

Sunday, December 20, 2020 • 4th Sunday of Advent • Online @ 10 am
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INTROIT

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

"The First Noel"

Inglewood First Music

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

"Love"

Melisa Arnold
& Delmas Arnold, II

Readers: On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we know that God's love has always been with us. God's love has been made known to us in a new way, through the birth of the Christ-child. God has become one of us, the Word that breathes the Spirit into us, and in Christ we know the fullness of God's love. We are called to share that love with the world. We light this fourth candle for the love God has for the whole world.

All: *"Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play, where evil is banished and faith takes the day, A babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes. One candle is lit for God's loving surprise." Amen!*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

(Common English Bible)

26 *When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, 27 to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" 29 She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. 31 Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. 33 He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."*

34 *Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"*

35 *The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. 36 Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. 37 Nothing is impossible*

