



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

arr. Paul Manz

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

### OPENING LITURGY

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

**C: Amen.**

P: A voice of one calling in the wilderness:

**C: “Prepare the way of the LORD.**

P: Every valley shall be raised up,

**C: every mountain made low.”**

P: Last week we lit the candle of HOPE. Today, we also light the candle of PEACE as we believe our King will come again in glory.

**C: “Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!” And give us peace. (Revelation 22:20)**

P: “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” (*Colossians 3:15*). Be “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (*Ephesians 4:3*).

**C: “Now may the Lord of peace himself give [us] peace at all times in every way.”**  
(*2 Thessalonians 3:16*).

P: Jesus said, “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.” (*John 14:27*). “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (*John 16:33*).

**C: Amen.**

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

P: 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.**

*[Moment of silent confession]*

P: “So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.”

**C: “And the glory of the Lord will be revealed.”**

P: The peace that we have in Christ transcends all understanding. It guards our hearts and minds in Him. At His invitation, we confess together:

**C: We have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We are unworthy of Your grace. Savior of the nations, come. Make our hearts Your home. Abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

P: Christ came to earth to save you. He died for your sins. “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” 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**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON   Revelation 22:6-13   [ESV]**

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL   Matthew 25:31-40   [ESV]**

P: Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight;

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

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

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

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.**

## SERMON HYMN “Joy to the World”

## SERMON “THE KING WHO WILL COME IN GLORY”

## OFFERING CONNECT

## OFFERTORY

“Advent Echo Carol”

*Voices of Peace*

Mary Kay Beall

## 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

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Joy to the World”

“Still, Still, Still”

arr. Jim Brickman

arr. Martin

*Piano*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESS

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**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**POSTLUDE**

“Joy to the World”

*Piano*

arr. Wayne Wold



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