



*Angels We Have Heard on High
Appearing to Mary*

ADVENT

Midweek Advent 1

December 1, 2021

Tonight's theme: The angel Gabriel appeared to a poor, teenage girl named Mary to tell her incredible news: through a miracle of the Holy Spirit she would give birth to God's Son! But the real miracle in the angel's message? The One born to Mary, our Savior Jesus, would bring God's favor to her and to us! Rejoice with Mary in the message of the angels: the Lord is with you.

Worship Series: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son." God's people had been waiting for hundreds, even thousands of years for God to send the rescuer. As the time approached, God sent his messengers to declare that the waiting was nearly over. The king of all creation was entering the world. This Advent, we will prepare for the Christ-child by listening to God's messengers of Good News, the angels, as they appear to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. They have a message from God of good news that brings great joy, which is for all people. This Advent, we will ponder the mystery of the virgin birth, the incarnation, and the humility of God as he becomes one with us to rescue us from sin and death. We will sing Christmas carols and joining the angels in their songs of praise. We too are messengers, sent from God, to invite others "to see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

December 1	Appearing to Mary	Pastor Jon Bergemann
December 8	Appearing to Joseph	Pastor Dan Herold <i>(Glory to God Lutheran, Tinley Park)</i>
December 15	Appearing to the Shepherds	Pastor Colin Rieke <i>(Palos Lutheran, Palos Heights)</i>

Pre-service: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *(Adapted by Thomas Helmore)*

Flute: Ava DeStefano

Accompanist: Jan Henriksen

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Serve our Savior



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We Come into the Presence of God

Musical Introduction *(This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.)*

Vocal Solo: “Mary’s Song (Magnificat)” *(by Rachel Braun, text from Luke 1:46-55)*
Vocalist: Winter Fischer Accompanist: Jan Henriksen

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.
My spirit sings in God my Savior.
For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
Each generation yet to come will call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me.
And holy is his name.*

*His mercy is for those who fear him.
He’s shown us strength with his arm.
He’s scattered those with pride in their hearts.
He’s brought down the rulers from their thrones.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
Rememb’ring his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers.
To Abraham and his offspring forever and ever.*

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Opening Prayers

Minister: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

Congregation: the light no darkness can overcome.

M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C: **and the day is almost over.**

M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,
C: **and hear our evening hymn of praise.**

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #5, verses 1,7 "As Angels Joyed with One Accord"

1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord Up - on
the ad - vent of our Lord, So laud we all and
bless the name Of him who from the Fa - ther came.

7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
Shall vanish when he comes again.
Where we shall see him face to face,
There joy alone shall have a place.

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Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin Melody, 15th century, adapt.

Prayer

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

We Listen

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-5,11b-17

⁴But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?’

^{11b}“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹²When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

¹⁷Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

Hymn: #56, verses 1,3 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There he lay, the un - de - filed, To the world a stran - ger.
He is still the un - de - filed, But no more a stran - ger.

Such a babe in such a place— Can he be the Sav - ior?
Son of God, of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his fa - vor.
Praise his name in all the earth, Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph S. Cook, 1859–1933.

Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM (76 76 D) *Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae*, Griefswald, 1582.

Sermon: Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors.”



We Respond

Offering *(In an effort to maintain a safe social distance, please place your offerings in the provided plate when exiting the sanctuary.)*

If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Prayer for Peace

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

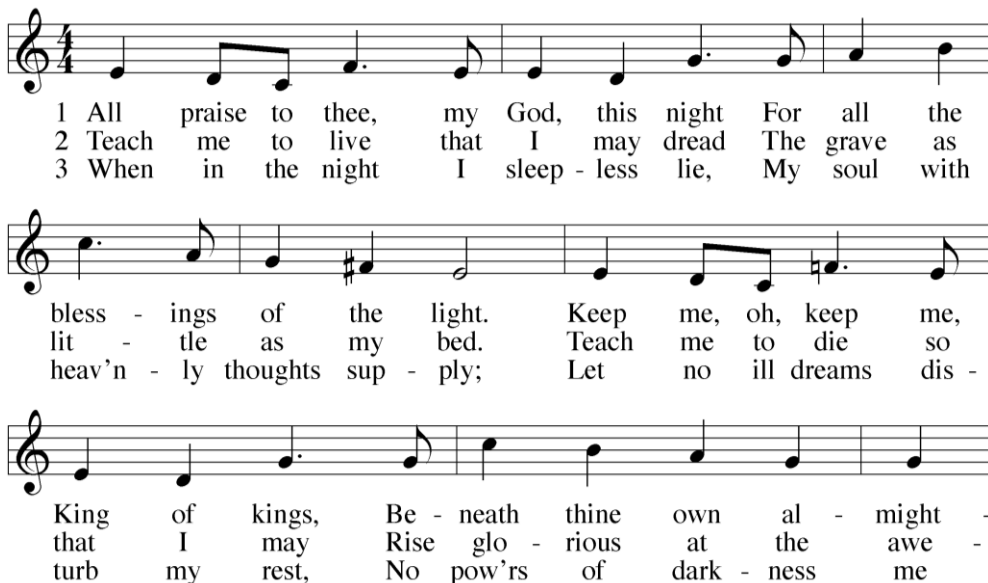
C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #592 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night For all the
2 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, My soul with
bless - ings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me,
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die so
heav'n - ly thoughts sup - ply; Let no ill dreams dis -
King of kings, Be - neath thine own al - might -
that I may Rise glo - rious at the awe -
turb my rest, No pow'rs of dark - ness me

y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear
 full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re -
 dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings

Son The ill that I this day have
 pose And may sweet I sleep mine eye - lids
 flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be -

done, That with the world, my - self, and thee
 close, Sleep that shall me more vig - 'rous make
 low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 To serve my God when I a - wake.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr., alt.
 Tune: EVENING HYMN (LM D) Charles F. Gounod, 1818–93, adapt.

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