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Sunday, December 10, 2017

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter - Mark Hayes*

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

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your Name on high,

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life,

I'm so glad You came to save us. (repeat)

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your Name on high.**

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: Mark 1: 1-8

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter one.

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

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

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

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Today's readings: Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a)

Message

Musical Offering *My Soul Will Magnify the Lord*
 - Larry Shackley

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**

Intercessory Prayers

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 *People, Look East (ELW 248)*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - Eugene Butler*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK: *(Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24, John 1: 6-8, 19-28)*

Attendance on Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:15	40	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
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