



Series: The Prophet's Candle

The Prophet's Promise

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.
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
-Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone – Isaiah 9:2

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
– John 1:5

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
- Luke 2:11-12

order of worship

prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: and also with you

call to worship from Psalm 27:13-14

Leader:
I (we) believe that I (we) shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

song of praise

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

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

welcome & update

prayer for the world, the church & the city

confession

O Lord, we confess that we are prone to walking in darkness,
For we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
We have rebelled against your wisdom and have invited trouble,
We have rejected your love and have gotten lost altogether.
Forgive us, not because of our own righteousness,
But because of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

private confession

assurance of pardon: Luke 1:77-79

(He will) give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen

song of assurance

Come Light our Hearts

For You O Lord our souls in stillness wait
For You O Lord our souls in stillness wait
Truly our hope is in You
Truly our hope is in You

O Lord of life our only hope
Your radiance shines
On all who look to You in the dark
Emmanuel come come light our hearts

Oh joy above all other loves
In You we find more than enough
We come as we are O heal and restore
Come light our hearts

tithes and offerings

doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

scripture reading : Isaiah 9:1-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today Mike Hsu

Sermon : The Prophet's Promise

Sermon Outline:

1. The Timeline in Isaiah's Day
2. The Dawning of a New Day
3. The Names of this Child-King
4. The Fulfillment of the Promise

song of thanksgiving

Dayspring

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the true the only Light
Sun of righteousness arise
Triumph o'er the shades of night
Dayspring from on high be near
Daystar in my heart appear

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee
Joyless is the day's return
Till thy mercy's beams I see
Till they inward light impart
Glad my eyes and warm my heart

Visit then this soul of mine
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief
Fill me radiance divine
Scatter all my unbelief
More and more thyself display
Shining to the perfect day

Dayspring from on high be near
Daystar in my heart appear

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

Tithes up to October 31 2020

Yearly Budget	\$355,000
Budget Year to Date	\$295,833
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$242,281
Actual Giving Last Week	\$ 3,280

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Upward

'A worshipping people' - **Upward**

Worship: we come together corporately to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ

The Word: we submit ourselves to the Bible as our rule for faith and life

Generosity: having received from divine generosity, we overflow with generosity to the world



Inward

'transformed by the peace of God in Christ,' - **Inward**

Sacramental Life: our participation in the sacraments of bread and wine flowing into our everyday lives

The Holy Spirit: living by the Spirit, we use His gifts to build the church and bless Vancouver

Prayerful Presence: we intercede for our homes, neighbourhoods and networks, for God to do His work



Outward

'seeking to be faithful stewards of the Kingdom.' - **Outward**

Covenantal Commitments: we covenant with one another to uphold, support and love one another.

Priestly Work: we see all of life as calling (as "vocation")

Proclamation: we proclaim the Cross of Christ as the accomplishment of God's Kingdom for the world