

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Advent 4

Welcome – Bienvenue

Gathering- Rassemblement:

MV 7 Gather Us In/Rassemble-nous

Candle - Bougie: MV 221 I Am Walking a Path of Love

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Call to Worship-Appel à la Prière (based on Psalm 89)

I will sing about the wonders of your love forever, O God!

I will tell everyone I meet about your faithfulness to all generations! I will declare that your love stands firm, that your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above! **Blessed are those who know you as their God, for they walk in the light of your presence!**

Opening Prayer – Prière (based on Luke 1: 26-38)

God, Most High, Lord of all, you have a surprising preference for people who are small and humble and who expect everything from you. You chose Mary, the unassuming virgin from Nazareth, to become the mother of your Son Jesus. You chose Elizabeth to bear John, the forerunner. Through your Holy Spirit, guide us to be ready and welcoming to your plans and to give ourselves over as they did so long ago. Amen.

Hymn-Hymne: VU 7 Hope Is a Star

Prayers for Grace & Transformation/

La Confession (inspired by Luke 1:26-38)

Words of Assurance/ Mots d'assurance

Exegesis and Prayer for Illumination-

Exégèse et prière pour l'illumination

Hymn response before the readings:

VU 1 Veni Emmanuel (vs5)

We Listen – Nous Écoutons

Epistle-Épître 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Psalm-Psaum Psalm 89, 1-4, 19-16

Gospel-Évangile Luke 1: 26-38

Reflection- Réflexion

A Christmas Love Story

Hymn-Hymne: VU 82 A Light is Gleaming (vs1&2)

Invitation to the offering/Invitation à l'offre

Offertory Hymn- Hymne d'offertoire

Offertory Prayer-Prière d'Offrande

Announcements

Holy Communion/Sainte communion

See insert/voir insert

Prayers of Hope & Lord's Prayer

Prières Universelles et Notre Père

A taste of Christmas...musically speaking!

Extinguishing the Candle/ Éteindre la bougie

Benediction-Bénédiction

Hymn-Hymne: VU 44 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vs1&4)

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Our Advent journey is nearly complete, yet the waiting continues with anticipation. We pause to ponder, to proclaim and to prepare for what has come but is not yet fulfilled. **We come to gaze into each other's hearts as companions along the way, discovering the love that transforms from the inside out.** We come to discover love and to see the Christ in each other. We come to take up the challenge of affirming each person as worthy of love. Today we light the candle of love.

Notre voyage de l'Avent est presque terminé, mais l'attente se poursuit avec anticipation. Nous nous arrêtons pour réfléchir, pour proclamer et pour nous préparer à ce qui est arrivé mais qui n'est pas encore accompli. **Nous venons nous regarder dans le cœur de l'autre comme compagnons en chemin, découvrir l'amour qui se transforme de l'intérieur.** Nous venons découvrir l'amour et voir le Christ l'un dans l'autre. Nous venons à relever le défi d'affirmer que chaque personne est digne d'amour. Aujourd'hui, nous allumons la bougie de l'amour.

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I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love,
lead me home, lead me home, lead me home



Love Sunday