

**TWO RIVERS MINISTRY AREA  
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**Missal (Worship Guide) for  
Advent 4, 2020**

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**Worship Service Sunday December 20, 2020**

**He Came Down ELW Hymn Introduction #253 by Laura Sanderson of Trillium**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP - Philip Mathai, Pastor of Mt. Zion Waterloo**

**WREATH LIGHTING – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**LEAD US TOWARDS CHRIST BY TREVOR HICKS & LUMINESCENT SPARK**

Lead us t'wards Christ as we His com- ing a- wait.

Lead us t'wards His light, This, O God, we pray.

Meter: 8788 + refrain  
Tune: LEAD US TOWARDS CHRIST

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lead Us Towards Christ". It consists of two staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, and the second staff covers the second line. Below the staves, there is information about the meter and tune, and a copyright notice.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY – Karen Kuhnert, Pastor of St. James in St. Jacobs**

**PSALM 141 as Hymn #232 Let My Prayer Rise Up - by Luminescent Spark**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38 – Gloria Ryder, Pastor of Faith Fergus Elora**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Annunciation and Magnificat for congregations with a license**

**NATIVITY STORY IN LIEU OF SERMON:**

**Hymn of the Day Away in a Manger – Children of St. Matthews Conestogo**

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
 Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Elina Salonen, Pastor of Trillium Waterloo, and Ed Bastian, Pastor at Trillium Waterloo**

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await the One who is to come. Let us pray together in expectation: for creation, for our communities, and for all those in need. Creator of all life, who illumines every time of darkness. We give you thanks that you have deemed the chaos of our lives to be good soil for your Holy Word. Help us to hear your sacred stories of regeneration, as promises of new life for this generation. ***Lord in Your Mercy... Hear our Prayer.***

Sacred Breath of all life, who chooses to dwell near us and among us. We give you thanks for our communities of worship, our schools, and our places of healing. We thank you for our city streets where your cold wind now blows. And we give you thanks for our wilderness places, where your voice can still be heard. We ask O'Sacred Breath that you restore peace in our world, and hope in our future. Guide and encourage each of us, that we too may have the courage to heal the sick, to feed the hungry, to remember the forgotten, and to love one another as you first loved us. ***Lord in Your Mercy... Hear our Prayer.***

Sustainer of all life, who governs and guides for the sake of your own righteousness. We give you thanks for the leaders of our province and our nation. We pray that you grant them the wisdom to discern a good path forward, and the courage to lead us upon it. ***Lord in Your Mercy... Hear our Prayer.***

Redeemer of all life, who comes to us in the humble birth of a newborn child. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, for those among us today, and for those who will surely come after us. We pray for our children, our elders, and those we now name aloud and in the silence of our hearts... (Silence)  
***Lord in Your Mercy... Hear our Prayer.***

Holy and Loving God, who promises to hear the prayers of your people. We now place our hopes and our very being into the hands of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER – ST. JAMES IN ST. JACOBS**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**BLESSING & DISMISSAL – Hans Borch, Pastor of St. James Elmira**

**SENDING HYMN *IN CHRIST ALONE*** – Mt. Zion Waterloo and St. Matthews Kitchener  
Choirs

## He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
 he came down that we may have peace;  
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

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