

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th, 2020

A Service of Hope and Light

Vocalists – Lisa, Keith, Per Swenson

Prelude “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming – arr. Kousemaker/Leavitt

Welcome

Dialogue

P Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

P I will hear what the Lord God has to say.

C **A voice that speaks for peace.**

P Peace for all faithful people,

C **And those who turn to him in their hearts.**

P God’s help is near for those who fear him.

C **That his glory may dwell in our land.**

P Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God’s eternal kingdom. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ’s coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Prepare the Royal Highway”

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Greeting

P May the One who was, and who is, and who is to come, be with you in grace and peace.

C **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Gengenbach Family

Hymn "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" #240 Vs.1- 3

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that anointed by your spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Lesson Isaiah 40:1-5
R I will wait for the Lord,
C **and I will hope in God who saves us.**

Hymn Comfort, Comfort Now My People #256

The Lesson Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
R I will wait for the Lord,
C **and I will hope in God who saves us.**

Hymn Blessed Be the God of Israel #250

The Lesson Isaiah 9:2b-7
R I will wait for the Lord,
C **and I will hope in God who saves us.**

Hymn Lost in the Night #243 Vs. 1, 3 & 4

The Lesson Isaiah 42:5-9
R I will wait for the Lord,
C **and I will hope in God who saves us.**

Hymn "As the Dark Awaits the Dawn" #261

The Lesson Isaiah 60: 1-5
R I will wait for the Lord,
C **and I will hope in God who saves us.**

Hymn "Christ Be Our Light" #715
Vs. 1, 2 & 5

The Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28
P The Holy Gospel according to John the first Chapter
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn

“On Jordan’s Banks”

#249 Vs. 1, 2 & 4

Prayers of the People P: We pray to the Lord. **C: Show us your light.**

The Offering “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory” - Marty Haugen

Offertory Prayer

God of Faithfulness, we bring before you the precious gifts of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in need and prepare for your Son’s advent into our hearts. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Music Organ Meditation on “Comfort, Comfort Now My People –
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

God our Father fill you with the light of divine love.

Amen

Jesus, our Emmanuel, bring you assurance he will come again.

Amen

The Holy Spirit lead you until the dawning of the new day.

Amen.

Almighty god, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

Announcements

Sending Hymn “People Look East”

#248 Vs. 1, 3 & 4

Sending Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

People Look East

arr. Wayne Kerr