

Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2020

PRELUDE Magnificat I: My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord Op. 18, no. 10  
Dupré (1886-1971)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our spirits praise you, O Lord, for the Joy which marks us as your own. Help us to respond to your call to spread that Joy, by the power of your Spirit.

People: Come Lord Jesus!

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN O Come, O Come Emmanuel Veni Emanuel

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.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and discourse cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
[Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you teach us to be patient and promise to supply our needs. But we confess we are weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on each other, withholding the tolerance and care you have shown to us. Forgive us Lord, this and all our sin. Empower us to stand firm; teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our need.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Greatorex (1816-1853)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 26-38

SERMON

*Favor; Magnificat.*

Rev. Patrick Pettit

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

*Magnificat: Quia fecit mihi magna*

Bach (1685-1750)

For He hath done great things and holy is His name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

CLOSING HYMN

*Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus*

Stuttgart

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.

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.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Magnificat BuxWV 203*

Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:**

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder, Kathy Brown

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Paul Jones, George & Alice Morris (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Bill Metzler (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin, Jerry Hughes, Paul Watts (Colleen Cash), Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Carol Buckalew (Jen Jones), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Merle Fisher (Anne Wood), Lawrence Maddox

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon