

Call to Worship

Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise,
and generation to generation, we are your people.

You have been with us wherever we have gone.

You will be with us wherever we may go.

You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey,
then you planted our salvation in Mary's womb.

**Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly
in each one of us.**

Our souls magnify the Holy One.

Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

Opening Prayer

Beloved, Holy Lover, we welcome you to our house, the sacred space we have built to gather together as your people. Here we come to offer you our thanksgiving and praise in response to the abundance of your creation. Here we come to share with you our prayers of confession and petition, for they lie heavy on our hearts. Even knowing that you are here and everywhere, we come longing to hear you say, "I am with you always." Amen.

Sending Forth

Be strengthened according to the proclamation of Jesus Christ. Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Holy One is with you. Nothing is impossible with God. **"AMEN"!**

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Luke 1:26-38 (The Message Bible)
Pastor Harold Long / December 6, 2020

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1 John 4:19, ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

"There will always be someone willing to hurt you, put you down, gossip about you, belittle your accomplishments and judge your soul. It is a fact that we all must face. However, if you realize that God is a best friend that stands beside you when others cast stones you will never be afraid, never feel worthless and never feel alone."
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2. A great way to end all your _____ is to say, _____."

Proverbs 19:20, Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.

3. The _____ is to make the _____ the _____ this Christmas, and friends the _____ is _____ Amen!

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Reflections Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does God's chosen method of appearing in the world reveal about His character?
3. How can Mary's attitude encourage us to respond to God's plans?
4. Has God ever asked you to do something you never expected to do?
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