



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

PRELUDE *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel* Leo Sowerby

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN *People, Look East* Page 18

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Candle of Joy) Assisting Minister Suzanne Wilke

SING after Reading: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

**We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.**

Forgive us, Blessed One,

and assure us again of your saving grace.

Amen

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

✝ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,

and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:9-10, 14-20

Chuck Rowland

This reading comes from the conclusion to the short book of Zephaniah which is mostly about judgment. But then, in the middle of chapter three (after repentance has occurred) God makes a promise (3:9). To those who call on His name God reveals God's ultimate goal; that is, "right relationship" among all the peoples of the earth; salvation is at hand, a joyous prospect.

⁹At that time I will change the speech of the peoples
to a pure speech,
that all of them may call on the name of the LORD
and serve him with one accord.

¹⁰From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia
my suppliants, my scattered ones,
shall bring my offering.

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

PSALM: Isaiah 12:1-6 (Read Responsively)

Chuck Rowland

The purpose of this hymn is thanksgiving and may have been part of a liturgy sung on the banks of the Red Sea after escape from the Egyptian Pharaoh's army. Drawing water (v.2) from the wells of salvation suggests an ancient ritual liturgical processional during the Feast of Tabernacles. With torches lighting the way, priests would carry water from the pool of Saloam through the water gate into the temple court and then, with music & singing the priest would pour the water on the altar. A true expression of joy.

**¹You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.**

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

**³With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is
exalted.

**⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

Chuck Rowland

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God’s joy and peace.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 3. (*Stand as able.*)

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-20 (MSG)

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God’s reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

⁷⁻⁹When crowds of people came out for baptism because it was the popular thing to do, John exploded: “Brood of snakes! What do you think you’re doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snakeskins is going to deflect God’s judgment? It’s your *life* that must change, not your skin. And don’t think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as ‘father.’ Being a child of Abraham is neither here nor there—children of Abraham are a dime a dozen. God can make children from stones if he wants. What counts is your life. Is it green and flourishing? Because if it’s deadwood, it goes on the fire.”

¹⁰The crowd asked him, “Then what are we supposed to do?”

¹¹“If you have two coats, give one away,” he said. “Do the same with your food.”

¹²Tax men also came to be baptized and said, “Teacher, what should we do?”

¹³ He told them, “No more extortion—collect only what is required by law.”

¹⁴ Soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He told them, “No harassment, no blackmail—and be content with your rations.”

¹⁵ The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, “Could this John be the Messiah?”

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ But John intervened: “I’m baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He’s going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”

¹⁸⁻²⁰ There was a lot more of this—words that gave strength to the people, words that put heart in them. The Message! But Herod, the ruler, stung by John’s rebuke in the matter of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, capped his long string of evil deeds with this outrage: He put John in jail.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn*

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APOSTLE’S CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of 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 Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**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 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 INTERCESSION (Please sit or kneel as able)

A: 1) In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God’s presence.

2) Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news.

Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

- 3) Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 4) Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 5) Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 6) Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians. With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 7) We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace. By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- 8) Silent prayer.
- 9) God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our response to God's grace and mercy.

OFFERING HYMN

Morning Star

G. Winston Cassler

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

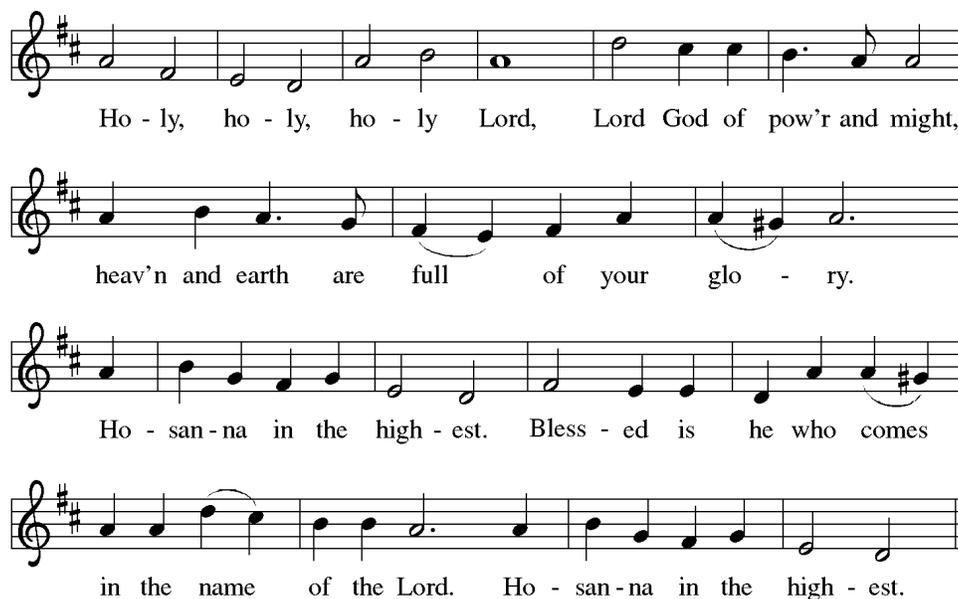
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

P: All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

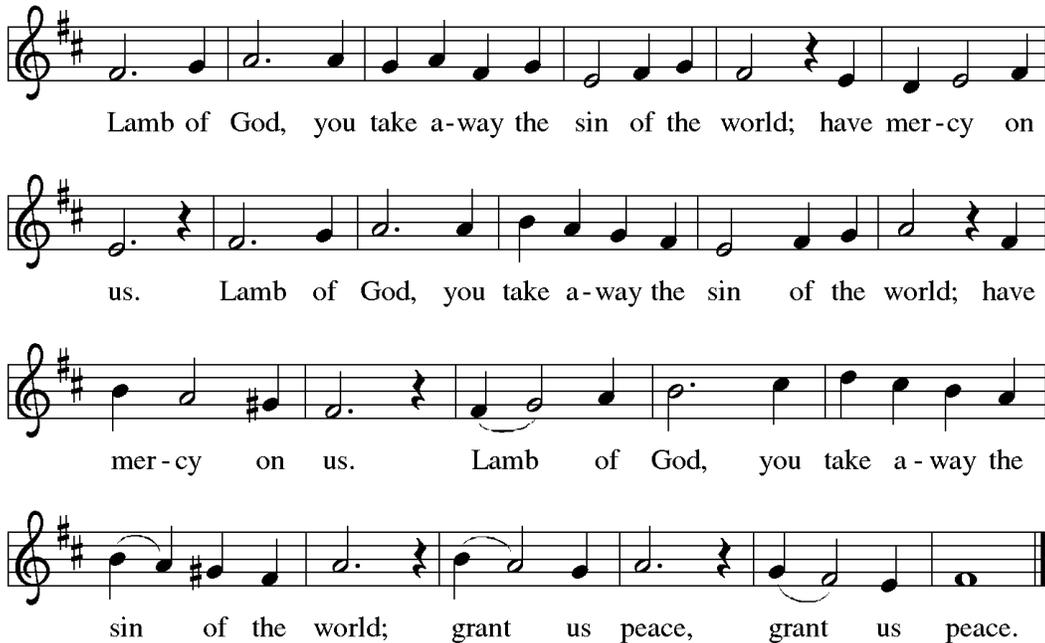
P: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

We practice continuous communion. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

HEALING PRAYER

Healing prayer and anointing are available during communion at the side kneeler.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

He Came Down

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Most High God,

you have come among us at this table.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,

sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,

through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fling Wide the Door

Ernst Pepping



Advent Prayer Week 3: We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord’s coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, who coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen

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Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.



Announcements: Week of December 12, 2021

Holden Evening Prayer Online: Wednesdays, December 15, and 22 — Our choir practiced and performed the entire Holden Evening Prayer service for video recording. Everyone is encouraged to sing along with this mostly-musical Advent meditation. The choir sings it beautifully and the words are on the screen for you to follow or join. YouTube link: https://youtu.be/I6T_g2f9t_U

Piecemakers Quilting Bee—tomorrow, December 13th at 10:00 am in Luther hall. All are welcome and all skill levels too. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

Emanuel's Giving Tree is now decorated and adorned with tags for children needing a little Christmas cheer this holiday season. Your thoughtful donations will assist two or three families, including one family from Family Promise. The Annual Sock, Hat and Mitten tree for the Modesto Gospel Mission is in the Narthex as well. All gift card items from our Giving Tree family tags and all items for our Sock Tree must be brought in by Sunday, December 19th. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

Poinsettias can be brought to church starting Sunday December 19th. Please be sure to complete a dedication form and place it in the offering plate. All poinsettias should be removed on or by Sunday January 2, 2022. Poinsettias symbolize goodwill, community spirit, cheer and success. What a wonderful way to augment our celebration of Advent and Christmas with this beautiful plant.

Emanuel Lutheran Day Care — Fresh fruits and healthy veggies are needed: zucchini, oranges, and cucumbers. Please sign up on the list in the Narthex. Items can be left in the kitchen or office. *ELDC staff & children appreciate your donations!*

Eagle Scout Landscape Project—The project will soon be underway. Some of the costs are being covered anonymously but some funding is needed for the plants and shrubs. Any amount would be greatly appreciated and be sure to designate it for the Landscaping Project.

Ongoing Announcements

TEXT STUDY: Every Tuesday, year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

Adult Bible Study — An Advent study, “A Not So Silent Night”. Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in Luther Hall. Please join anytime.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

Choir rehearsals — Sundays, downstairs at about 11 o'clock.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

Quilting Bee -- December 13, 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

Lydia Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month in Luther Hall at 1 pm. We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

Leah Circle meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

Food for Faith Sunday — 1st Sunday of the month. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Your generous donations benefit The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus.

The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same. Many items are available at the Dollar Stores. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

- Toiletries—all sizes
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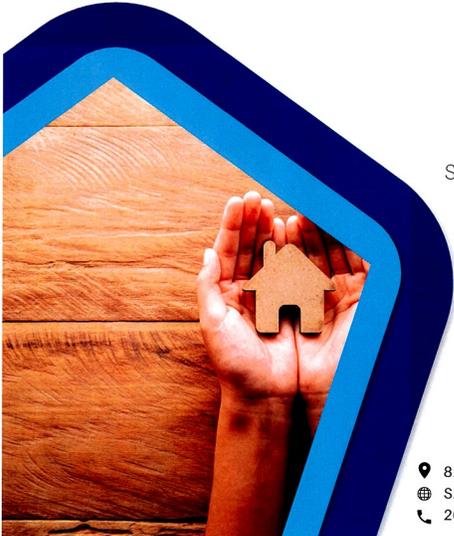
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Entrance Hymn

People, Look East



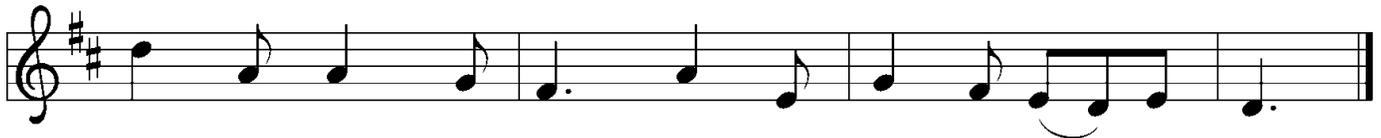
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Sermon Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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Communion Hymn

He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



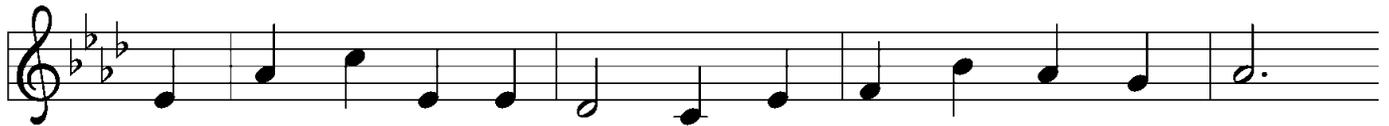
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

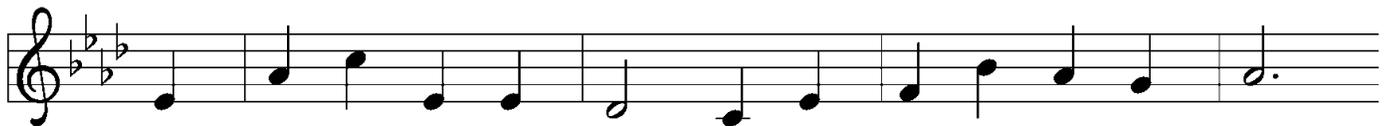
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

Sending Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - ti - ence their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Prayer Requests: December 12, 2021

✝ Prayers of healing and recovery for Eddie Polillio, Lois Silva's grandson

✝ Prayers of healing and well-being for William Teaney

✝ Prayers of healing and well-being for Katie Insko and family (ELDC family)

✝ Prayers of healing and well-being for Chuck Rowland

On-going Prayers: Pat Smith—healing & well-being; Teri Scott—healing; Dave & Kristine Kraft—healing & well-being; Alice Hoaglund—strength & healing; Matt—healing from breakthrough COVID-19 (Waggoner); Susan McCready—continued healing & well-being (Crawford); Norma Jaramillo—healing & well-being (Harris); Landon & Aaiyah Middleton—healing (Yearian/Nelson); Vince Porter—healing & well-being (Ixcot); Mike Clarke—a positive outcome for prostate cancer treatment (Clarke); Nancy Harvit—full recovery (Spinuzzi); Jack Smith—healing & well-being; Darcy Moreno—comfort, health & peace (Ashlock); Wes Trana—continued healing & well-being; Kathleen Reuter—continued healing and well-being; Prayers for healing & continued recovery for Officer Mike Rokaitis; Dahlia and China—health & well-being/new mothers (Virginia Robb); Brianna—recovery & well-being (Ixcot); Mercy Maya—healing & well-being; Lori & Ashlee Knoll—healing & well-being (Knoll); Bill Reinheimer—healing & well-being (Reinheimer); Stephanie—recovery (Watkins); Eza Haidari and family—safe exit from Afghanistan (Owen); Francine—support in her role as foster mother (Waggoner); Tatum—continued strength in her fight against leukemia (Waggoner); Arie Kroeze—continued healing; Jim & Patty Beyer—strength as they are managing Jim's cancer treatments (Rowland); Glenna—health, recovery & treatment of stage-4 kidney cancer (Silva); Jeri Johnson and family—comfort and strength; Donna—healing (Watkins); Delaney—healing and strength (Epting); Yvonne Troedson—healing, health & well-being; Ian McKenzie—acceptance of mental illness (Schmidt); Keith Johnson—healing & well-being (Johnson); Jesus Ojeda—healing & well-being (Ojeda); Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being; Lois Silva and family—comfort and peace; Sue Allen—healing & well-being; Laurie Spinuzzi—healing

Pray for the church, the world and all those in need:

Doctors, nurses, technicians and all hospital personnel who care for patients & their needs.

For scientists, researchers, medical equipment manufacturers, corporations & employees who have stepped up to help during this crisis.

For those who are awaiting diagnostic tests results; for those already diagnosed with COVID-19 that healing will be complete.

For those who are dying and for those who grieve that they may be comforted with a sure and

certain knowledge of Resurrection hope.

For all others who suffer from physical, emotional, mental or spiritual distress during this time we pray they may be sustained in love and grace.

For all this, and for whatever else you see that we need – we pray to you, O Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen

