

December 22, 2019

Emmanuel, I praise You for Your faithful love — drawing near when I was far from You. Instead of casting me away from Your presence, You came to call me home. Instead of punishing me for my sins, You came to free me from them. Emmanuel, my God, You are here with me today.
Live in me and glorify Your Name.

The candle lit on the fourth Sunday of advent is called the Angel's Candle or the Candle of Love. This symbol reminds us how throughout scripture, angels are God's messengers. Announcing the coming of the Lord, the angel Gabriel spoke to Mary and Joseph of Jesus' birth. The angel Michael announces His coming again in the Revelation to John. Angels sang out with joy to proclaim Jesus' birth to the shepherds in the field. Another symbol the waiting is nearly over, this candle is a reminder for us to be listening for the angel's voices proclaiming His glory and good news of great joy. Their voices brought with them hope of the messiah's birth, and again now as we continue to await His return.

Host: Eric Johns

Worship Leaders: Melanie Moen and Chris Giambelluca

Music from this week:

Hark The Herald/King Of Heaven [*Baloche*];

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus [*Story*];

Here's My Heart Lord [*Crowder*];

O Come O Come Emmanuel [*Traditional*]

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A Way in The Manger: Christ Is the Way to Love

Ken Van Vliet

Luke 2:1-20

We were _____ for His love

God _____ us in His love

Jesus _____ His love

We are _____ of His love

For Further Reflection:

How might you pause during this Christmas season to receive God's love? What might it look like to allow His love to flow through you? Is God asking you to extend His love to anyone in particular during this season? Remember, you can only give away what you receive, so continue to return to God's deep love for you. That is where you will find the peace your soul longs for.