



Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Thoughts for the Day:

- ❖ “Preparation is as necessary as praying.” – *Lailah Gifty Akita*
- ❖ “All things are ready, if our mind be so.” – *William Shakespeare, Henry V*
- ❖ Awe is what opens our finite minds to the infinite intelligence of God. Awe is what connects our limited hearts to the limitless love of the Lord. Awe is what helps us to see God's glory in the sea and the land and the moon and the sun.
-Homiletics

Advent Music for Meditation: If In Your Heart

Call to Worship:

One: I call upon you, people of God, to remember the importance of preparation.

Many: It is hard to wait for Christmas – our culture does not!

One: I call upon you, people of God, to know the wisdom of anticipation.

Many: We want Christmas now!

One: I call upon you, people of God, to walk in the ways of God's time and space.

Many: We pledge not to be overtaken by the culture's expectations!

One: Give thanks and worship, people of God!

Many: We will prepare our minds and hearts and lives for the coming One!

Song: Drawing Nearer (music at end of bulletin)

Our Confession:

God, we are so impatient. We cannot wait another day for the joy of Christmas, so we gallop ahead into the Christmas season without listening for your quiet call to wait, and wait again. Forgive our inability to move in your time frame rather than our own. Forgive our tendency to focus on what feels good rather than on what you would have us be and do. Forgive our lack of desire to be more faithful because we think we are quite good enough. Forgive us. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God calls us to walk in God's way and forgives us when we choose not to do so. We are forgiven, that is good news indeed.

Song: Jesus Entered Egypt (music at end of bulletin)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Candle-Lighting Song: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, verse 1 (music at end of bulletin)

The Lessons:

1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore prepare your minds for action;* discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

Luke 3:2b-6

The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

Matthew 25:31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say

to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Message: *“What is on your mind as you wait for Jesus?”*

Message Response: *Bring in Your New World (music at end of bulletin)*

The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Sending Out:

Leader: We have heard about the Lord’s ways. We know the habits that lead to life. As we go forth from this place in the holiday atmosphere, may we faithfully walk in God’s ways, journeying the path paved for each one of us. Let us focus our thoughts on the love, grace and actions that lead to life. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

The Sending Song: *Come Now, O Prince of Peace (music at end of bulletin)*

The Dismissal:

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Dave invites you to listen to the song “Thankful,” sung by Josh Groban. To view the YouTube video, click on the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TEqgU4LpnA

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attendee. Occasional attendee. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry.** Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.

COME *as you are.*



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Drawing Nearer

1.,3.E - ven in the midst of all of this,
 2.,4.(So, O - pen up our) eyes to see your light,
 trou - ble on the news, no peace with - in,
 o - pen up our arms, they're clenched so tight - ly,
 still there is a light in the dis - tance
 come in like a thief and steal our hearts
 draw - ing near - er, draw - ing near - er.
 like a ba - by, like a ba - by.

1.,3. So, o - pen up our
 2. E - ven in the
 4. E - ven in the midst of all of this... .

Jesus Entered Egypt

1.Je - sus en - tered E - gypt flee - ing Her - od's hand.
 2.Je - sus was a mi - grant liv - ing as a guest
 3.Je - sus cross - es bor - ders with the wan - d'ring poor,
 Liv - ing as an a - lien in a for - eign land.
 with the friends and stran - gers who could of - fer rest.
 search - ing for a ref - uge, for an o - pen door.
 Far from home and coun - try with his fam - i - ly,
 Do we hold wealth light - ly so that we can share
 Do our words and ac - tions an - swer Je - sus' plea; 3
 was there room and wel - come for this ref - u - gee?
 shel - ter with the home - less, and a - bun - dant care?
 "Give the low - ly wel - come, and you wel - come me"?

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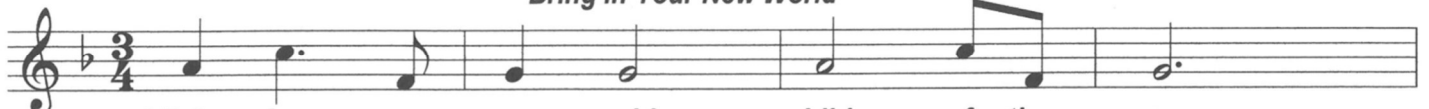


1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

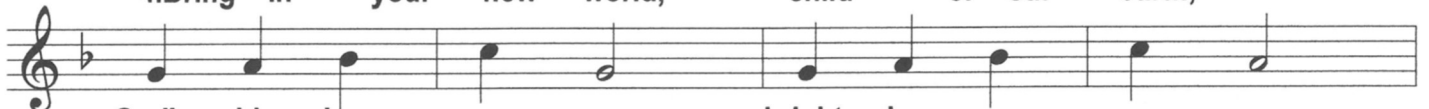


He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

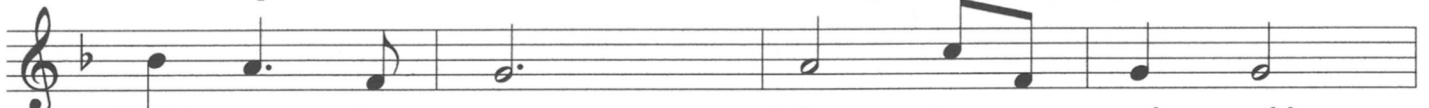
Bring in Your New World



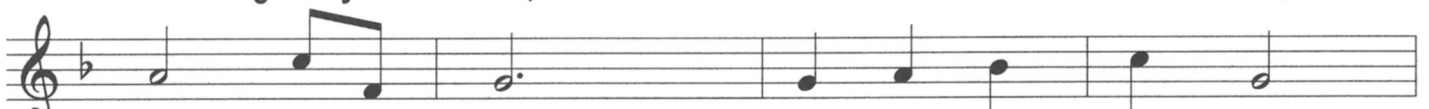
1. Bring in your new world, child of the sun,
 2. Bring in your new world, child of the east,
 3. Bring in your new world, child of all time,
 4. Bring in your new world, child of our earth,



God's shin - ing pres - ence, bright in your es - sence,
 dan - ger - ous lead - er, born to be plead - er,
 peace with - out bor - der, peace the new or - der,
 hold - ing cre - a - tion in your com - pas - sion,



Christ - mas be - gun; bring to our sad world
 proph - et and priest; come with your judg - ment,
 li - on with lamb; come in the heal - ing,
 wait - ing your birth; come lit - tle hu - man,



light and de - light, sing - ing and laugh - ter,
 voice for the poor, born to col - li - sion,
 shar - ing of bread, jus - tice and free - dom,
 cry your first breath, cry out God's kind - ness,

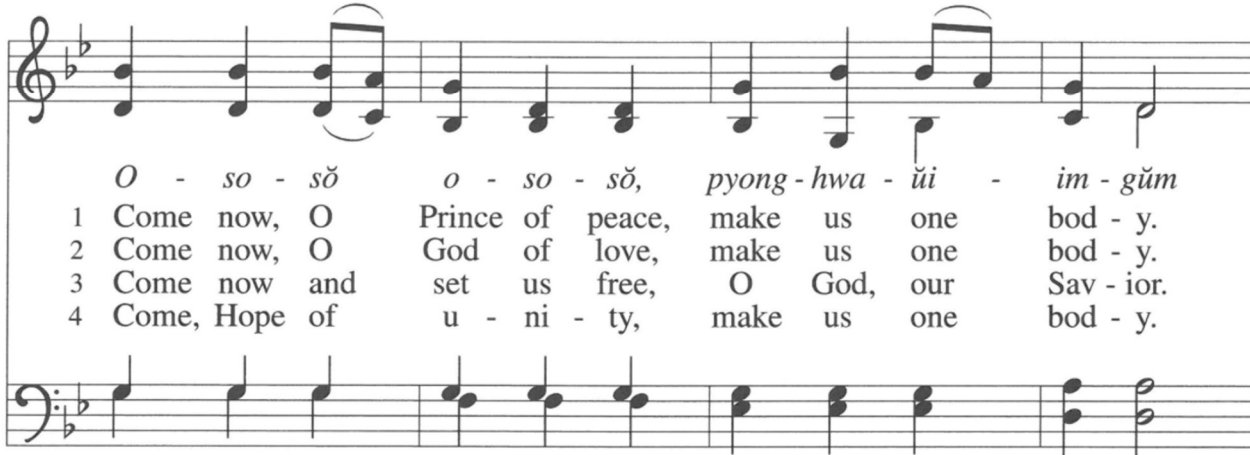


hope as our shel - ter, stars to our night.
 God's right - eous vi - sion here at our door.
 signs of the king - dom, ev - 'ry - one fed.
 light out of blind - ness, life out of death.

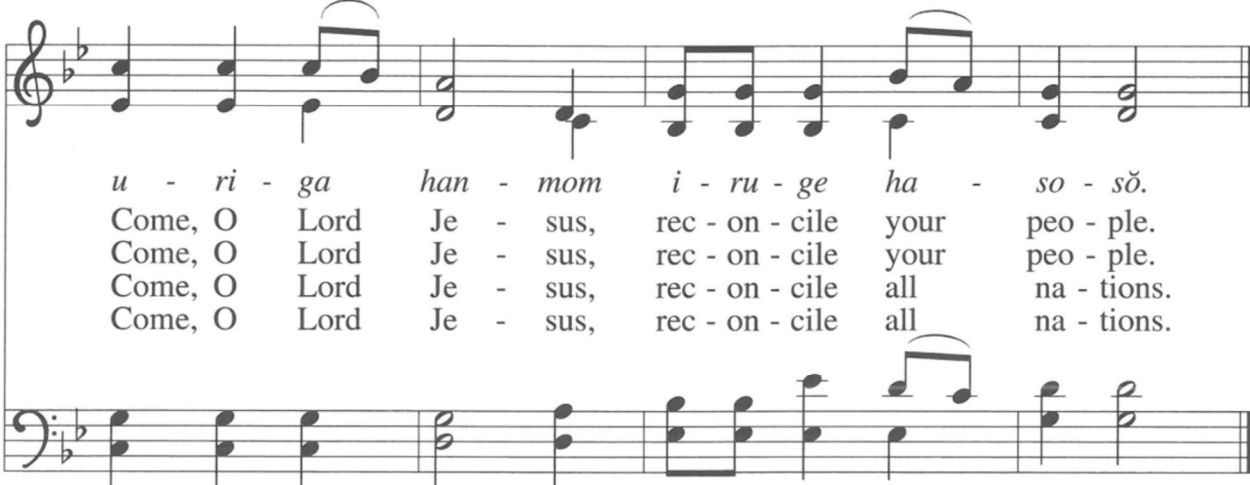
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O - so - sǒ o - so - sǒ, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sǒ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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