

VIRTUAL CHAPEL SERVICE

December 16 and 19, 2020



“For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman;
but all things come from God.”

~ 1 Corinthians 11:12 (NRSV)



Gathering as the Body of Christ.

CENTERING SONG

“HERE I AM TO WORSHIP”

TIM HUGHES

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

GREETING

PRESIDER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One O God, we come today echoing John the Baptist's question to your
Beloved Child: "Are you the one who is to come?"
Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the answer for ourselves:
In the work of justice:

Many Christ!

In the practice of mercy:

Christ!

In good news for the poor:

Christ!

In the vision of peace:

Christ!

Make us ready, with open hearts and joyful spirits,
to follow in Christ's Way.

Amen.

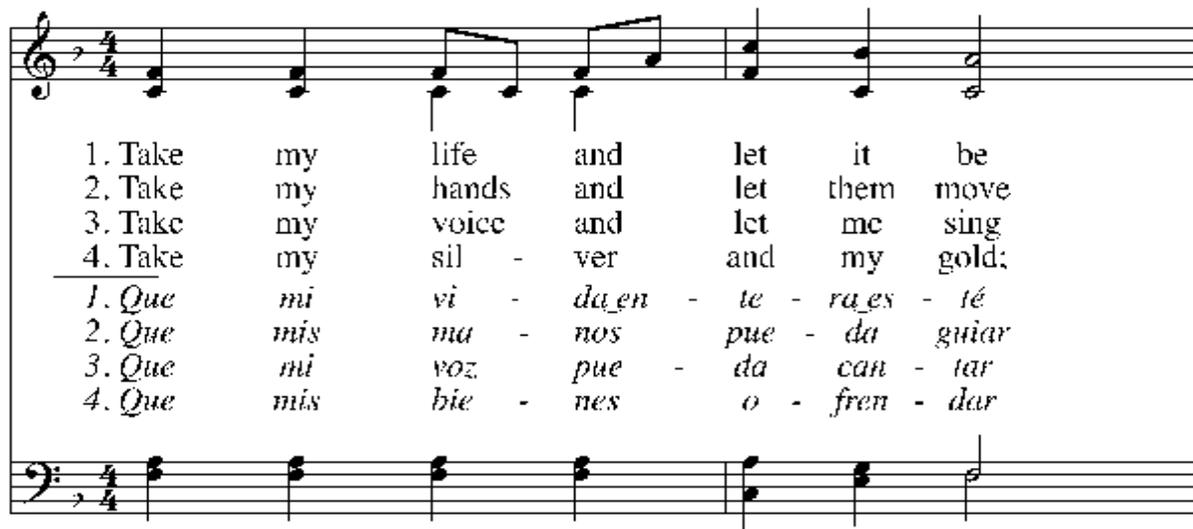
OPENING HYMN

“TAKE MY LIFE, GOD, LET IT BE”

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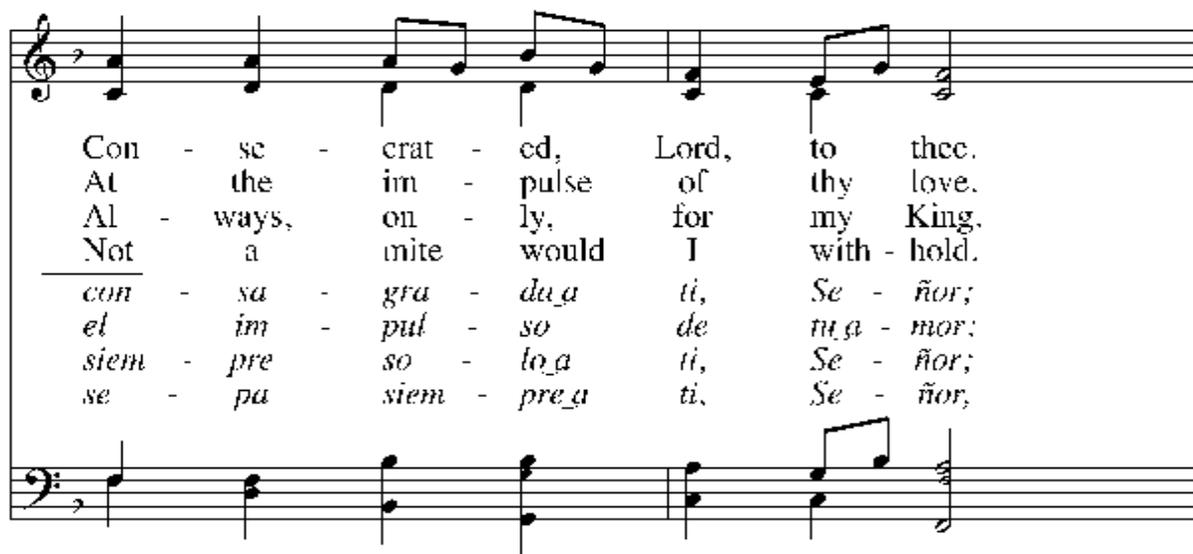
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Take My Life and Let It Be / Que mi vida entera esté



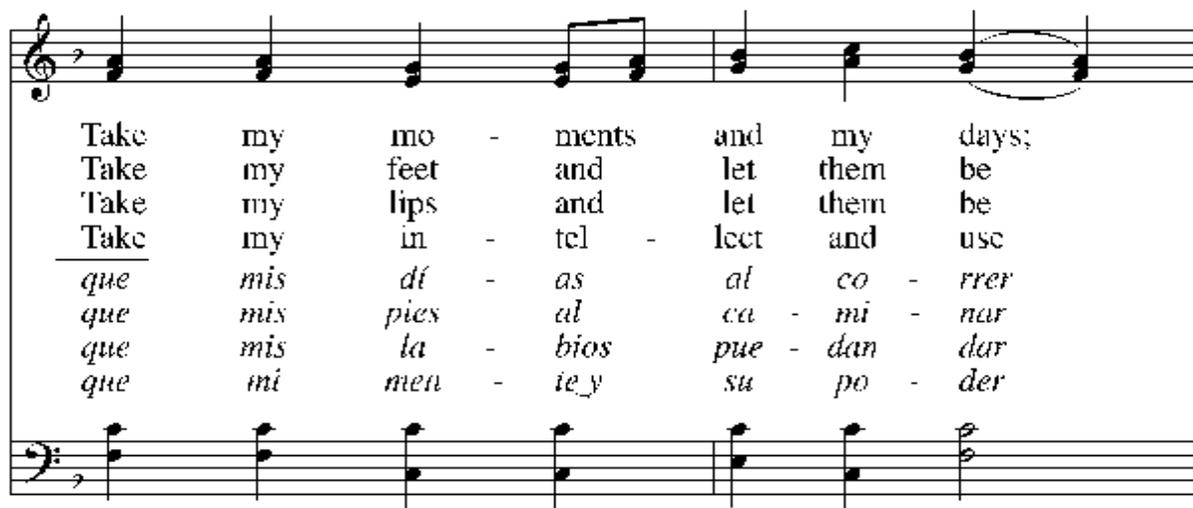
1. Take my life and let it be
 2. Take my hands and let them move
 3. Take my voice and let me sing
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold;

1. Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
2. Que mis ma - nos pue - da guiar
3. Que mi voz pue - da can - tar
4. Que mis bie - nes o - fren - dar



Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee.
 At the im - pulse of thy love.
 Al - ways, on - ly, for my King,
 Not a mite would I with - hold.

con - sa - gra - da_a tí, Se - ñor;
el im - pul - so de tu_a - mor;
siem - pre so - lo_a tí, Se - ñor;
se - pa siem - pre_a tí, Se - ñor;



Take my mo - ments and my days;
 Take my feet and let them be
 Take my lips and let them be
 Take my in - tel - lect and use

que mis dí - as al co - rrer
que mis pies al ca - mi - nar
que mis la - bios pue - dan dar
que mi men - te_y su po - der

Let them flow in end - less praise,
 Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee,
 Filled with mes - sag - es from thee,
 Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
 ma - ni - fies - ten tu lo - or,
 lle - ven siem - pre ben - di - ción,
 tes - ti - mo - nio de tu_a - mor,
 sean u - sa - dos en tu_ho - nor.

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5. Take my will and make it thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart— it is thine own;
 It shall be thy royal throne,
 It shall be thy royal throne.

5. Toma, ¡oh Dios!, mi voluntad
 y hazla tuya, nada más;
 toma, sí, mi corazón,
 y tu trono en él tendrás,
 y tu trono en él tendrás.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At thy feet its treasure store,
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for thee,
 Ever, only, all for thee.

6. Y mi amor a ti lo doy,
 mi tesoro, lo que soy.
 *Todo tuyo quiero ser,
 solo en ti permanecer,
 solo en ti permanecer.

*Toda

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Now let us come before God with words of confession:

**Lord of mercy, God of grace,
we give thanks to you with one voice for the joy and hope this season
brings.**

**At times we find ourselves distracted
by all the preparations and stresses that surround us.
Help us to focus on you, our Rock and Redeemer.
Restore our hearts to your message of love and your call to peace. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here these words of assurance:

We worship a God who is not distant nor apathetic,
but a God who is with us—a God who loves us.
Let us keep our eyes open and look for God’s daily presence
and conform our ways to God’s teachings of compassion and grace.
Let the Holy Spirit shine like a light in our hearts
fueled by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ
who came into the world that we would be forgiven. Amen.
Thanks be to God

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

You are invited to pass the peace to each other by waving or by typing in the chat function in Zoom.
In the waiting hour, may the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Service of the Word

POEM

“SOLITUDE”

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone;
For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth,
But has trouble enough of its own.
Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the air;

The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;
Grieve, and they turn and go;
They want full measure of all your pleasure,
But they do not need your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all,—
There are none to decline your nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;
Fast, and the world goes by.
Succeed and give, and it helps you live,
But no man can help you die.
There is room in the halls of pleasure
For a large and lordly train,
But one by one we must all file on
Through the narrow aisles of pain.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 11:2-16

NRSV

I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions just as I handed them on to you. But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the husband is the head of his wife, and God is the head of Christ. Any man who prays or prophesies with something on his head disgraces his head, but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head—it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved.

For if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or to be shaved, she should wear a veil. For a man ought not to have his head veiled, since he is the image and reflection of God; but woman is the reflection of man. Indeed, man was not made from woman, but woman from man. Neither was man created for the sake of woman, but woman for the sake of man.

For this reason a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man or man independent of woman. For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman; but all things come from God. Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head unveiled? Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair, it is degrading to him, but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. But if anyone is disposed to be contentious—we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

WED. JESSE NORTH
SAT. ZACHARY BROWN

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

One Advent calls us to “wake up!” and rejoice in the hope that is ours.
Day is coming, and with it the promise of new hope in Christ.,
And we must commit to living in the light.
And so we pray:

When the heaviness of clinging to
“stuff” we no longer need, and
bad habits too comfortable to shed,
keeps us half asleep and unable to wake up and follow Jesus,

Many Lord, be with us.

When the bitterness of hanging on to
unhealthy relationships, or
jealousies and quarrels, or
hurts unforgiven
keeps our community weary
and unable to recognize the “new thing” God is doing in our midst,

Lord, be with us.

When a history of injustice and violence unaddressed in community:
leads to societal structures that hinder fullness of life for all,
when realities of Racism, Sexism, Homophobia, Xenophobia
are given form and substance among us,

Lord, be with us.

Help us become the new hope in Christ.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“SHINE ON US”

MICHAEL W. SMITH

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Shine On Us

Words and Music by
Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

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D G/D D F#m/A G2 A/C# D

1. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.
2. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us,
3. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o - ver us.

5 G/D D F#m/A G2 A/C# D D/F#

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us That
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us That
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o - ver us That

9 G A/C# D D/F# G A/C# Dsus D D/F# G F#m/A

we may be saved, that we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est

14 Bm G D/A A7 D 1, 2

night, Let Your light shine on us.
night, Let Your grace fall on us.
night, Let Your love come o - ver

17 Bm Bm/A G D/A A7 D

us, let Your light shine on us.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

One The Lord be with you.

Many **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, We give thanks for your creation, fragile, yet fruitful, enough for all. We give thanks that you call us into community where love and justice may flourish, enough for all.

We give thanks that you invite us on this Advent journey. Awake, curious, longing to meet you, we set out for your table of grace. You light our path one step at a time, beckoning us onto a Way that offers us new eyes to explore the vision of the Promised One; new senses to feel the heartbeat of the Vulnerable One; new courage to share the urgency of the Ruler of Peace. One more step, one more stretch, one more challenge takes us deeper into the mystery of your abundant life: a world healed, renewed; all nature, all people at peace.

We give you thanks for sending us Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-Us, whose life, death and resurrection have become for us the Way to find you, to know you, to join with you in creating your new heaven and new earth.

Holy, holy God, almighty
Earth and heaven behold Your light
Blessed are You whose name is Lord
Hosanna to the highest heights

We remember the night when Jesus gathered at table with his friends in a time of struggle and fear, took bread, blessed it and gave it to them saying "Take and eat: for this is my body."

And after supper, as Jesus looked forward to your desired day of joy and power; he took the cup of wine, again gave You thanks and praise and said "Take this, all of you, and drink. This is the cup of the new covenant, my life poured out for you. I will drink this with you again in the reign of God. Share this bread and this cup in memory of me."

Come now, Holy Spirit of God—

As you were present at creation, be present now, and let these gifts of bread and cup become for us the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

As you were sent by Jesus to accompany us on our journey of faith, be present now, and transform this community, sharing this bread and cup, into one body in Christ.

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

CLOSING SONG

“LORD, MAKE ME MORE HOLY”

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Lord, Make Me More Holy

1. Lord, make me more ho - ly, Lord, make me more
 2. Lord, make me more faith - ful, Lord, make me more
 3. Lord, make me more hum - ble, Lord, make me more
 4. Lord, make me more right - eous, Lord, make me more

ho - ly, Lord, make me more ho - ly, un -
 faith - ful, Lord, make me more faith - ful, un -
 hum - ble, Lord, make me more hum - ble, un -
 right - eous, Lord, make me more right - eous, un -

til we meet a - gain. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 til we meet a - gain. Faith - ful, faith - ful,
 til we meet a - gain. Hum - ble, hum - ble,
 til we meet a - gain. Right - eous, right - eous,

ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.
 hum - ble, un - til we meet a - gain.
 right - eous, un - til we meet a - gain.

Text: African American traditional
 Tune: African American traditional

BENEDICTION

❖ **PREACHER OFFERS THE BENEDICTION USING WORDS OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING.**

POSTLUDE

“LORD, MAKE ME MORE HOLY”

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