

Worship Outline for January 3, 2021

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Possible Music:

COUNTDOWN

OPENING SEQUENCE

WELCOME: LAURA

PRELUDE

OPENING VERSE: Romans 15:13 (CEB)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP-CYNTHIA WILLIAMS (recording in folder)

SCRIPTURE READING- Isaiah 12:2-6 (CEB)

God is indeed my salvation;
I will trust and won't be afraid.
Yah, the Lord, is my strength and my shield;
he has become my salvation.

You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation.

And you will say on that day:

“Thank the Lord; call on God's name;
proclaim God's deeds among the peoples;
declare that God's name is exalted.

Sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things;
proclaim this throughout all the earth.”

Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion,
because the holy one of Israel is great among you.

SPECIAL MUSIC- [God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen](#)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION ([offering recording](#))

Hymn

***O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234, vs 1 and 3**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing all year citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER (Laura)

SPECIAL MUSIC- [Star of Wonder](#)

SERMON- Antidote for an Anxious Heart (text:Philippians 4:4-7)

Cynthia Williams

HYMN

***Joy to the World* #246, vs 1 and 4**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature
sing!

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 and wonders of his love

INSTITUTION OF COMMUNION

And now I invite you to join me in a time of communion. You can participate in communion by following the words on your screen.

LH: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LH: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LH: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LH: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From the dawning of creation, you have brought forth light to guide our ways. From ancient times, you have guided us with burning bushes, pillars of fire, flashes of lightning, and the light of each new day. When we turned from your light and walked in darkness, you called us back, delivering us from the depths of despair and reclaiming us as children of light. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

LH: Holy are you and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. In the fullness of time, you sent Christ, the Light of the World, to shine upon us anew, and to bless us with love, grace, and light.

Through Christ's light and love, you rescue us from darkness, and call us "good".

Through Christ's light and love, those first disciples were gathered together in the midst of their brokenness, were reclaimed by Christ, and were blessed by his glorious light in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so we come into that light, remembering how Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which was given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

We come to this table, remembering how Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts of light and love, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as children of light, in union with Christ, the Light of the World, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, O God, that we may experience the presence of the Word-made-flesh—Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him—living out his ministry in the world today and every day. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

Laura

POSTLUDE