



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

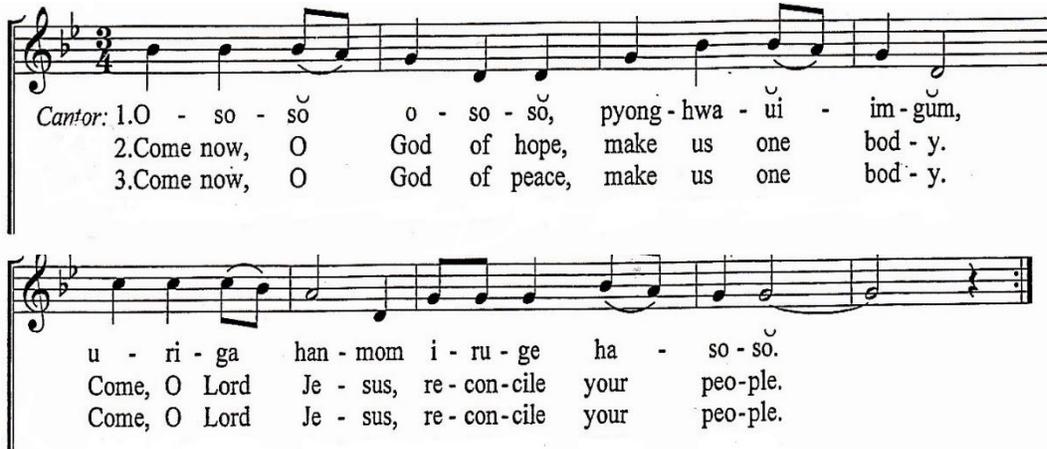
Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Gracious God, when we pray for comfort for the heart-broken and repentance for those who need to turn around their lives, we are praying for ourselves. For we are in need of both. We give you thanks for the words of assurance and the call to change our lives, for you know our needs even better than we know ourselves, hear now the prayers of your people for those we know and love and name before you in the quiet of our hearts.

(Silent Prayer)

Teach us and shape us to serve you in your world. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace



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

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

Come, O Holy One, as the water of life and refiner's fire!
Strengthen us with courage for your work of justice, that in all the creation and among every people your peace may be established and your joy abound, through Jesus our Deliverer. Amen.

Scripture for the Day

From the Prophets: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;^[a]
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,^[b]
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

From the Poetry of the Bible:

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

L: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

M: **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

L: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

M: **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

M: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

L: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

M: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

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 Anthem “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” (Lloyd Larson)

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.*

Children don't grow weary for the time is drawing nigh.

Darker midnight lies before us, the time is drawing nigh.

See the morning star arising, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't grow weary, the time is drawing nigh.

Now our night will soon be over, yes the time is drawing nigh.

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.*

***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!**

From the Gospels:

Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the good news^[a] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.^[b]

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,^[c]

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,^[d]
who will prepare your way;

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

4 John the baptizer appeared^[e] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with^[f] water; but he will baptize you with^[g] the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon

“The Gift of Change” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Anthem

“Come into God’s Embrace” (Mary McDonald)

*The table of love, prepared for you; come to the feast of grace.
Come, eat the bread; come, drink the wine; come into God’s embrace.
Lamb of God, Lamb of love, You took away our sin.
Here we remember Your sacrifice, God’s plan for all: forgive!
His body, His blood are given for you; come to the feast of grace.
Come, taste the bread; come, taste the wine; come into God’s embrace.*

Celebrating God’s Word in Sacrament

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. We believe in an OPEN Table.

*ALL persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior
are encouraged to participate in the Sacrament.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED (unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation

P: May you know that the God of comfort is with you.

M: And may you see the God of hope with you.

P: Open wide our anxious hearts!

M: We open them to God's peace.

L: Let us give thanks and share our joy.

M: In this space and time, we offer God our love and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Elements

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Communion is Open to ALL: saint and sinner, lost and found, believer and seeker.

We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity & community as God's people.

We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize our solitariness

as we each stand alone before our God

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

For the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body, for hope that we begin to see, and for comfort from the Prince of Peace, We share our gratitude, Gracious God.

Encourage us in these shortened days. Through the long nights of this season,

May your hope carry us until dawn arrives again. Amen.

Hymn

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
(see next page)*

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

“O Come, Emmanuel” (Wilbur Held)

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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Marty Westermeyer

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Candle Bearer: Paige Barber & Avery Barber

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

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Unison

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
 4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

Refrain (Harmony)

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 cause us in her ways to go.
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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