

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Prelude

Be With Us Now

Be with us now, be with us now, be with us now.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

**We confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with
your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the
Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on Christ, and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be every life from sin, make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.
4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Invocation

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

Prayer of the Day

God of light, you sent a savior into the world to bring justice and release to all who are in bondage. Shine this light upon us, and show us how to bring justice and peace to all who suffer. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Anthem

Glory, Let There Be Peace

Praise Band

Reading

Isaiah 42:5-6

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

Anthem

Mary Did You Know?

Gospel Band

Reading

Isaiah 42:6-9

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Anthem

Night of Silence / Silent Night

Trinity Choir

Message

Apostles' 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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Closing Prayer

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. As we prepare to receive your Son, Jesus, during this Advent season, strengthen us to serve you with pure hearts and minds. By his coming, give to all the people of the world knowledge of new life in you. Transform us by your grace so that we may walk in your way. In your name we pray.

Amen.

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.**

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone,
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him – give my heart.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers this Week:

Maci Peterson (granddaughter of Denise Kaduk), Brinlee Loehrs (daughter of Mike & Kara Loehrs),
Elvina Nelson, Leon Fritzke, Sean Stephanson (nephew of Steve & Bernie Venske),
Bruce Morem (father of Nikki Hunkins), Stella Halvorson, Gwen Dalchow,
Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Delmer Malo (father of Pam Olson),
Rick & Laurie Mann, Lyle Kuntz (father of Kim Kuntz)

We extend our sympathy to Dana & Tammy Vraspir and family upon the recent passing
of Dana's sister, Allison Roosevelt. May God grant you peace and comfort.