

December 14, 2025

God's Face Turned Toward Us

Greetings to Congregation and to those on-line

Call to Worship (Stand if you are able)

**Leader:** When doubts arise and questions stir in our hearts,

**People:** We turn to the One who brings sight to the blind and hope to the weary.

**Leader:** Jesus says, "Go and tell what you hear and see—the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised."

**People:** We rejoice in the Good News that God's kingdom is here among us!

**Leader:** What did you come out to see? A prophet?

**People:** Yes, and more than a prophet—the One who prepares the way for the Lord.

**Leader:** Come, people of God,

**People:** We will worship the One who brings joy to the waiting, strength to the weak, and life to the world.

(Stand) – **Angels We Have Heard on High - 27721 ( there are 4 verses)**

**Verse 1**

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

**Chorus**

Gloria

In excelsis Deo

Gloria

In excelsis Deo

### **Verse 2**

Shepherds why this jubilee

Why your joyous strains prolong

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song

### **Verse 3**

Come to Bethlehem and see

Christ whose birth the angels sing

Come adore on bended knee

Christ the Lord the newborn King

### **Verse 4**

See Him in a manger laid

Whom the choirs of angels praise

Mary Joseph lend your aid

While our hearts in love we raise

(Seated) - Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Pink Candle of Love

Joni, Brandi, Ari

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

**December 14, 2025**

First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is

saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

**All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).**

Second Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

(Seated) - Opening Prayer in Unison

Gracious Lord,

We come together in hope and expectation,  
remembering the words and works of Your Son.

Like John, we sometimes wonder and wait,  
seeking signs of Your kingdom among us.

Today, we hear again the good news—  
the blind see, the lame walk,  
the poor receive hope, and Your love is made known.

Open our eyes to recognize Your presence,  
open our hearts to trust Your promises,  
and open our lives to follow where You lead.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Stand) – **Holy Forever ( Christmas) - 7249209**

**Verse 1**

Held within a manger  
The Son of God arrived

The one who would be called Emmanuel

The promise was delivered

Unto a virgin bride

The one who would be called Emmanuel

### **Pre-Chorus**

(Jesus) Your name is the highest

Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions

Your name stands above them all

### **Chorus 1**

And the angels cry holy

All creation cries holy

You are lifted high holy

Holy forever

### **Verse 2**

In the humble town of David

A Savior born today

The one who would be called Emmanuel

Behold the host of heaven

With holy roar proclaim

The one who would be called Emmanuel

The Messiah our God is with us now

### **Chorus 2**

Hear Your people sing holy

To the King of kings holy

You will always be holy

Holy forever

### **Ending**

You will always be holy

Holy forever and ever

You will always be holy  
You will always be holy holy holy  
You will always be  
Holy forever

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Psalm 146: 5-10 - Emma

Passing the Peace - Emma

(Seated) - Worship Opportunities, Celebrations, and Concerns - George

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings - George

(Stand) – **Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) – 5607039**

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and heaven and nature sing

#### Verse 2

Joy to the world the Savior reigns

Let all their songs employ

While fields and floods rocks hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat repeat the sounding joy

#### Chorus

Joy unspeakable joy

An overflowing well

No tongue can tell

Joy unspeakable joy

It rises in my soul

Never lets me go

#### Verse 3

He rules the world with truth and grace

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love

And wonders of His love

And wonders wonders of His love

#### **CCLI Song # 5607039**

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**Offeratory Prayer in Unison- Das**

\*Gracious and loving God,  
We bring these gifts with thankful hearts.  
You have blessed us beyond measure,  
and we return a portion to You in faith.  
Use these offerings to bring hope where there is despair,  
light where there is darkness,  
and love where there is need.  
Bless the work of our hands and the desires of our hearts,  
that all we do may honor You.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.\*

(Seated) - Matthew 11: 2-11 - Daniel

### **Shout to the Lord – 1406918**

#### **Verse**

My Jesus my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

#### **Chorus**

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down

And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

CCLI Song # 1406918  
Darlene Zschech  
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( Seated) **Prayer of the People - Das**

(Seated) **Adore - 7050417**

### **Verse 1**

You stepped down from heaven  
Humbly You came  
God of all creation  
Here with us  
In a starlit manger Emmanuel  
Light of the world here to save

### **Chorus**

Adore  
Come let us adore  
O come let us adore Him  
The Lord  
Worship Christ the Lord  
Let all that is within us adore

### **Verse 2**



Wise men bring their treasures  
Shepherds bow low  
Angel voices sing  
Of peace on earth  
What have I to offer to heaven's King  
I will bring my life my love my all

**Bridge**

Angels sing praises ring  
To the newborn King  
Peace on earth here with us  
Joy awakening  
At Your feet we fall

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**Sermon – God’s Face Turned Toward Us - Das**

(Stand) – **The Blessing – 7147007**

**Verse**

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His

Face toward you  
And give you peace

### **Chorus**

Amen  
Amen  
Amen

### **Bridge 1**

May His favor  
Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

### **Bridge 2**

May His presence  
Go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

### **Bridge 3**

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you

He is for you

**Tag**

He is for you

He is for you

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