

Third Wednesday in Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2024

3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER

THE OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB #357

1. O come, O, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

God promises to send a Savior to defeat Satan and rescue His creation.

THE SONG RESPONSE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Brown Hymnal #168

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free:
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone:
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 12:1-3

God will work through Abraham's family to fulfill His plan of salvation.

THE SONG RESPONSE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LSB #359

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Isaiah foretells the coming Messiah.

THE SONG RESPONSE

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called, Emmanuel. *Repeat*

THE FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

Micah foretells of the glory to be born in the little town of Bethlehem.

THE SONG RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB #361

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king and peace to all the earth!

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

The angel, Gabriel, visits Mary.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Breath of Heaven

Vocal Duet

THE SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

The Birth of Jesus

THE SONG RESPONSE

What Child Is This

LSB #370

1. 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!

2. Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass 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!
3. 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 the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

The Shepherds welcome the baby, and angels declare the Glory of God.

THE SONG RESPONSE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB #380

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
 With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
 Pleas'd as Man with man to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel!
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

The Magi are led to worship King Jesus.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Mary, Did You Know

Vocal Duet

THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

THE SONG RESPONSE

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign;
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

THE CLOSING AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

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