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

RESPONSE HYMN

“Away in the Manger”

LSB 365



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

HOMILY

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“Away in a Manger”

Karl Osterland

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. *Revelation 14:12*

People: **Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.** *1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

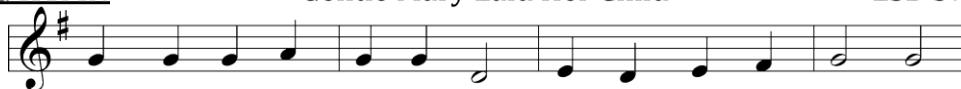
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

LSB 374 v. 1, 3



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

POSTLUDE

"Noel"

Jean-Francois Dandrieu