

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Advent 1
Worship at 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Lord,
We have pulled out the Advent wreath,
The Christmas tree, the poinsettias.
We have dusted off the hymns, unsung for a year,
As we sing the story of your Advent among us.

Yet, you call us to prepare for something more.

You call us to prepare a world of justice and peace for all people,
You call us to bring hope into this world.

**We confess the ways that we have not worked
toward peace, reconciliation, justice, and healing for your creation.**
We have built up walls that separate us from our neighbors.
**We have chosen safety over compassion. We have chosen war over
peace. We have chosen despair over hope.**

Awaken us to action.
Stir us to courage.

**Move us to prepare a way for your coming, so that all may see your
light and see your presence in this world.**

Take heart and do not fear. If you look, you can see God's message of
reconciliation is still breaking into this world. See God's hope is born into this
world: in the gift of Jesus, God is with you, God loves you, and God forgives
you. **Amen.**

Gathering Song Choose to Hope

Hope is born when we choose to believe
That love is stronger than hatred;
Love is born when our hearts learn to see
That ev'ry person is sacred.

In the times of darkness, in times of fear,

Choose to hope, choose to love,
And know that God is near.

Hope will grow when we choose to believe
That we are sisters and brothers;
Love will grow when our hearts learn to see
The life we share with each other.

In the times of darkness, in times of fear,
Choose to hope, choose to love,
And know that God is near.

Hope will shine when we choose to believe
A little child will lead us;
Love will shine when our hearts learn to see
That God is dwelling within us.

In the times of darkness, in times of fear,
Choose to hope, choose to love,
And know that God is near.

Sing out hope through the violence and fear,
For God is present beside us;
Prince of Peace, make your home with us here,
Your love and wisdom will guide us.

In the times of darkness, in times of fear,
Choose to hope, choose to love,
Emmanuel is near.

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Lighting the First Advent Candle

As we light this first candle, we remember that God is the God of peace. May this candle be a sign of God's peace being born into our world.

O come, O come, Immanuel
And bless each place your people dwell.
Melt ev'ry weapon crafted for war,
bring peace upon the earth forever more.

Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,
God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.

Greeting

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... God of peace, we look with hope to the day when wars shall cease and all people work together for you. But we aren't there yet. Help us to see your presence among us, and to listen for what you would have us do. Beat our instruments of destruction into tools for peace, that all might know your healing love in this world. In the name of your son, Jesus. **Amen.**

WORD

Scripture Reading

John 14:25-31

Bible, pg. 877

A reading from the gospel of John.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Children's Message

Please stand, as you are able

Scripture Acclamation

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved

For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of seven staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly words long pre - served for our walk in this world; They re - sound with God's own heart; O, let the an - cient words im - part. An - cient words, ev - er true, chang - ing me, chang - ing you; We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an - cient words im - part."

God's Word for the Day

Isaiah 2:1-5

Bible, pg. 550

A reading from Isaiah. Hear God's Word for God's People.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall

they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

Message

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song

Hymn of the Day Light Dawns on a Weary World Hymnal #726

1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you

Please share the peace of our Risen Christ with your neighbors

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offertory Anthem

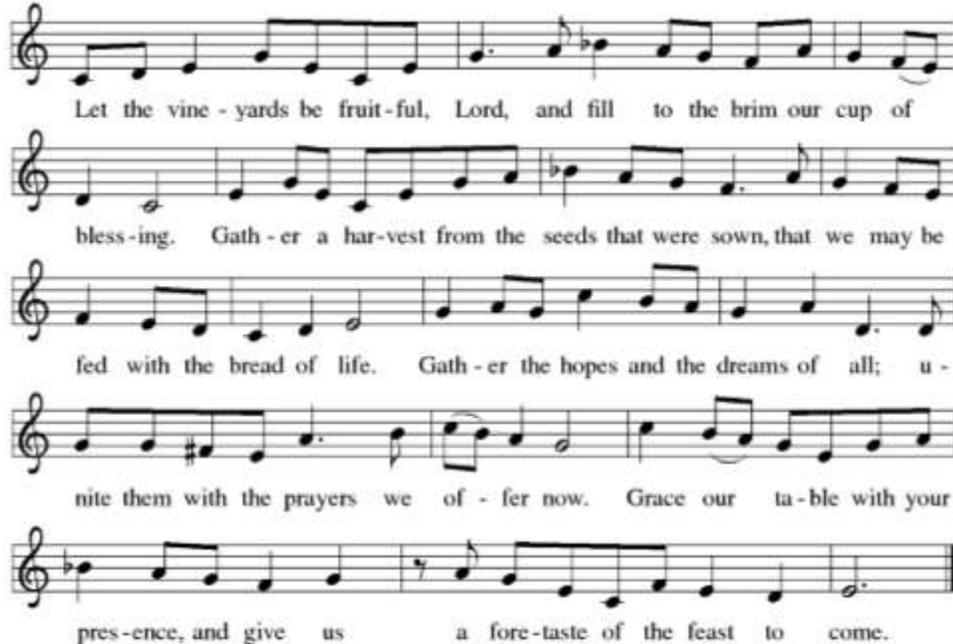
Let There be Peace on Earth
(Isaiah 2:1-5)

S. Miller

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Hymnal #182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray...

As we offer these gifts to you, O God, we remember that you are indeed the greatest gift. Your Advent among us gives hope and life in the darkest of times. May our gifts bring hope and life to others and may we share the light of Christ that all may see you in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

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."

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.

The time is now. Jesus calls us all to this meal.

Lamb of God

Hymnal pg 174

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Anthem

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel – J. Althouse

Song Come Now, O Prince of Peace Hymnal #247

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
- 4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Text: Geon-yong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
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Hymn

Wait for the Lord

Hymnal #262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a dotted quarter note G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

God we give you thanks because at this table we have seen your presence and we have tasted your love. As we look for you out in the world, remind us that we have already seen you here. Hold us in the promise that you are with us all the way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

God is with us, filling us with peace.

God is with us, bringing love to us and to our world.

God is with us, breathing hope into our lives.

People of God, know that in +Jesus Christ, God is with you, your Emmanuel.

May the hope and peace of God be born in your life today.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Song It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymnal #282

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.
- 3 And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!
- 4 For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,

when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

Dismissal

Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love.

It's about time.

Postlude