

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Dec 6, 2020

WELCOME AND PRAYER

PRELUDE *Watchman Tell Us of the Night*
James Mansfield

THE SECOND CANDLE: LOVE *1 John 4:7-11*

HYMN *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

OFFERINGS/PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE *John 1:14-18*

RESPONSE

L: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

C: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *God among us*

REMEMBERING THE LORD THROUGH COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

THE BREAD & CUP

SPECIAL MUSIC *Just As I Am* Bill Soles

THANKSGIVING

We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table
where we remember the Lord who out of love died,
and with power was raised from the grave.

We thank You for sending the Spirit who guides us
as we follow the risen Lord.

Deepen our faith, broaden our love for one another,
and help us live to Your praise and glory.

This we ask through Jesus, our Savior. Amen

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* vv. 1,3,4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rejoice Greatly in the Lord* Rex Coury

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Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Betty Reiner by her family.

Midweek study—Drop in for an online discussion about Old Testament notables on Wednesdays this month, from 7 to 8pm. Details for connecting via Zoom are at the website.

Offerings can be mailed to the office, or given online @website.

To purchase *grocery cards* for area stores (which also return a percentage to St. Thomas' general fund), call the office.

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Of the Father's Love Begotten 240

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:13

Unison

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got - ten, Ere the worlds be-gan to be,
 2. O ye heights of heav'n, a-dore Him; An-gel hosts, His prais-es sing;
 3. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa-ther, And, O Ho-ly Ghost, to Thee,

He is Al-pha and O-me-ga, He the Source, the End-ing He
 Pow'rs, do-min-ions, bow be-fore Him And ex-tol our God and King;
 Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing, And un-wear-ied prais-es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu-ture
 Let no tongue on earth be si-lent; Ev-ery voice in
 Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min-ion And e-ter-nal

years shall see, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
 con-cert ring, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
 vic-to-ry, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more. A-men.

TEXT: Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century;
 translated by John M. Neale and Henry W. Baker
 MUSIC: Plainsong, 13th century; arranged by C. Winfred Douglas

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
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1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cell-ing, joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast!
 3. Come, Al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all Thy grace re-ceive;
 4. Fin-ish, then, Thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less let us be;

fix in us Thy hum-ble dwell-ing; all Thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.
 Let us all in Thee in-her-it, let us find the prom-ised rest.
 sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-more Thy tem-ples leave.
 let us see Thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in Thee:

Je-sus, Thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love Thou art;
 Take a-way our bent to sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a-bove,
 changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis-it us with Thy sal-va-tion; en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 pray, and praise Thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in Thy per-fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be-fore Thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER
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Lower keys, No. 534 and No. 653
 Alternate tune, HYFRYDOL