

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE

Isaiah 11:1-5

READER Out of the stump of David's family
will grow a shoot—
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit
from the old root.

ALL **And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge
and the fear of the Lord.**

READER He will delight in obeying the Lord.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.
He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.
The earth will shake at the force of his word,
and one breath from his mouth
will destroy the wicked.
He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER God of power and might,
you promised through the prophets
that the day is coming
when you will bring all nations
under your rule.

ALL **We confess that we have not expected
your coming kingdom.
We live casual lives,
ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit our neighbors,
abuse your creation,
resist your justice,
and refuse your peace.
In your mercy,
forgive our wandering
and rebellious hearts.
Grant us the humility to return to you,
the strength to walk in your way,
and the wisdom to seek things that endure;
for the sake of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ
who will come again
to judge the world in righteousness. Amen.**

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Day-Spring
Come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

GRACE ASSURANCE 1 Timothy 1:15

LEADER This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

What Child is this Who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise a song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

We who walk in darkness deep
now see the light of morning
the mighty god,
the prince of peace
a child to us is born

*Behold, the Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin
Behold the Lamb of God
The life and light of men
Behold the Lamb of God
Who died and rose again
Behold the Lamb of God who comes
To take away our sin*

Wanderers in the wilderness
Oh hear a voice is crying
prepare the way,
make straight the paths
your king has come to die

PRAYER

HOPE HAPPENINGS

PASSING THE PEACE & WELCOME TABLE

MESSAGE

John 1:35-42 - Behold: the Lamb of God

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.