



The Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 6, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The Lord called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the Lord,
and my recompense with my God."
⁵And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

* Praising God in Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Latin antiphons, 12th cent.
 Latin hymn, 1710
 tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961

VENI EMMANUEL L.M.ref.
 Plainsong, 13th cent.
 arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

* Declaring Our Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

We believe that the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being truly and eternally God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time had come, take upon himself man's nature, with all its essential properties and common frailties, yet without sin. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance. In this way, two whole natures, the divine and the human, perfect and distinct, were inseparably joined together in one person without being changed, mixed, or confused. This person is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

Voice



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Turning to God in Prayer

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

God Speaks through His Word

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

“Announcing the Coming King”

December 6, 2020

The announcement of Jesus’ birth shapes our expectations of this coming King.

A willing messenger

An unassuming servant

A key moment

A forever King

A miraculous conception

A crucial truth

An exemplary faith

* Responding to God's Word in Song

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744
 St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978

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 Rowland H. Pritchard, 1830

* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing



* Those who are able, please stand



Announcements

- After morning worship, enjoy fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, and then please join us at 11:20 for Sunday School. The Adult Class (taught by Elise van der Jagt) will meet around the tables in the Fellowship Hall, the Elementary Class (taught by Amy Pisani) will meet in Rm 102, the Middle School Class (taught by Kurt Schumacher) in Rm 209, and the High School Class (taught by Eric Runion) in Rm 300. Rooms are arranged for social distancing. Masks are needed while moving throughout the building, but may be removed when seated in the classrooms. A friendly reminder to wear masks properly by placing them over both nose and mouth.
- The **Sunday evening devotional** at 6 PM will continue a study of 2 Timothy, with tonight's passage being 2 Timothy 1:9-12 on the theme "Gospel Knowledge"
- The **Wednesday Evening Devotional** studying the book of Esther resumes this Wednesday at 7 PM.
- **Christmas Caroling**, December 13, 4:30 p.m.! Our planned Christmas Festival is on the move. Since we cannot gather in larger numbers at the church, we plan to divide into groups and sing carols to the neighborhood families we have met. Please RSVP your interest by Friday, December 11 to Jan (jvander275@gmail.com) so groups and caroling routes can be planned. To keep everyone safe, we will follow the protocols of masking and distancing. Afterwards we will warm up at the church with hot drinks and cookies!
- Helping with this morning's service are: Elise van der Jagt, Dan Lash (usher), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

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