

**ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

December 14, 2025  
Order of Service  
for the Worship of God

**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Mary is Everyone: A New Song of Liberation**  
**“Joy of Liberation”**



**Gathering Music**

Daniel Self, Music Director

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgment**

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

**Centering Song**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*(Revised with lyrics for Palestine)*

*O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Take up the outcast's cause, the captive's cry.  
Guide us to build your kingdom on earth*

*Where all faith flourish, and the last are first.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! God's justice is at hand  
To liberate the people and the land.*

**Call to Worship**

Marilynn M, Liturgist

(responsive)

Our souls glorify the Inbreaking of the Holy  
**and our spirits rejoice in Radical Possibility,**  
for Divinity resides with those who dream of Collective Flourishing.  
**Generations of ancestors call us blessed,**  
for our Strong God moves with us towards liberation—  
**Holy is the name of Revolutionary Love.**  
From generation to generation,  
**Mercy extends to those who reflect God's Compassion.**  
God has scattered the selfish in their inmost thoughts.  
**The Spirit of Solidarity brings down rulers from their thrones and lifts up the humble.**  
The Holy Way-Maker fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty.  
**Our souls glorify the Inbreaking of the Holy.**  
Our spirits rejoice in Radical Possibility.

**Opening Song**

#106, *My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise*

**Advent Candlelighting**

**Special Music**

*We Are Waiting* Jay Althouse

Alki UCC Community Choir

**Scripture**

Luke 1:46-55

*The Magnificat re-imagined by enfleshed, adapted for the collective*

Our souls are alive with thoughts of God. What a wonder, Their liberating works.  
Though the world has been harsh to us, God has shown us kindness,  
seen our worth, and called us to courage.  
Surely, those who come after us will call us blessed. Even when our hearts weigh  
heavy with grief, still, so does hope abide with us.  
Holy is the One who makes it so. From generation to generation,  
Love's Mercy is freely handed out;  
None are beyond the borders of God's transforming compassion.  
The power of God is revealed among those who labor for justice.  
They humble the arrogant. They turn unjust thrones into dust.  
Their Wisdom is revealed in the lives and truths of those on the margins.  
God is a feast for the hungry, God is the great redistributor of wealth and  
resources. God is the ceasing of excessive and destructive production  
that all the earth might rest. Through exiles and enslavement,  
famines and wars, white supremacy and climate crises, God is a companion in loss,  
a deliverer from evil, a lover whose touch restores.  
This is the promise They made to our ancestors, to us, to all the creatures and  
creations, now and yet coming, and in this promise,  
We find our strength. Come, Great Healer, and be with us.

#### **Sermon**

#### **Quiet Meditation**

**Song**                      *#119, My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Time, Talent & Treasure**

##### **Mission Updates**

##### **Offering Invitation**

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mailed donation to the church office. Your support for Alki UCC is  
more important than ever.

##### **Offertory**

**Doxology for Advent**      Sung to tune of *What Child is This?*                      *(music at end)*

##### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Closing Song**              *#378, Jerusalem, My Happy Home (Verses 1-4)*

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

Liturgy adapted from enfolded:  
spiritual nourishment for collective liberation  
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# Advent Doxology

*(to the tune of What Child Is This)*

Traditional

