



EVENING PRAYER

Saturday, November 27, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

GATHERING

All O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el.

- L** ¹To you, O Lord *(soloist chants Psalm 25)*
I lift up my soul,
²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
Nor let my enemies triumph over me.

All That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.

- L** ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
For you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 6**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
For they are from everlasting.

(sing twice)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "shall come to you, O Is - ra - el." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

We search for you, O Lord, and you gather us together from far and wide. Bless this never-ending circle as we gather under its reminder of your promises. We pray this in all your holy names,

All **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Tonight's narrative reading is from the book of Jeremiah:

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

¹⁰For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Word of God. Word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, Come, Lord Je - sus,
speak to us in your ho - ly word!

Tonight’s gospel reading is from the book of John:

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

P Word of God. Word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

(Repeat Alleluia Verse)

Al - le - lu - ia, Come, Lord Je - sus,
speak to us in your ho - ly word!

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Hymn 247

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A As we wait and watch, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

(We offer our prayers using a sung response)

To you all hearts are o - pen, to
you all de - sires known. To you there are no
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

Each petition concludes:
(Sung response)

P Into your hands gracious God we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise to hear our prayers.

All Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All And also with you.

(Please sit)

MEAL

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Come, Thou Dear Redeemer”

César Franck

(Please stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

A1 **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

A1 **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A1 **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Faithful and hidden Lord, when your people were in exile . . .

. . . Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever,

A1 **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

(Please sit)

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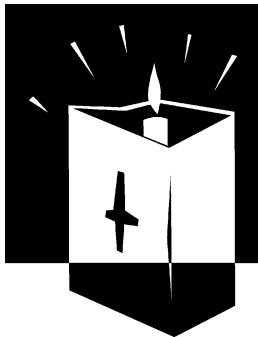
A Let us pray.
Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

All Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

All Amen.



SENDING

EVENING HYMN

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”

Stanza 1 – solo, Stanzas 2 & 3 – all

The text of this hymn by Mary Louise Bringle which included in All Creation Sings, the ELCA's new worship supplement, serves as the theme for our Advent worship.



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

AI Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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