



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
ADVENT 4 “Love”
Sunday December 20th, 2020**

Today’s bulletin is dedicated by Heather McKercher in loving memory of her dad, Jim McKercher who passed away December 18,1997.



HYMN SING (HUM)

SONG LEADERS: Karen Brophy, Frances D'Andrea

PERCUSSION: Chris Clarke, Peggy Millar

VU 71 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

VU 38 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

VU 73 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

WE APPROACH GOD

WELCOME:

**MINUTE FOR NOMINATION & REFLECTION ON DESSERT
AUCTION:**

INTRODUCTION:

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: "Love "

Rozicki & Rose Families



CANDLE LIGHTING SONG: " Hope is a Star"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



HYMN: "Dreaming Mary" -Karen Brophy MV 134

SEASONAL STORY: "The Nativity"

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1: 26-38

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION: “Leaping, Heart-First”



CHOIR ANTHEM: “Blessed Are You”

Lyrics: Charlotte Lee

Music: Douglas E. Wagner

From: And Glory Shone Around

WE CELEBRATE THE STORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (including The Lord’s Prayer)

WE GO OUT TO LIVE THE STORY



CLOSING HYMN:

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” VU 75

BLESSING



SUNG BENEDICTION:

“See amid the Winter’s Snow” VU 76 vs 5



POSTLUDE: ‘In Excelsis Deo’

Based on Trad. French Carol Arr. L. Ellis

Thank you to all those who helped with today's service!

Lay Leader:

Soloist: Karen Brophrey

Tech Team: Eve Harrison, Michael Miller, Rowan MacDonald, Marcel MacDonald, Lisa Blais, John Roberts

Trinity United Church gathers on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe peoples of Nipissing First Nations. We acknowledge with respect their history, their spiritual practices and their stewardship of this land.

Upcoming Services

Longest Night Service - Monday December 21st, 7 pm

A quiet, contemplative, and deeply moving worship service shared by St. Andrew's & Trinity on the evening of the winter solstice. It is an opportunity to take pause to acknowledge our concerns and to contemplate the hopes, fears, and prayers of the season.

Christmas Eve Service - Thursday December 24th, 4 pm and 7 pm (including the Sunday School Virtual Christmas Pageant)

There will be two identical Christmas eve services for those joining us for in person worship. The 4 pm service will also be available livestreamed and uploaded to YouTube to watch at any time you wish. We ask that if you have visitors from out of town joining you this year, that you stay home and join us online for worship. You can grab a nice cup of hot chocolate, coffee, tea and enjoy the service from the comfort of your own home :)

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HYMN LYRICS

The Huron Carol (VU 71)

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.

2. Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender Babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round,
but, as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:

3. The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

4. O children of the forest free,
the kin of Manitou,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace and joy.

Angels We Have Heard on High (VU 38)

1 Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

4 See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

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

Refrain:

He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.

O yes! believer!
 O yes! believer!
 He come from the glory,
 he come from the glorious kingdom.

2 The angels sang when the baby born,
 the angels sang when the baby born,
 the angels sang when the baby born,
 and they say that his name is Jesus. [Refrain]

3 The shepherds came where the baby born,
 the shepherds came where the baby born,
 the shepherds came where the baby born,
 and they say his name is Jesus. [Refrain]

Hope is a Star (VU 7)

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
 Jesus has come and will never depart. (Refrain)

Refrain:

When God is a child
 there's joy in our song.
 The last shall be first
 and the weak shall be strong,
 and none shall be afraid.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (VU 75)

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night
 all seated on the ground,
 the angel of the Lord came down,
 and glory shone around.

2 "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
 had seized their troubled mind;
 "glad tidings of great joy I bring
 to you and humankind.

3 "To you, in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

4 "The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid."

5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,
and on earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease."

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