

December 19th, 2021 Advent #4 LOVE
ONLINE VERSION

Worship you tube link: <https://youtu.be/YnZ9w0sp0t0>

PRELUDE: *What is this lovely fragrance?*

trad French

ADVENT CANDLE #3: *Hope is a Star verse 4 (#119)*

by Brian Wren

Lighters: Glen Gibson; Nancy MacDonald Exel

♪ Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart.

***When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.***

OFFERING:

Glory to God

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-18; 1 John 4:7-12

Reader: Henry Vriezema

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME: #147 *Angels we have heard*

trad French

♪ *Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

PASTORAL PRAYER:

#148 *It came upon a midnight clear*

by Edmund Hamilton Sears

Loving God, we come before you in prayer, remembering the song of the angels,...

♪ *It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
'To all the earth goodwill and peace,
from heaven's all gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

On this Sunday of Love, we each offer a simple personal prayer... (from 1 Corinthians 13)

***But with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong,
but we, through din of war, hear not the love song which they bring.
Oh hush the noise, Oh still the strife and hear the angels sing.***

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs....

***And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
Oh rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.***

O God of Love...God who is love – we thank you for loving us. Forgive us for...

LORD'S PRAYER:

SERMON: *Sunshine Love*

CLOSING HYMN: #159 *O Come all ye faithful*

by John Francis Wade

♪ *Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.*

Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

***Oh come, let us adore him; oh come let us adore him,
Oh come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

*See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks draw nigh with holy fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps: (Refrain)*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:*

'Glory to God in the highest!' (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Where shepherd lately knelt*

words J. Vajda, music Carl Schalk

BLESSING: *Go now in peace*

by Don Besig