

SERMON

“Mary’s Song of Joy“

Rev. Steve Willis

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.
Amen

MUSIC

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Hebron Singers

Joyful, Joyful, we adore you God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before you Sing through out this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby- Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus Praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare Your glory; all creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted, Joined in wonder, love, and praise.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (...debts and debtors...)

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Third Sunday of Advent

**AND THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED,
GLORIFYING AND PRAISING GOD FOR
ALL THEY HAD HEARD AND SEEN, AS
IT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM.**

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11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Philippians 4:4,5)

P: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

All: Let your gentleness be evident, to all. The Lord is near.

P: Let us not worry and fret, but rather let us bring our prayers to God.

All: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming. Let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ~ The Candle of Joy

Jim and Louise McGavock

Rejoice! The Lord is drawing near. This is what we celebrate during this advent season—as we wait with joyful anticipation for the unfolding of God's plan. It is a time of pure and holy joy!

Yet there are so many demands—so much pressure. The lists can seem endless during this busy and rushed season. So where is the joy?

Our joy is in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior—the Promised One, the humble child of Joseph and Mary. Joy is the heart of our advent journey. We live in the confidence that Jesus Christ draws nearer, and that the Peace of God will guide our hearts and minds.

We light the third Advent candle—the candle of Joy— with grateful hearts for the promise of the coming of our Lord and Savior. We rejoice in God's faithfulness in the past and into our present age. We rejoice that our lives are renewed through the joy of our salvation.

The Psalmist writes, "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for Joy, all you upright in heart." Psalm 32:11

PRAYER: Everlasting God, we rejoice because of your love for us from the beginning. We rejoice that Your love changes things. We rejoice in the opportunities to serve You and grow in love for one another. Continue to journey with us as we joyfully anticipate again the coming of our Savior and Lord into our lives and our world. AMEN

MUSIC ~

"How Quietly"

Hebron Singers

How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me.
How sweet and gentle, how meek and mild; this precious gift, this Holy Child.
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
Angels sing to God, our King of peace, to all the earth.
Morning stars break through the darkness proclaiming the holy birth.

How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me.
How sweet and gentle, how meek and mild; this precious gift, this Holy Child.
The cattle are lowing the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
How quietly, how quietly, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever."

L: The word of the Lord; thanks be to God!