



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

REVELATION 5:11-13

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

Advent means coming. It is the season that looks to the coming of God into the world in unexpected ways; first as a baby in a manger, and then as the savior that dies for all people. In times like these where injustice and uncertainties abound, we may justifiably ask “How are we to respond to God’s mighty work of salvation?” St. John paints a vision. “I heard every creature in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and all that is in them singing.” Like the beings surrounding the heavenly throne, we respond to the coming of God in song. In the midst of the chaos of 2021, we look to the day when “Justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.” When we stand in solidarity with those who suffer, the poor, the oppressed, the sick, and the hungry, we add our voices to the voices of heaven.

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