



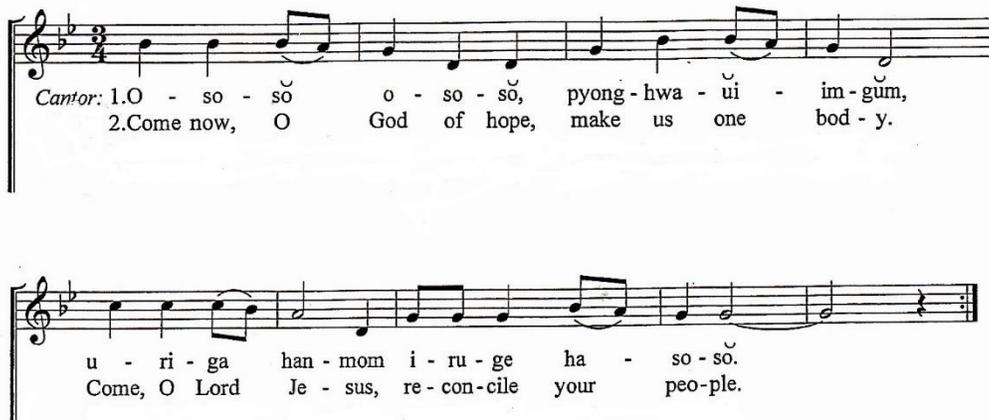
TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

Prayer of Invocation

We praise you, O God, for the gift of this season of Advent, and we pray that you will awaken us to your desires for our lives. We pray for the poor, the hungry, and the homeless that their needs will be met. And we pray for those with means that they may be filled with the spirit of generosity. We long for your peace, your shalom, in all of the world, and we ask for your care for those caught in violence, seeking a place of safe refuge. Make us attentive to your way of love fleshed out in Jesus's life, and give us courage to practice that love in all that we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lighting of the Candle of Hope



Cantor: 1. O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gum,
2. Come now, O God of hope, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - so.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.

Prayer

Come, O Holy One, as the morning light after a wakeful night! Keep us mindful that at any moment you may ask of us an accounting of our lives; help us to love you and love one another in all we do, and so clothe us with your light that we may bring others to love you also, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Scripture for the Day

From the Prophets:

Isaiah 64:1-9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

² ^[a] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed. ^[b]

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered ^[c] us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Solo

“Comfort Ye My People”
(Dobin Park-soloist)

(G. F. Handel)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your
God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and
cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished,
that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wildness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make
straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Scripture for the Day

From the Letters of Paul:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my^[a] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of^[b] Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anthem

“Prayer Of Devotion”

(Lee Dengler)

Open my eyes that I may see.
Incline my heart that I may desire.
Order my steps that I may walk in the
ways of Your commandments.
O God, be my only God, and beside You,
let thee be none else, no other, none else,
but You. Teach me to worship You and serve
You with all my spirit, with all my body,
In all that I say. Both in private and in public,
may I walk in Your commandments. Amen. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory

"We Walk By Faith"

(Williams/Sanborn)

We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

Sometimes trials come our way. We don't know what to do or say.
But we know God will make a way if we trust, trust and obey.

We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

We trust in God and in His Son. What God has promised will be done.
And as each journey is begun His Holy Spirit makes us one.

We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

We may not fully understand, but we are guided by His hand.
And as we follow faith's command, God leads us to the promised land.

We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

***Doxology**

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Scripture for the Day

From the Gospels:

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴ "But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he^[a] is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert;^[b] for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Sermon "Thank You For Your Patience" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (Hyfrydol)
(see next page)

Benediction

Postlude "*Wake, Awake, A Voice is Calling*" (J.G. Walther)

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Marty Westermeyer

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Flutist: Kendra Abner

Candle Bearer: Paige Barber

Thanks to all the musicians and to Michael Sullivan and Dobin Park for assisting with filming and to Dobin Park for film editing.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 153

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887); arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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