

HYMN OF FAITH
O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT
#247

WORDS & MUSIC BY PHILIPP NICOLAI
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1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light, O Sovereign meek and lowly! Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Master, thou hast won my heart to serve thee solely! Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all-victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.
2. Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine! O deep within my heart now shine, and make thee there an altar! Fill me with joy and strength to be thy member, ever joined to thee in love that cannot falter; toward thee longing doth possess me; turn and bless me; here in sadness eye and heart long for thy gladness!
3. What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last, the end and the beginning! He will one day, O glorious grace, transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness, we are yearning for the day of your returning.

SCRIPTURE READING
MICAH 5:2-5A
MATTHEW 1:18-25

SERMON
"A PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE"

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
BE THOU MY VISION
#451, v. 1 & 2

WORDS BY MARY E. BYRNE
MUSIC BY TRAD. IRISH MELODY; HARM BY CARLTON R. YOUNG, 1963
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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**
EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL
#204

WORDS & MUSIC BY BOB MCGEE
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Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. [Repeat]

POSTLUDE
TO A MAID ENGAGED TO JOSEPH
G. GRINDAL & R. EDWARDS



Micah 5:2-5a
Matthew 1:18-25

December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
AS LATELY WE WATCHED
LLOYD LARSON

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - HAND BELL ENSEMBLE
O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
JOHN FRANCIS WADE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Merciful God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.

Congregation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ISAIAH 9:6-7

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Congregation: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*HYMN OF PRAISE BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL

#209
WORDS BY MICHAEL PERRY
MUSIC BY HAL H. HOPSON
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1. Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.
2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.
3. On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes, to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace; O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER *LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING*

#216
WORDS FROM 15TH CENTURY GERMAN
MUSIC FROM ALTE CATHOLISCHE GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESÄNG
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1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a floweret 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.
3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM - CHILDREN'S CHOIR *THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY* KATHERINE K. DAVIS

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