



Cannon River and Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements

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BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. **C: Amen**

***"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"* ELW#240**

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| 1 | Light one candle to watch for
Messiah: let the light banish
darkness. He shall bring
salvation to Israel, God fulfills
the promise. | 3 | Light three candles to watch for
Messiah: let the light banish
darkness. Lift your heads and
lift high the gateway for the
King of glory. |
| 2 | Light two candles to watch for
Messiah: let the light banish
darkness. He shall feed the
flock like a shepherd, gently
lead them homeward. | 4 | Light four candles to watch for
Messiah: let the light banish
darkness. He is coming, tell the
glad tidings. Let your lights be
shining! |

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, and the deliverer who sets us free. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us come before the living God in confession.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

L: As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation, **we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

L: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Through the waters of baptism, sin is washed away. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Come and Worship

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er the earth.
Ye who sang creations story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Chorus

Come and worship, come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
(Chorus - 2x)

Saints before the altar, bending,
Watching, longing, hope and fear.
Suddenly the Lord descending
in His temple shall appear.
(Chorus - 2x)

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

Chorus

Joy, unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love
(Chorus-2x)

O Little Town of Bethlehem #279

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shin-eth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary, and
gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of won-d'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth, and
praises sing to God the King, and
peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but,
in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

Prayer of the Day

(Bulletin Insert)

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* #272

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As seers of old have sung,
It came, a flow'r so bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah had foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And into endless day.

Gospel (Bulletin Insert)

Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Todd Portinga

O, Come, O Come Emmanuel #257

O come, O come, Immanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in its ways to go.

(Refrain)

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

(Refrain)

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
Unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

(Refrain)

The Apostle's Creed:

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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. 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 again 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 of the Church

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

#185

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take
Not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

The 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.

Sending

Blessing

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God look on you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

Go Tell It on the Mountain #290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.
(Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.
(Refrain)

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.
(Refrain)

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude