



December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
The Spirit of the Lord Upon Me

PRELUDE

Peace
Joy to the World

George Winston
Lowell Mason

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG
Verses 1 and 2

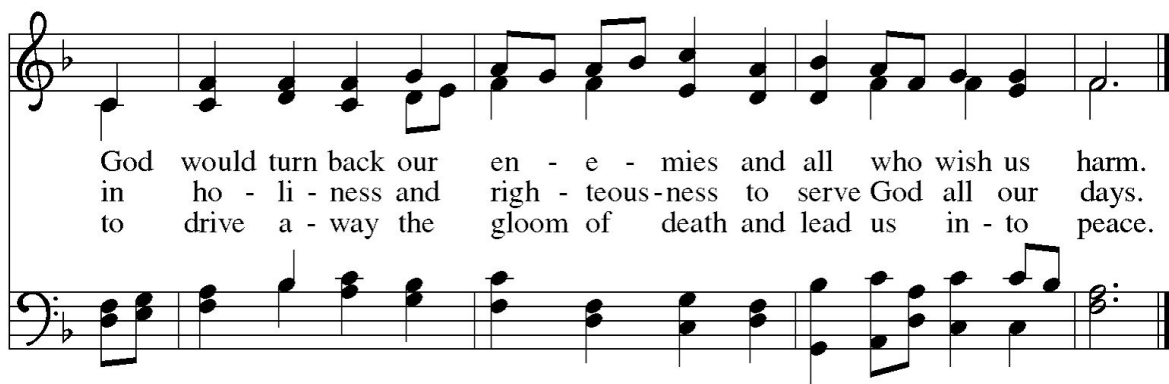
Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW 250

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



ADVENT CANDLE WREATH LIGHTING

ONE: In this season of gift-buying, it's easy to confuse possessions with happiness.
 Sometimes we choose the material when we need the mystical.
 Sometimes we hesitate to really feel it; we're bound up in other worries.
 We could all use some joy.
 We have turned avoidance into a kind of exile.
 Now it's time to come together again, to bind up broken hearts together.
 Get ready for good news of great joy.
 Let us celebrate God's goodness.

Light the first, second, and third candles (all blue)

ONE: "I surely rejoice in the Lord; my heart is joyful because of my God."
 Our loving God promises everlasting joy.

MANY: AMEN

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

Emmanuel

W&P 36



PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Spirit of the Lord God,
 You bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release the prisoners. You comfort all who mourn, and shower your people with the oil of gladness instead of mourning; a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our whole being shall exult in God, for the sake of the one who brought righteousness to life, Jesus Christ, our salvation.

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display God's glory.
10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for the Lord has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
God has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

MUSICAL OFFERING

Away in a Manger

James R. Murray

MINI VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

PRAYERS

ONE: In the silence following each prayer, we are invited to lift up to God whatever concerns lie on our hearts. Hold a word, phrase, or image in your mind, placing that concern before God.

Let us pray,

As we remember the birth of Jesus we pray for all babies and families around the world, especially those, who like Jesus, are searching for shelter...

As Mary was strong in hard times, we pray for women around the world facing discrimination and oppression...

As the Magi followed the star, we can also be inspired to follow our dreams and callings, seeking to make the world a better place for all people...

As the shepherds shared the good news of Jesus' birth may our words and actions also share Jesus' love...

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

Silent Night

Good King Wenceslas

Franz Grüber

John Mason Neale

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

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

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time, be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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