

Saturday, December 18, 2021 • 4th Weekend of Advent • 10:00 am Online
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INTROIT

“Essence of the Season”

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Zaneta Smith
Liturgist

*God of joyous expectation, come to us this day.
May the miracles in our lives fill us with wonder.
May an encounter with your goodness and grace
cause our hearts to leap within us.
Receive us into the arms of your mercy, that we may feel you near us
and rest secure in your many blessings. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

“Toda la Tierra”
by Alberto Taulè

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

Ebony Smith
Morgan Wells, soloist

Break Open! Blessed are the ones who have waited. God always chooses the smallest, the youngest, the weak and the unknown. God chose an unknown unmarried young woman, who said yes to bearing God into this world. God chose her cousin who waited a long time for the fulfilment of promises to bring forth blessings. God chooses us. We are the nobodies, the powerless, the weak of the world, to bring good news for the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim that Christ is here, among us, now, and we wait for the reign of Christ to break forth anew with joy in our world and in our lives.

Lighting of the fourth Advent candle of Joy

Make haste, O God, and break forth something new in us! Bless us and call us to bless one another, to seek those who are pushed to the margins, those whose voice is ignored, and to center them in Your reign on earth as it is in heaven, for this is our Advent story. This is the source of our joy! In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55
(New Revised Standard Version)

46 And Mary said,

*“My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.*

51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

MESSAGE

“While You Wait”

Rev. Victor Cyrus Franklin

SONG OF INVITATION

“I Have a God Who Never Fails”

Inglewood First Music

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Lesa Smith

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOING FORTH

TODAY IN WORSHIP :: Nell Walker, *Director of Music & Arts*; Michael Wright, *Assistant Director*; Tre' Cyrus-Franklin, *Percussion*, Tony Greene, *Sound Technician*, Marlon Baker, *Audio/Visual Assistant*

Announcements 
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- (1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC, 304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301*
- (2) **Online:** www.inglewoodfirst.org/give or
- (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321!**

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- Get updates COVID-19 testing and vaccinations @ covid19.lacounty.gov.
 - Zoom Bible Study | **Tuesdays @ 1pm and 7 pm**
 - The Listening. (music sharing group) | www.inglewoodfirst.org/thelistening
 - All Church Zoom Town Hall | Sunday, December 19 @ 1:00 pm
 - Online Christmas Eve Worship Service | Friday, December 24 @ 6:00 pm
 - Monthly Men's Check-In | Thursday, January 6 @ 7:00 pm

We're on our Journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES | Pastor Victor & Victor III (Tre') 12/5 • Brenda Horne 12/5 • Manu Tu'uholoaki - Murrin 12/7 • Frank Baker 12/8 • Marjorie Porchia 12/14 • Gina Williams 12/15 • Melisa Arnold 12/20 • Halaevalu Tu'uholoaki 12/20 • Patricia Thomas 12/23 • Delmas Arnold II 12/25 • Rokiya Ferguson 12/26 • Charlene Bright 12/28

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