

OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 6, 2020

Second Advent: *On the road to repentance*

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk Children's Time: Adeline Cox
Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Michelle McKinnell, Loretta Sawatzky
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Harold Loewen

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship: (*Adapted from Isaiah 40:3-5*)

Leader: Listen! A voice cries out in the wilderness:

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up,
 and every mountain and hill made low.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.
(Light two Advent candles)

All: *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

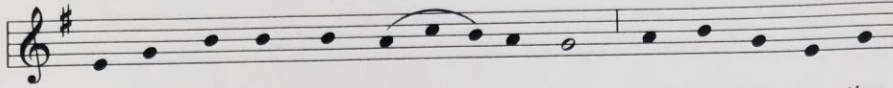
Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: Blue/HWB #172 “O come, O come Immanuel”

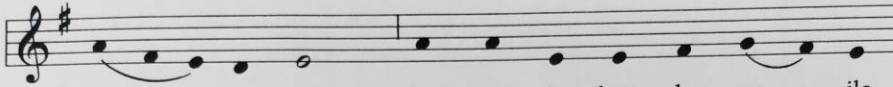
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172 O come, O come, Immanuel

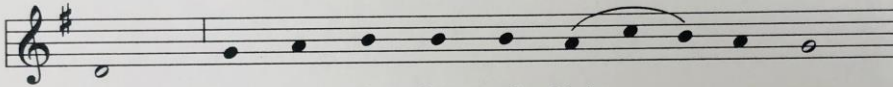
VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain



1 O come, O come, Im - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
3 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
4 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our
5 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
6 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

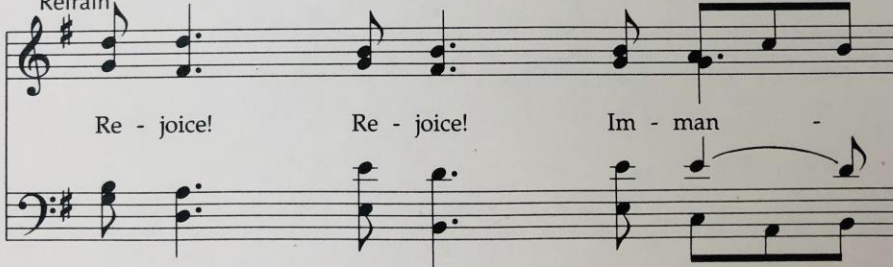


1 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 tyr - an - ny. From depths of hell thy peo - ple
3 ad - vent here. Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
4 heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on
5 far and nigh. To us the path of knowl - edge
6 heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels

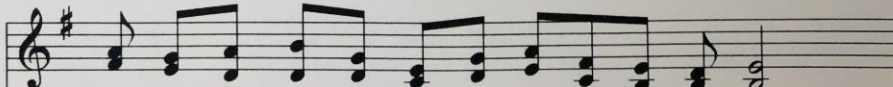


1 here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
3 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
4 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
5 show, and cause us in thy ways to go.
6 cease. Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Refrain



Re - jice! Re - jice! Im - man -



u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Text: anonymous, ca. 6th-7th c., *Veni, veni Emmanuel*, 12th c.; tr. John M. Neale (Sts. 1-4), *Medieval Hymns and Sequences*, 1851; Henry Sloane Coffin (Sts. 5-6), *Hymns of the Kingdom of God*, 1916
Music: trope melody, 15th c.

Children's Advent Gathering Song: Blue/HWB #204 "Gloria"

Children's Time: Adeline Cox

Offering Prayer/Offertory
Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Blue/HWB #176 “Comfort, comfort, O my people”

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176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

GENEVA 42 (FREU DICH SEHR) 87. 87. 77. 88

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand. The vocal line has three verses of lyrics. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano staff. The first system includes the first three verses. The second system includes the continuation of the first verse and the beginning of the second verse. The third system includes the continuation of the second verse and the beginning of the third verse. The fourth system includes the continuation of the third verse and the beginning of the fourth verse. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, speak of peace, now
2 Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing in the des - ert
3 O make straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

says our God. Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
far and near, bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je - ru - sa -
since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o -
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the

lem of the peace that waits for them. Tell of all the
bey! Now pre - pare for God a way. Let the val - leys
Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad. And all flesh shall

sins I cov - er, and that war - fare now is o - ver.
rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
see the to - ken that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (The Inclusive Bible)

Yhwh , favor your land once again and restore the fortunes of Israel; forgive the guilt of your people and cover all their sins.

I will listen to what you have to say, Yhwh — a voice that speaks of peace, peace for your people and your friends so long as they don't return to their folly. Your salvation is near for those who revere you and your glory will dwell in our land. 10 Love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. 11 Fidelity will sprout from the earth and justice will lean down from heaven. 12 Yhwh will give us what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. 13 Justice will march before you, Yhwh, and peace will prepare the way for your steps.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (The Inclusive Bible)

Console my people, give them comfort,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem’s heart, and tell it that its time of service is ended, that its iniquity is atoned for, that it has received from Yhwh’s hand double punishment for all its sins.” A voice cries out, “Clear a path through the wilderness for Yhwh! Make a straight road through the desert for our God! Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low; let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges become a valley!

Then the glory of Yhwh will be revealed, and all humankind will see it.” The mouth of Yhwh has spoken! A voice commands, “Cry out!” and I answer, “What will I say?” —“All flesh is grass and its beauty is like the wildflowers: the grass withers and the flower wilts when the breath of Yhwh blows on them. How the people are like grass! Grass withers, and flowers wilt, but the promise of our God will stand forever.” Go up on a high mountain, you who bring good news to Zion! Shout with a loud voice, you who bring good news to Jerusalem! Shout without fear, and say to the towns of Judah “Here is your God!” Yhwh , O Sovereign One, you come with power, and rule with a strong arm! You bring your reward with you, and your reparation comes before you. Like a shepherd you feed your flock, gathering the lambs and holding them close, and leading mother ewes with gentleness.

Hymn: Blue/HWB #183 “On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s cry”

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On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry 183

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1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin! Make straight the
3 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
4 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh. A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
rise to fall no more. Oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, *Jordanis oras praevia*, *Hymni Sacri* and *Paris Breviary*, 1736; tr. John Chandler (Sts. 1-3),
Hymns of the Primitive Church, 1837, alt.; (St. 4) *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861
Music: *Musicalisch Handbuch...*, 1690, arranged by William H. Havergal, *Old Church Psalmody*, 1847

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8 (The Inclusive Bible)

Here begins the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: 2 as it was written in Isaiah the prophet: “I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, 3 a herald’s voice in the desert, crying, ‘Make ready the way of our God. Clear a straight path.’ ” 4 and so John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to John and were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. 6 John was clothed in camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and he ate nothing but grasshoppers and wild honey. 7 In the course of his preaching, John said, “One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. 8 I have baptized you in water, but the One to come will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”

Response to the Scripture:

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “On the Road to Repentance” George Janzen

Hymn of Response: Blue/HWB #599 “He leadeth me”

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He leadeth me

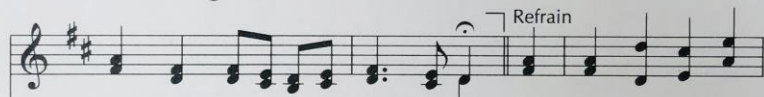
HE LEADETH ME LM with refrain



1 He lead - eth me, oh bless - ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n - ly
 2 Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where E - den's
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace, the



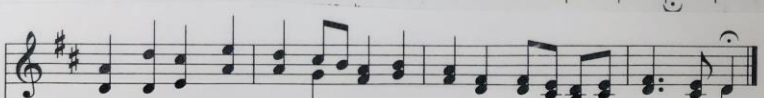
com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, still
 bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er trou - bled sea, still
 nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since
 vic - t'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since



'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 'tis his hand that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he
 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me. His



faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

