

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Prepare the Way of the Lord (Luke 3:4 & 6)

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,

Light Three Candles to Watch for Messiah

Yiddish folk tune

Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

Candlelighting (Lucernaria)

V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

R. O Lord God of hosts.

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:

R. And grant us your salvation.



Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-3)

Veni, veni Emmanuel; Latin 9th C

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Collect for Purity

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

THE EPISTLE: *Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; * I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, * Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; * see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL *Luke 3:7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

pg. 360 in BCP

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark

Chorus: Behold He comes Riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun At the trumpet call
So lift your voice, It's the year of Jubilee. And out of Zion's hill Salvation comes.

Verse 1: These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice. In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Chorus

Verse 2: And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord. Chorus

Misc 1: (BRIDGE) There is no god like Jehovah (4X)

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

People ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***
And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .
. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

Star-Child, Earth-Child

Carlton R Young | Shirley E Murray

Chorus: This year this year, let the day arrive - When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.

Verse 1: Star-child earth-child, go between of God. Love Child Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod.

Verse 2: Street child beat child, no place left to go. Hurt child used child, no one wants to know.

Verse 3: Grown child old child, memory full of years. Sad child lost child, story told in tears.

Verse 4: Spared child spoiled child, having wanting more. Wise child faith child, knowing joy in store.

Verse 5: Hope for peace Child, God's stupendous sign. Down to earth Child, star of stars that shine.

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Soon and Very Soon (verses 1, 2)

Andrae Crouch

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Dismissal

Postlude

Veni Emmanuel Dorian

arr. Elswick

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