

# Songs of the Season

Our song (2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

1. God loves us and Christ died so we can live for Him (14-15)

Christ's love for **us** compels / constrains / controls **us**

The inclusion of the **many** in the One

2. God gives us a new understanding of everyone and Christ (16)

Appearances can be deceiving. A **manger**? A cross?

3. God makes us brand new in Christ; special creations of His (17)

The new creation is begun, not **finished**, but begun

4. God does all this without any help from us, only tell others (18)

From beginning to end, it is all God's doing

5. God reconciles the world to Himself, not holding sins vs. us (19)

Relationship reconciled AND we receive a **credit**

6. God entrusts us with the urgent message of reconciliation (20)

There is an urgency to our **appeal** to others

7. God took away our sin and gives us His own righteousness (21)

The sinless One (Heb. 4:15) bore our sins (1 Peter 2:24)

"in **Him**" we may become the righteousness of God

## RESPONSIVE READING

(2 COR. 5:14-21)

**(LEADER)** <sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

**(MEN)** <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

**(LEADER)** <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

**(ALL)** <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: the old has gone, behold, the new is here!

**(LEADER)** <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

**(WOMEN)** <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**(MEN)** <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

**(ALL)** <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.