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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(*) *The congregation will please stand as able*
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) *Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

SILENT PRAYER AND TIME FOR CENTERING

PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude "Es Ist Ein Ros" Johannes Brahms
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*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Light of God, rising in the wilderness, awaken us to your glory.
By your revealing light,

may we see ourselves clearly, and repent.

Light of Christ, making level the uneven ground,
awaken us to your way.

By your guiding light,

may we free ourselves of all fear and hatred.

Spirit's light, rising in our hearts,
awaken us to the gift of love.

By your transforming light,

baptize us with your Holy Spirit,

that we may prepare for your coming

with hearts full of love and lives of compassion.

Come, dear Jesus, come! Amen.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The musical score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING **

Reader 1:

In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared,
*"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins"* (Isaiah 40:1).

Reader 2:

We who gather today also seek comfort and peace,
yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace
that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow.
We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation:

**We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit
of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

Reader 1:

We light these candles as signs
of God's shocking hope and just peace.
May they be beacons calling us to repent
and to live the good news of Jesus Christ
as we wait and watch and labor for the day
when all people can gather together
to worship and glorify God. Amen.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

SUNG RESPONSE: *To the tune of WE THREE KINGS*

**Light the Advent candle two; with the hope of peace on earth;
The Lord of peace is on the way to comfort and heal us all.
O candle of peace, burning bright; shining in the cold winter night;
Peace of Jesus, lead and guide us; fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)

(Pg. 581) **

ANTHEM Bethlehem Wind *Words and Music, Joseph M. Martin*

Chorus

*Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind over the hills and the valleys
Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, God's promise of love and salvation*

Blow, blow, spirit of Truth carry the news of a Savior.

Blow, blow, Spirit of God preparing the world for God's son

Chorus

Blow, blow Bethlehem wind carry the song of the angels

Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind move through the hearts of the nations

Chorus

Blow, blow, Spirit of Hope scatter the leaves of our sorrows

Blow, blow, spirit of God warm a whole world with your love

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia...

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

CHILDREN MESSAGE: (WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT)

People, Look East

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1. Peo-ple, look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant-ed
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
4. An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to

year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the

Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:
hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look east:
course the flower may flour-ish.
sun and moon to - geth - er.
word, the Lord is com-ing. Peo-ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Please remain standing for the Gospel Lesson

For the word of God in Scripture,
 For the word of God among us,
 For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glória, Glória

Canon—4 voices

1. Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, 2. in ex - cé - lis De - o!

3. Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, 4. al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia!

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SERMON Ho-Soon Han

“How Do You Clean Up Your House?”

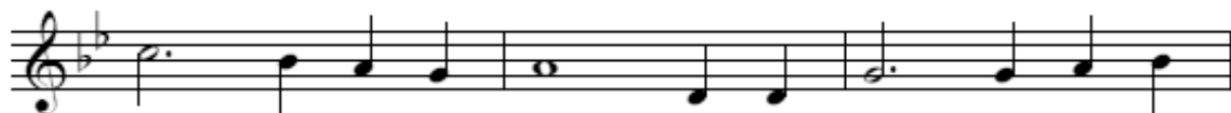
THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

LaGrange

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice
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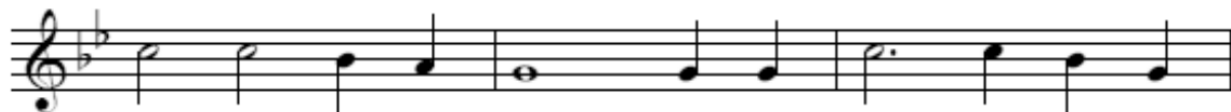
1 Wild and lone the proph - et's voice ech - oes
2 "Bear the fruit re - pen - tance sows: lives of
3 With such preach - ing stark and bold John pro -



through the des - ert still, call - ing us to make a
jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er claim than
claimed sal - va - tion near, and his time - less warn - ings



choice, bid - ding us to do God's will: "Turn from
those; set your heart on things a - bove. Soon the
hold words of hope to all who hear. So we



sin and be bap - tized; cleanse your heart and mind and
Lord will come in power, burn - ing clean the thresh - ing
dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un -



soul. Quit - ting all the sins you prized, yield your
floor: then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a -
trod, till we come at last like John to be -



life to God's con - trol."
lone shall fill God's store."
hold the Lamb of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

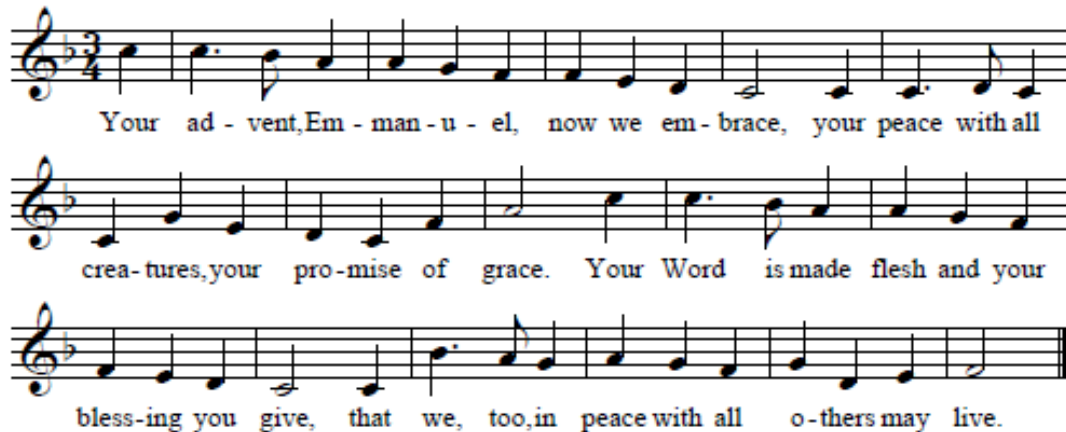
Awaken Us, God

Responsorial Verses (invocation, scripture affirmation, prayer response, offertory, etc.)

Advent: Peace

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

"Away in a Manger"



Your ad - vent, Em - man - u - el, now we em - brace, your peace with all
crea - tures, your pro - mise of grace. Your Word is made flesh and your
bless - ing you give, that we, too, in peace with all o - thers may live.

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INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Leader: "The Lord be with you "

People: "And also with you..."

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

[The Lord's Prayer](#)

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG *(As above)*

[Presentation of Tithes and Offerings](#)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Improvisation

Kevin G. Lindsay

Doxology

For Advent

Em G C D7 G D G C G

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em

here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em

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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: 15th Century French

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LM with Refrain

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates;
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;
3. Re - deem - er, come, with us a - bide;
4. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it lead us on

be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits;
make it a tem - ple, set a - part
our hearts to thee we o - pen wide;
un - til our glo - rious goal is won;

the King of kings is draw - ing near;
from earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy,
let us thy in - ner pres - ence feel;
e - ter - nal praise, e - ter - nal fame

the Sav - ior of the world is here!
a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
thy grace and love in us re - veal.
be of - fered, Sav - ior, to thy name!

WORDS: Georg Weisell, 1642; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855 (Ps. 24)
MUSIC: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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*Benediction

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on "BESANCON"

Wayne Wold

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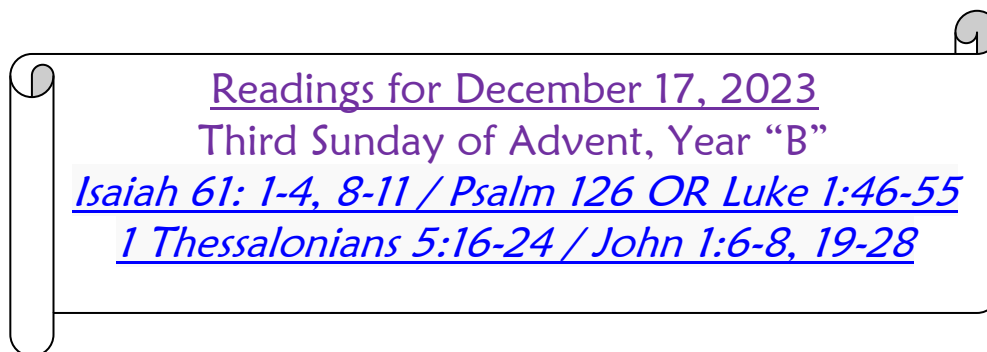
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