

## Knox United Church

December 27, 2020

Christmas 1



### Opening Prayer

#### Swagatam, Tansi, Welcome:

As we join together in worship we acknowledge that we live on Turtle island, land that creator brought out of the waters so all could have life. Turtle island is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

#### Gathering Together in Song:

##### VU #35 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
And we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

##### VU #37 "Gloria"

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God, glory to god, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to god, hallelujah, hallelujah!

#### **Spanish:**

Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, Gloria en los cielos!  
A Dios la gloria por siempre!  
Alleluya, amén

#### **English:**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
To God be glory forever!

Alleluia! Amen!

**Tagalog**

Gloria sa Dios, Gloria sa Dios, Gloria sa kaitaas-taasan  
O Dios magpakaylan man  
alleluia, amen!

**Nepali**

*Prabhu lai mahima, Prabhu lai mahima, Mahima ati uchcha ma  
Prabhu lai mahima sada sadalai  
alleluyah, amen!*

**VU #60 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs 1, 3, and 5)**

1. 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;

**Refrain**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest: **R**

5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **R**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Singing: VU #67. “Silent Night, Holy Night”**

1. Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,  
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Call to Worship:**

One: Glory be to you, O God; you have given us joy, in this difficult time.

**All: Our praise rings out for Jesus, the source of Christmas joy.**

One: Glory be to you, O God; you have given us salvation at this holy time.

**All: Our thanksgiving is for your Chosen Child, who is our Savior.**

One: Glory be to you, O God; you have given us hope at this wonder-filled time.

**All: Our prayers are offered in the name of Jesus, who is come to make your purpose clear.**

One: Glory be to you, O God of every age.

**All: We join with hosts of saints and angels; glory be to you, O loving and eternal God!**

**Singing: VU #73 “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”**

1. The virgin Mary had a baby boy, (x3)  
and they say that his name is Jesus.

**Refrain**

**He come from the glory, (clap, clap)**

**He come from the glorious kingdom. (x2)**

**Oh, yes! believer! Oh, yes! believer!**

**He come from the glory, (clap, clap)**

**He come from the glorious kingdom.**

2. The angels sang when the baby was born, (x3)  
and they say that his name is Jesus. R

3. The shepherds came where the baby was born, (x3)  
and they say that his name is Jesus. R

**Passing the Peace**

**Children’s Time: The Great Conjunction**

**Lord’s Prayer** (all languages welcome and spoken)

**English**

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.)

**Nepali**

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा हुनुहुन्छ,  
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।  
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्।  
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ,  
त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।  
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।  
हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,  
जसरी हामीले आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।  
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,  
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्  
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा  
सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्, आमेन।

**Singing: VU #69. “Away in a Manger”**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**Scripture Readings: Luke 2: 22-40**

**Music Ministry: “Star of Love” – Rachel Landrecht and Neil Weisensel**

**Reflection: “Hope is Fulfilled”**

**Singing: VU #74. “What Child Is This”**

1. What child is this, who laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**Refrain**

**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading. **R**

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him. **R**

**Offering : Mission and Service Christmas Video**

*The ministry and mission of Knox continues, even when the building is closed. God’s love and concern for those who are struggling is shared. You make it possible to carry this message to everyone. If you normally give when you are in worship, we encourage you to continue your regular donations through Canada Helps. The link is here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/107576134RR0001-knox-united-church/> All donations made will be forwarded to Knox Winnipeg. Or, if you have envelopes, you could put your offering in an envelope each Sunday and bring them with you when we get back to in person worship. Thank you for your generosity in these times of trouble.*

**Singing: VU #48. “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,

“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

**Refrain**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! **R**

3. Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth. **R**

**Community Prayer**

**Singing: VU #43. “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

**Refrain**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

1. While shepherds kept their watching  
o’er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. **R**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Saviour’s birth! **R**

3. Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent our salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. **R**

**Blessing**