

The Morning Worship of God
The Lord's Day
28 November 2021

*A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst,
in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation. Let us worship God!*
— Based on Isaiah 40:3

Bell Toll

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Prelude

The Wexford Carol

Arr. Hayes

Good people all, this Christmas time, Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done In sending His beloved Son
With Virgin Mary we should pray, To God with love this Christmas Day
In Bethlehem upon that morn, There was a blessed Messiah born.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-2, 4-6

Liturgist: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

Liturgist: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

People: **You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,**

Liturgist: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

*Hymn of Exaltation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Hymn 133

*Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Faithfulness
Based on Psalm 100

Organ Side: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Piano Side: *Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

Organ Side: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Song of Response

Come to My Heart

Lord, You left Your throne and Your kingly crown when you came to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem was there found no room for Your holy nativity. (Refrain)

Refrain: O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for You;
Make a home in my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for you.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang proclaiming Your royal decree;
But of lowly birth, Lord, You came to earth and in great humility. (Refrain)

Lord we crown You King, highest praises bring, and we humbly bow our knee;
For the Son of God, who with angels trod has now come to set us free. (Refrain)

Old Testament Reading

Job 23:8-17

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12:18-24

Receiving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Ministry of Music

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Bells of Praise

Bach/Wagner

Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.
Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings;
where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.

*Doxology

Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Hymn of Preparation

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem
Hymn 192

The Proclamation of the Word
The Comfort of a Terrifying Jesus
Jay Joye

Matthew 14:22-36

I. The Terror of Jesus

II. The Comfort of Jesus

*Hymn of Consecration

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Hymn 170

*Benediction

*Announcements

*Postlude

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Held

Advent Wreath Participants
James and Kendra Miller Family

Sanctuary Flowers
Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Jennifer Holtsford in recognition of her service to the Lord
by Nancy Burtron.

Musicians
Erin Joye, Hymn Leader ~ Bonnie Wutzke, Piano ~ Michael Wutzke, Organ
Krystal Sasser, Flute ~ Chris Sasser, Trumpet ~ Brian Brantley, Guitar

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