

In Preparation for Worship

“Oh yes,
It takes strength to dream.
I imagine that’s why many choose not to,
For it would be far easier to simply sleep.
But there are always those who dream,
Those who are up at night picturing
what could be,
Because this world is too good not to.
So we say, “I love you.”
We push the covers off.
We find solid ground.
We look for beauty.
And we dream.
We dare to dream.” – Sarah Are, “All in All”

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *Craig Phillips*

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The King Family

Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected

Hymn #99*

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

**Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of Good News,
You say to us, “You are highly favored,” but we struggle to see how that could be.
You say to us, “Do not be afraid,” but we am afraid all the time.
You say to us, “Even the impossible is possible, just look at Elizabeth!”
But hope slips through our hands like water.
The impossible still feels impossible.
So today we pray:
Teach us to sing like Mary.
Teach us to laugh like Elizabeth.
Teach us to trust like the angels.
Forgive us when we can only do one at a time, or none at all.
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... *(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshipers in the “comments” of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ’s peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Grace Strickland

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

Those Who Dream, Are Not Alone

Phil Brown

Musical Reflection

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *J.S. Bach*

Affirmation of Faith

LiturgyLink, Submitted by Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, PCUSA

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.
For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.
We wait for the coming of the One
who is the fulfillment of God's promise,
the fulfillment of hope,
the declaration that we have been redeemed.
Even so, we are not a naïve people.
We know that the world in which we live
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.
We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.
We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.
But because we are an Advent people,
we know that none of these things will win in the end.
The Holy One is coming,
to make holy once again
all that was, is, and ever will be.
And in our waiting and our hoping,
we work and worship,
pray and play,
in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign
in our lives and in our world,
now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Hymn #110*

Love Has Come

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Benediction

Response

Doxology

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three in One. Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart as we glory in your presence giving from a grateful heart.

Postlude

Postlude on "In Dulci Jubilo" *James Vivian*

Musicians: Lindsey Sanders, Taylor Link, Amos Warren and Clarence Bell.