

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024
Order of Worship

Prelude- 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' arrangements by Lee Dengler and Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: O Come, O come, Emmanuel.

All: Come be the one who tends the wounds of our world.

Leader: O Come, O come, Emmanuel.

All: Come be the one who leads us into the future with love.

Leader: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

All: Come be the one who makes all creation sing. Amen.

Opening Hymn – "Messiah"

1. Someone's shouting from the desert. Someone's shouting from the sea.
Someone's shouting from the mountain. Someone's shouting from the valley.
Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.
2. Someone's shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold.
Someone's shouting from the country. I am lonely, I am old.
Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.
3. Someone's shouting I am broken. Someone's shouting make me whole.
Someone's shouting come and change me. Someone's shouting save my soul.
Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.

Prayer of the Day

Come, Lord Jesus and dwell among us. Surprise us with your presence. Open us to the thin places where we experience your realness. Tend the deep hearted tender places of our lives. We need you. Our world needs you. Please come, mend us with mercy. Amen.

'The Annunciation'

'The Magnificat'

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.
2. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart,
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice strong your love,
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.
3. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.

'Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord'

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be [a] fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Special Music- 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' Jan Rutkowski, Handbell Soloist

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW #257 vs. 1, 3, 7 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

Offering Music- 'He is Born!'

Prayers of the People (response to "Lord in your Mercy" is "Hear our prayer.")

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (sung):

Our Father up in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav'n. Give us today our daily bread, dear Father, we do ask of you.

Jesus our king is born! Jesus is born! Glory be to God on high!

Forgive us all our trespasses as we also forgive, and save us from the time of trial.

Deliver us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

Jesus our king is born! Jesus is born! Glory be to God on high!

Distribution

Communion Hymn – 'Advent Lamb of God'

v1. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v2. Lord of Light, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v3. Morning Star, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v4. God with Us, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v5. Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v6. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn- ELW #276 'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly'

Communion Blessing

Announcements

Children's Message

Benediction

Closing Hymn – ELW #267 'Joy to the World'

Dismissal

Postlude- 'Joy to the World' arranged by John Carter

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Judy Hughes- Song Leader

Jan Rutkowski- Handbell Soloist

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