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9:30

Sunday, December 4, 2016

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel - Lani Smith*

THE GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

Invocation

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SOLO *Lift Up Your Eyes*

Lift Up Your Eyes
Congregational part:

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/2 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lift up your eyes and see the light sur - round you;
with ra - diant hope, il - lu - mi - nate the night.
Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav - en ring,
lift up your eyes and see the ev - er - last - ing light.

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LITANY

L: During Advent, God's promise illuminates a weary world.
For any who have grown weary of waiting:

C: God speaks, "Peace, be still."

L: For any who are anxious about the worries of tomorrow.

C: God speaks, "Peace, be still."

L: For any whose lips have been silenced:

C: God speaks, "Peace, be still."

L: This morning we light two candles. The first candle reminds us in a dark and weary world, that our hope lies securely in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. The second candle radiates God's perfect peace to calm our restless souls. As we continue our journey, let us be encouraged with hope, comforted with peace, and guided in truth.



Offering *Jesus, Our Emmanuel*

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

We need Your presence more than we could ever tell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

(repeat)

Prayer and Dismissal of Children

Gathering Song *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

**You are the salt for the earth , O people;
Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people;
Life in the kingdom of God!**

Refrain:

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace:
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God.**

**You are a light on the hill, O people;
Light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
Shine for the kingdom of God!
(refrain)**

**You are a seed of the word, O people;
Bring for the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice;
Grow in the kingdom of God!
(refrain)**

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people;
Bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland;
Love is the kingdom of God!
(refrain)**

Song of Praise *He Came Down*

**He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
Hallelujah forevermore.**

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah forevermore.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

Response *Emmanuel*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

L: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 3.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Today’s readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13)

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayer of Confession

C: Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before You to confess to You that we have sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight. We have walked in pride, we have not been as thankful, or forgiving as You would like us to be. Help us to show forth the fruits of Your Spirit, the love, joy and peace that You have shown to us. And forgive us for all our wrong doing, even those stubborn habits that we struggle with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Musical Offering

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – arr Mark Hayes

Intercessory Prayers

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The 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.**

Blessing

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, the Son ✚ and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Song *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* vs 3-4

*O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel*

*O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *The Wexford Carol - Mark Hayes*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK: *Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146,
James 5:7-11, Matthew 11:2-15*

Attendance on Sunday, November 27, 2016

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