



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Variations on ‘Lo, How a Rose’”

arr. Gerald Near

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “The Advent of Our Lord and King”

#### OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Each week in Advent, we light a 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 first Advent candle is known as the prophecy candle or the candle of hope. We hear again the first promise and prophesy made in the Garden of Eden after the fall into sin: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” The Lord has kept His Word through the mouths of prophets who, for generations, pointed people to the promised Savior to come.

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

P: Guided by the light of hope, we respond with the psalmist: “Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: **He is our help and our shield.**

P: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

C: **Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”**

#### RESPONSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

P: As we begin the Advent season—a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior and a time of pondering God’s great love for us given in His Son—we also prepare ourselves to come before Him in humility and with honesty. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: The prophet Jeremiah proclaims, “The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made. . . . And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

**C: We confess we have not rightly rejoiced in the promises that the Lord made and fulfilled and have instead found our fulfillment in the temporal things of our lives and this world. We have sought our own rightness instead of the Lord’s righteousness. Forgive us.**

P: Paul prays, “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus.”

**C: We confess our hearts are full of blame and unholiness. Our love has been misguided and our actions have been self-serving. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

P: As Jesus speaks of the time of His return, He calls His followers to “straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

**C: We confess we have not remained ready for Your return, nor realized time is short for the work You’ve called us to do. We have prioritized other matters instead of Your Word, relied on other things instead of Your presence, and in our thoughts, words, and actions have chosen to live our way instead of by Your commands. Forgive us.**

P: The Lord is our righteousness. He alone establishes hearts blameless in holiness at His coming. Redemption draws near. We are declared righteous, blameless, and redeemed because of the living, dying, and rising of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

**C: Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

P: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;

**C: Steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.**

P: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

**C: Who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.**

P: For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**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 7:10-14 [ESV]**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **ALLELUIA VERSE**

R: Alleluia! Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

**C: And shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-23 [ESV]**

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

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 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**SERMON “HE SHALL BE CALLED IMMANUEL”**

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**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

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

“Lo, How a Rose”

arr. JB Taylor

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*Piano*

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**POSTLUDE**

“Wake, Awake for Night is Flying”

*Organ*

arr. Wayne Wold



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