

ReDiscover Christmas
Week 4
December 20, 2020

Welcome!

We believe God brought you all here today! May you be blessed, strengthened and uplifted by your time of worship.

GUESTS! – A special welcome to you! We are glad you have joined us online and in person! Let us know you are worshipping with us by putting a comment in the Facebook LIVE comments or fill out the “Online Guestbook” on our Live Stream web page.

Communion: When we get together, every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in both services. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Pastor prior to communing.

Offerings are part of our worship life and heartfelt expression of gratitude to the Lord who has given all we have. Three ways to give...

- Share a gift in the offering plate at the back of the Church
- Text \$(amount) to 512-582-2389
- Click “GIVE” on our website: www.crossandcrowntx.com

Restrooms – Restrooms are located through the entry way, to the left as you exit the worship area.

Nursery/Cry Room - We love worshipping with children. If you need a place to go with small children, there is a nursery/cry room on the right of the entryway as you leave the church. The room is equipped with a viewing window and speakers so you can continue to participate in the worship service.

ADVENT 4 – December 20, 2020

SERVICE THEME

“ReDiscover Christmas!”

Find JOY in Our Differences

SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY...

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL GEIGER ORGANIST: DAVID WIDIGER

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How wel - come
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; Love brought you
 3 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, Who sit in
 4 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Let not your
 5 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror



you a - right? Your peo - ple long to greet you,
 down to me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion
 deep - est gloom, Who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed
 souls dis - tress; Your guilt the Lord will par - don,
 to his foes, A light of con - so - la - tions,



My Hope, my heart's De - light. O Je - sus, let your
 Pro - cured my lib - er - ty. Oh, love be - yond all
 And trem - ble at your doom. De - spair not; he is
 And cov - er by his grace. He comes, for you pro -
 And bless - ed hope to those Who love the Lord's ap -



Word be A lamp to light my way, To show me
 tell - ing That led you to em - brace In love, all
 near you, He's stand - ing at the door Who best can
 cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n, His chil - dren
 pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come, Send forth your



how to please you, To guide me ev - 'ry day.
 love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race!
 help and cheer you, And bids you weep no more.
 thus se - cur - ing A her - i - tage in heav'n.
 beams most cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635, alt.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD (Gloria in Excelsis)

1 All glory be to God on high!

Your name, O Lord, we glorify;

We praise you for your peace and grace,

Your favor toward our fallen race.

2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,

For your great glory, heav'nly King,

For all, O Father, you have done

Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.

3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.

You take all human sin away.

Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;

From God's right hand, your mercy share.

4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;

The Father's glory you made known.

We by your Spirit sing again:

"All glory be to God!" Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: *1 John 4:7-16* (NIV84)

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

13 We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 10:25-37* (NIV84)

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

"Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

32 When Sinners See Their Lost Condition



1 When sin - ners see their lost con - di - tion And feel
 2 When Je - sus en - ters meek and low - ly To fill
 3 When Je - sus en - ters land and na - tion And chang -
 4 When Je - sus comes—O bless - ed sto - ry— He works
 5 Oh, may he soon to ev - 'ry na - tion Find en -



the press - ing load of sin And Je - sus comes on
 the home with sweet - est peace, When hearts have felt his
 es peo - ple with his love, When, yield - ing to his
 a change in heart and life; God's king - dom comes with
 trance where he is un - known, With life and light and



his blest mis - sion To heal the sin - sick
 bless - ing ho - ly And found from sin com -
 kind per - sua - sion, Our hearts his truth and
 pow'r and glo - ry To young and old, to
 free sal - va - tion, That Sa - tan's pow'r be



heart with - in, All grief must flee be - fore his
 plete re - lease, Then calm and joy with - in shall
 bless - ing prove, Then shall our life on earth be
 man and wife. Through sac - ra - ment and liv - ing
 o - ver - thrown, And heal - ing to all hearts may



grace, And joy di - vine will take its place.
 reign, And hearts di - vid - ed love a - gain.
 blest; The peace of God on us shall rest.
 Word Faith, love, and hope are now con - ferred.
 come In heath - en land and Chris - tian home!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80, abr.; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.
 Tune: WER WEISS, WIE NAHE (98 98 88) Christian Möck, 1737–1818.

SERMON

MESSAGE: "God's Love Unites Us!"

TEXT: John 13:34-35 (NIV84)

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THANK-OFFERING

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THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who comes with his Father to make his home in human hearts, working repentance and faith by his Spirit until he comes again. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

- 1 O holy, holy, holy**
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

- 2 Hosanna in the highest!**
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

- 1 O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!
- 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

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Love Divine, All Love Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all love ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 3 Sanc - ti - fy your new cre - a - tion; Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down, Fix in us your hum - ble
 and O - me - ga be. End of faith as its be -
 spot - less let us be. Let us trust your great sal -



dwell - ing, All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 va - tion, Won for us on Cal - va - ry,



Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion, Bound - less
 We would ev - er seek your bless - ing, Serve you
 Till we lay our crowns be - fore you, Till in



mer - cy from a - bove, Vis - it us with ben - e -
 as your hosts a - bove, Pray and praise you with - out
 heav'n we take our place, Till in glo - ry we a -



dic - tion; Com - fort us with heav'n - ly love.
 ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your per - fect love.
 dore you, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, adapt., alt.

Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87.

KEEP GROWING IN FAITH...

WORSHIP every Sunday

- 9:00 AM Traditional
- 11:00 AM Contemporary

GROW GROUPS each week

- 10:15 AM Sundays (Church)

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