

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 20, 2020

PRELUDE “Angels We Have Heard on High” Arr. Alexander
Asher Guarneiri, Piano Trio

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

INTROIT “The Wonder of Christmas” Raney

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY (Responsive)

During Advent, we ignite the wonder of expectation.

Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

During Advent, we look for the light that shines in the darkness.

Open your eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

During Advent, we embrace the hope that enlivens the soul.

Open your eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

During Advent, we welcome the Savior who beckons the world.

Open your eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

During Advent, we rejoice in the One who has reclaimed the lost.

Open your eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

RESPONSE

There is wonder in the hope
of the birth of a king,
there is wonder in the sound
of the angels as they sing.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.
and join us here.

ADVENT PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, open our eyes to the wonders you have done,
open our ears to the promises you have spoken, and open our
hearts that we might become the people you have called us to
be. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

CAROL

“People, Look East”

No. 12

Verses 1, 2 & 5

1 People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad, Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the rose in on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1 – 10

CAROL

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

No. 2

1 Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 35:1 – 10

CAROL “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” No. 48

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
By faithful prophets sung.
It came a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore for us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

THIRD LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7 – 13

CAROL “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 9
Verses 1 & 3

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

3 O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 3:1 – 12

CAROL “Prepare the Way” No. 13
Verses 1 & 2

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
Your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hiss and valley
A level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
Foretold in sacred story.
O Blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name

2 Christ brings God's rule, O Zion;
He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
And justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
For grace and joy abounding.
O Blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name

OFFERING

Joining Mary's joyful song, our souls proclaim the greatness of
the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. With humble
and grateful hearts, let us bring our offerings to God

HYMN “What Child Is This” No. 53

**3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, your love is magnified in the gift of your Son, whom
you so freely share with us. Bless these gifts that we offer to lift
up the lowly and fill the hungry in your coming reign of justice
and peace; in Christ's name. **Amen**

