



December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
Joel: God's Promised Spirit

PRELUDE

Peace

George Winston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW 239

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

ADVENT CANDLE WREATH LIGHTING

In a torn world, we wonder how to act with compassion.

In our own lives, we wonder where to find harmony.

Even when we don't agree on the details, we want the same thing.

We all want peace.

Like people in exile, we feel displaced.

We try to find our way in a world where we cannot find our familiar landmarks, forgetting to look to God first.

Without God, there is no peace.

Even now, we can return to God.

Light the first and second candles. (both BLUE)

“Return to the Lord your God, for God is merciful and compassionate, very patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive.”

Our forgiving God brings peace.

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

Emmanuel

W&P 36



PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Loving Lord,

When we have strayed, you have called us to come home to you. “Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.” With all our hearts we return to you, and gratefully accept your gentle love, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ, our loving savior.

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Joel 12: 12-13, 28-29

12 Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

28 Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
29 Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

SONG OF THE DAY

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

ELW 247



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

CREED

ONE: As we wait for the Christ child we continue to confess our faith in the Triune God.

**MANY: 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 Jesus rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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**

GREENING OF THE HOME

Lance and Lisa Novak

PRAYERS

ONE: In the silence following each petition, we are invited to lift up to God - through a single word, short phrase or mental image - whatever concerns lie on your heart. Hold that word, phrase, or image in your mind, placing that concern before God in the silence.

Let us pray,
Emmanuel--God with us--you turned from glory to humility, taking on a human body to walk among us.
Let us pray for the world you love, for the creation you breathed into being and for all your people.

Word of Life, we pray for your creation and all marginalized people...
Ruler of the Nations, we pray for the leaders and politicians of the world...
Emmanuel, Divine-with-us, we pray for your church...
Healer of our Every Ill, we pray for those in need of healing in body, mind or spirit...
Mighty Counselor, we pray for our own soul, body and mind...

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

*Jingle Bells
Carol of the Bells
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,*

arr. Bastien

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

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

MANY: 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

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

What Feast of Love

ELW 487



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

COMMUNION BLESSING

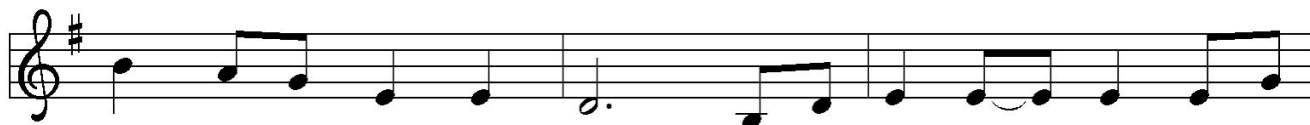
SENDING SONG
Verses 1, 2, and 4

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

BENEDICTION

Isaiah 35: 3-4

ONE: Go from here with confidence and hope.

Strengthen those who are tired and exhausted;

comfort those who are anxious and fearful.

Say to them all:

“Be strong, and do not fear!

For God is coming—

Indeed, God is already here!

MANY: AMEN.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, seeing Christ in our midst.

C: Thanks be to God.

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