



EVENING PRAYER

Saturday, December 4, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

GATHERING

All O come, O Wis - dom from _____ on high,
em - brac - ing all things far _____ and nigh:

(soloist chants from Luke 1, Song of Zechariah)

- L** ⁶⁸Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David.

All In strength and beau - ty come _____ and stay;
teach us your will and guide _____ our way.

- L** ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷To give knowledge of salvation to his people
 by the forgiveness of their sins.

(sing twice)

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: **Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el**. The second staff continues with the lyrics: **shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.** The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with a final double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

A **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you know the many signs and wonders you use to communicate your love to us. You want us to know about your unfailing commitment to bring us back to life. As we gather under this wreath remind us that as the light grows so does your love grown in our midst. We pray this in Jesus' name and in all the holy names of God,

A **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to

these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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!

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

AI **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

AI **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(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

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Hymn 250

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)

Each petition concludes:

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.

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

A Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

A And also with you.

(Please sit)

MEAL

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“O Come, Divine Messiah”

French Traditional

(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 . . .

. . . With the 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)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Hugo Distler, arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Hymn 245
Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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