



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, December 8th

PRELUDE

“Variations on ‘In Dulci Jubilo”

arr. Denis Bedard

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Savior of the Nations, Come”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We light our second Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: The second Advent candle has been known by a few different names, including the Bethlehem candle, the preparation candle, and the candle of peace. As we await the angelic proclamation of “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased,” we rejoice in the present reality of the peace Christ has assured in and through Him until perfect and eternal peace is ushered in upon His return. In this season, and until that day, we find comfort in His assurance: “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

C: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

P: Guided by the light of peace, we respond with the psalmist: “There are many who say, ‘Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!’

C: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

P: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

C: for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.”

RESPONSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

P: Malachi prophesies about and John the Baptist fulfills the call of the one who would prepare the way for the Lord. John the Baptist would preach a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We, too, seek the forgiveness our Lord has promised, and our Savior gives us assurance as we come before Him in humble repentance. Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and prepare again to receive Him who came in our flesh, comes through His Word and in His body and blood given and shed for us, and promises to come again, let us stand before Him in humble and contrite confession.

C: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and left undone, and we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

P: We have not loved the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength,

C: and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: We justly deserve present and eternal punishment, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray:

C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways,

C: And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

C: Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!

P: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

C: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

P: But My people did not listen to My voice;

C: Israel would not submit to Me.

P: Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

RESPONSE “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-11 [ESV]

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA VERSE

R: Alleluia! There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

C: And a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:23-33 [ESV]

R: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *from the Gospel of John*

R: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.

C: All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

R: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

R: He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

C: He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

R: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

C: Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

R: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

HYMN “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

SERMON “THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM”

OFFERING CONNECT

OFFERTORY

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr. Molly Ijames

Piano Duet

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

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“Still, Still, Still”

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Piano

arr. JB Taylor

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POSTLUDE

“Ukrainian Bell Carol”

Piano

arr. Martin



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