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Sunday, December 03, 2017

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 3/4 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 our hope.

C: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

L: In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

C: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

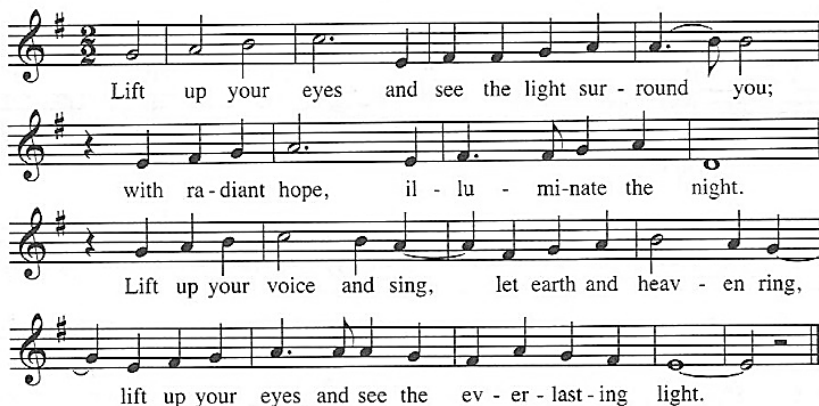
L: In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

C: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

L: In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

C: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

L: This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that our hope is the everlasting God who pierces the darkness of this world and reaches into the brokenness of our lives, granting the promise of a new tomorrow.



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 Thanksgiving

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)

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 you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh;
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

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.

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 13: 24-37

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 13.

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then 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. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven 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. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It 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. ³⁵Therefore, 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, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Today’s readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9, Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19,
1 Corinthians 1:3-9)*

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

L: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

L: O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when
your people pray?

**C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

L: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.

**C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

L: And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

---based on Psalm 80

Musical Offering *Twass the Moon of Wintertime - Sandra Eithun*

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 *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* (ELW 244)

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *The Wexford Carol - Mark Hayes*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK: (*Isaiah 40: 1-11, Psalm 85,
2 Peter 3: 8-14, Mark 1: 1-8*)

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