



Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

December 10th, 2023

Second Sunday in Advent

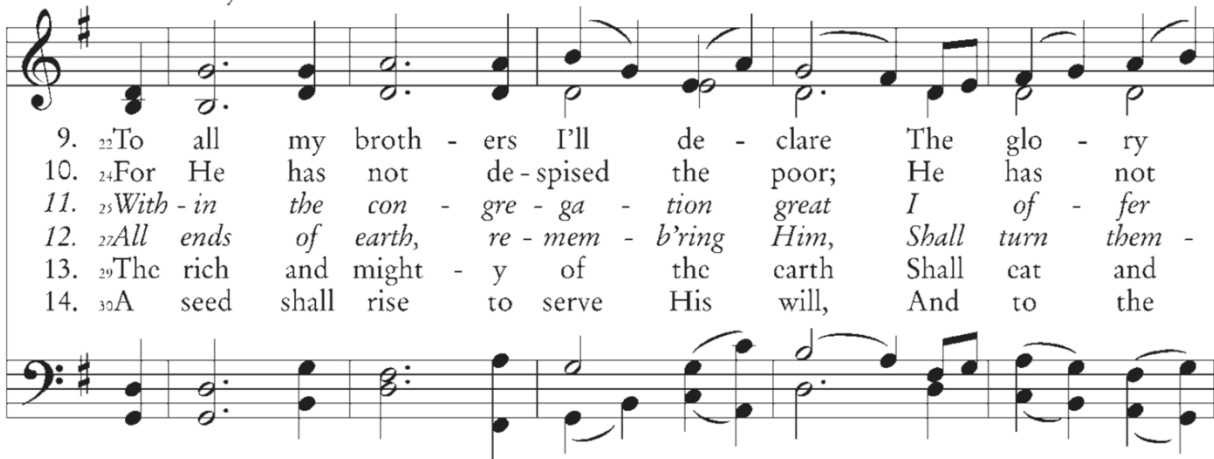
*In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we at Providence Church open wide our doors and welcome all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who struggle and desire victory; all who sin and need the Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; all who will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to Him as both Liberator and Lord. **

To All My Brothers I'll Declare

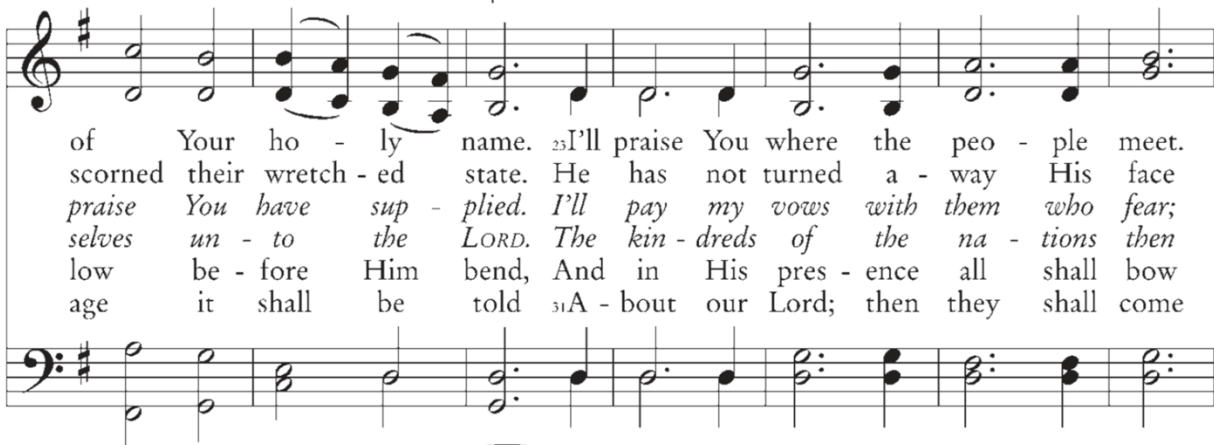
CREATION (8 8. 8 8. 8 8)
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1798
arr. Isaac B. Woodbury

Psalms 22:22-31

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973



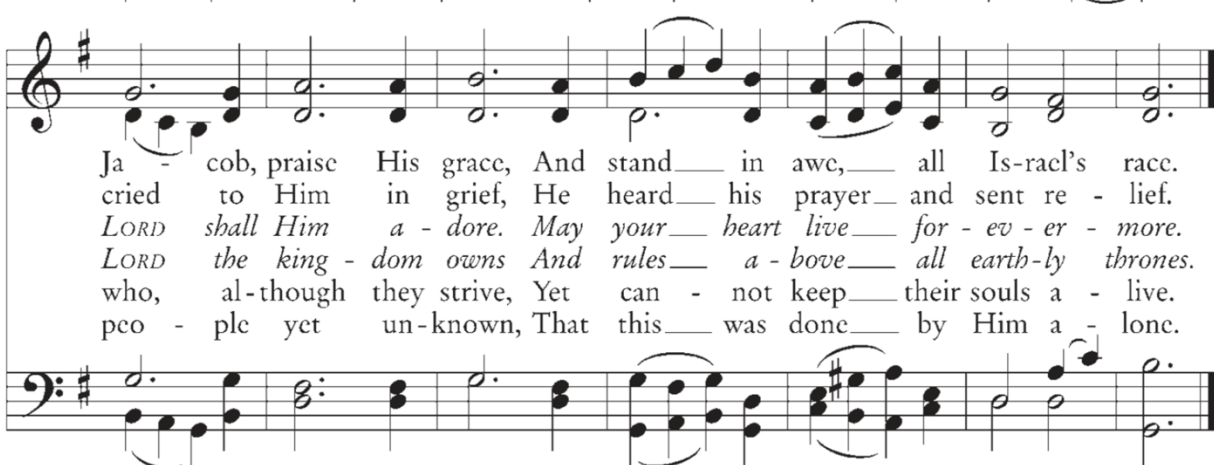
9. ²²To all my broth - ers I'll de - clare The glo - ry
10. ²⁴For He has not de - spised the poor; He has not
11. ²⁵With - in the con - gre - ga - tion great I of - fer
12. ²⁶All ends of earth, re - mem - b'ring Him, Shall turn them -
13. ²⁹The rich and might - y of the earth Shall eat and
14. ³⁰A seed shall rise to serve His will, And to the



of Your ho - ly name. ²⁵I'll praise You where the peo - ple meet.
scorned their wretch - ed state. He has not turned a - way His face
praise You have sup - plied. I'll pay my vows with them who fear;
selves un - to the LORD. The kin - dreds of the na - tions then
low be - fore Him bend, And in His pres - ence all shall bow
age it shall be told ³¹A - bout our Lord; then they shall come



Who fear the LORD, His praise pro - claim; All sons of
From an - y - one in trou - ble great. When an - y
²⁶The meek with food are sat - is - fied. Who seek the
To Him their hom - age shall ac - cord. ²⁸Be - cause the
Who help - less to the dust de - scend, The wretch - ed
And shall His right - eous - ness un - fold Un - to a



Ja - cob, praise His grace, And stand in awe, all Is - rael's race.
cried to Him in grief, He heard his prayer and sent re - lief.
LORD shall Him a - dore. May your heart live for - ev - er - more.
LORD the king - dom owns And rules a - bove all earth - ly thrones.
who, al - though they strive, Yet can - not keep their souls a - live.
peo - ple yet un - known, That this was done by Him a - lone.

GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE
GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US

Prelude:

Elder Ed Gregg

Pianist

Jonathan Franzone

Exhortation

On the Advent Road Again

Processional Psalm (Please Stand):

Psalm 22:22-31, To All My Brothers I'll Declare

Call to Worship

*Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 18:20; 28:19

People: Amen!

Salutation: The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you!

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" *Psalm 122:1-2*

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: Maker of Heaven and Earth!

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down!

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker. *(Let all who are able kneel)*

Psalm 95:6

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day know surely your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 13:38

All: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

Hymn of Faith

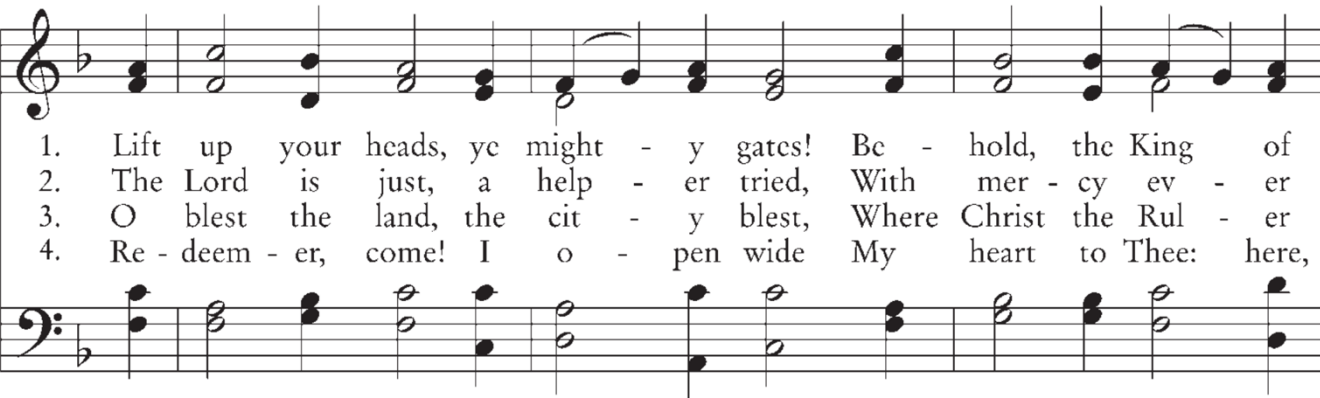
People: Amen

Lift Up Your Heads

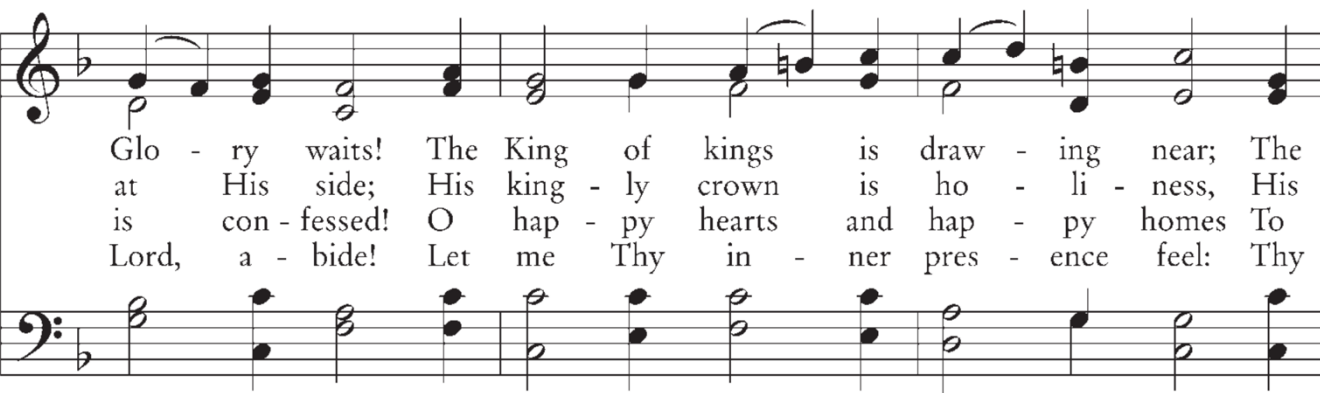
Lift Up Your Heads

MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR (8 8. 8 8. 8 8. 6 6)
Freylinghausen's *Gesangbuch*, 1704

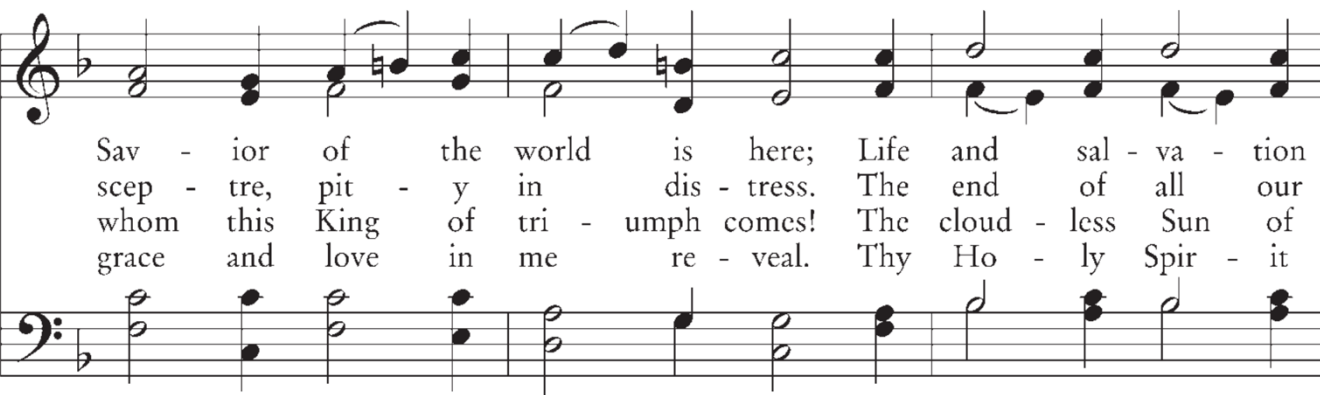
Georg Weissel, 1642
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855



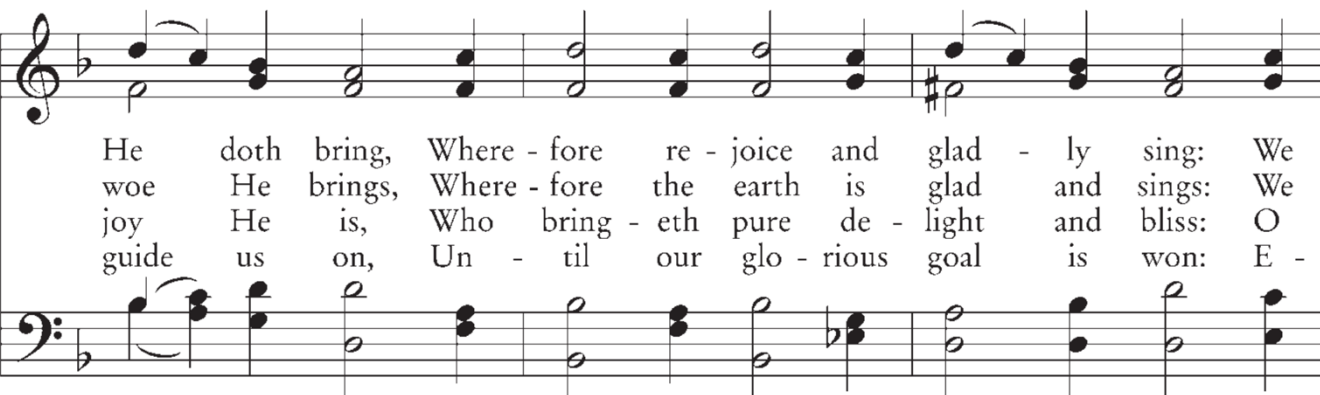
1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of
2. The Lord is just, a help - er tried, With mer - cy ev - er
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the Rul - er
4. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to Thee: here,



Glo - ry waits! The King of kings is draw - ing near; The
at His side; His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His
is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes To
Lord, a - bid! Let me Thy in - ner pres - ence feel: Thy



Sav - ior of the world is here; Life and sal - va - tion
scep - tre, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
whom this King of tri - umph comes! The cloud - less Sun of
grace and love in me re - veal. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



He doth bring, Where - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing: We
woe He brings, Where - fore the earth is glad and sings: We
joy He is, Who bring - eth pure de - light and bliss: O
guide us on, Un - til our glo - rious goal is won: E -

GOD CONSECRATES AND RAISES US UP TO HEAVEN

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

ople: It is proper and right to do so.

SANCTUS

Pastor: Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.

The first system of musical notation for the Sanctus. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The first measure contains a fortissimo (*fff*) dynamic marking. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with lyrics 'Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.' written below the staff. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est!

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody from the first system. The treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' and a bracket. The lyrics 'Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est!' are written below the staff. The bass staff continues the harmonic accompaniment.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' and a bracket. The lyrics 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' are written below the staff. The bass staff features a long, low note with a fermata, indicating a sustained sound.

Ho - san - na in the High - - - est!

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The treble staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' and a bracket. The lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the High - - - est!' are written below the staff. The bass staff continues the harmonic accompaniment, ending with a final chord.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 48:9-14

Pastor: Great is Yahweh, And exceedingly praiseworthy!

People: We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness,

In the midst of Your temple.

As is Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends of earth:

Full of righteousness is Your right hand.

Mount Zion rejoices.

Judah's daughters twirl in joy: Because of Your judgments.

Walk about Zion and go all around her.

Count her towers; Mark well her bulwarks;

Consider her palaces; That you may recount it to the generation following,

That this God is our God everlastingly and forever;

He will be our Guide even to death.

AMEN!

Yes! AMEN!

CONFESSION OF THE NICENE CREED

(Please Remain Standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

(Please Stand)

Old Covenant Reading

Isaiah 64

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading:

Philippians 4:4-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Amidst the People:

Matthew 6:25-34

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of Faith:

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

People: Amen

SERMON

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Uri Brito

Title: **How to Long With Our Anxious Hearts** (Outline on Last Page)

Text: *Selected Texts*

OFFERTORY **

(Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Pastor: Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Hymn of Response:

What Feast of Love

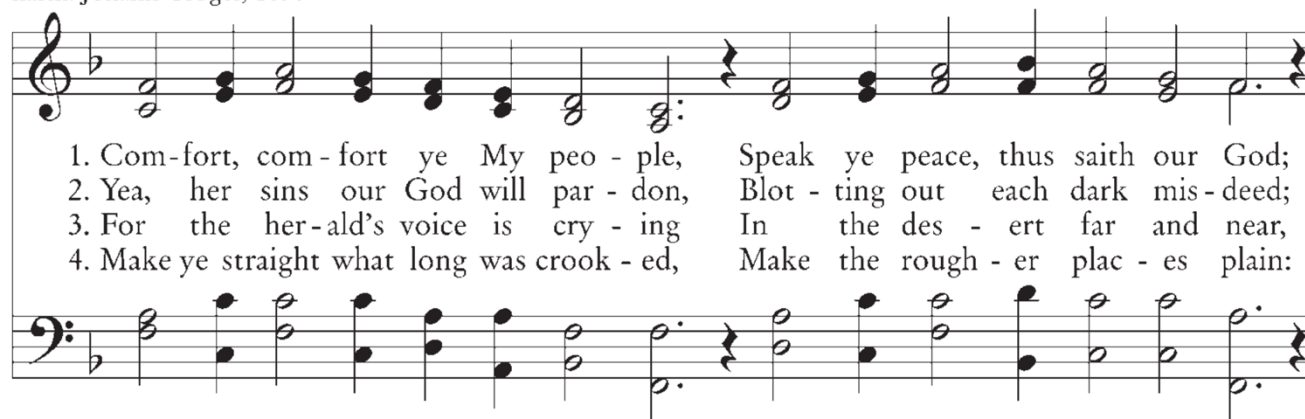
People: Amen

*** In the Old Testament the last part of the consecration was the Tribute Offering. It represented all the work that had been done by the person making that sacrifice. Our Offertory, the tithes and offerings, corresponds to this Tribute Offering. This is an act of corporate worship, thanking God for our ability to work and confessing that all your labors are for him and for his kingdom. The Tithe Box is at the back of the Church.*

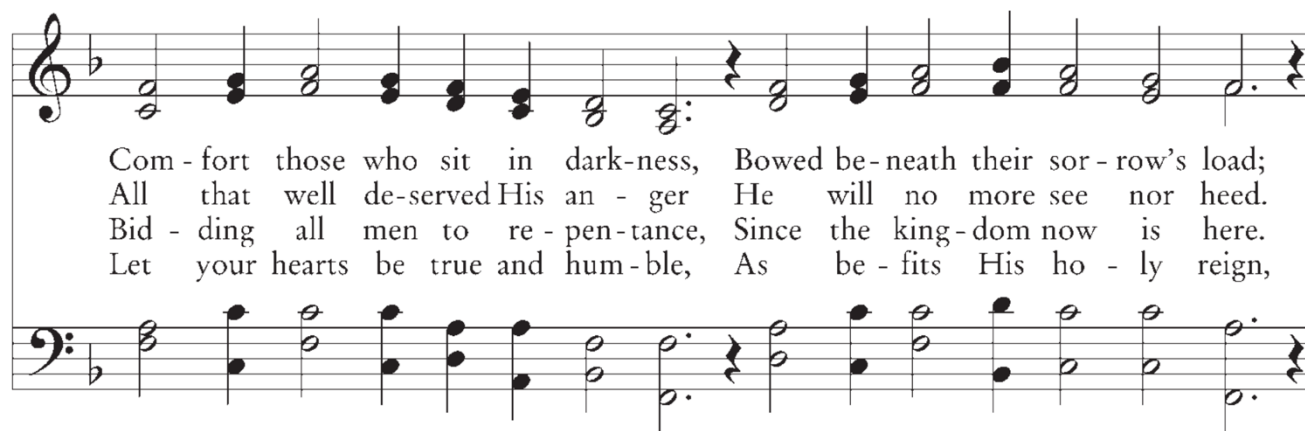
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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Genevan Psalter, 1551
 harm. Johann Crüger, 1658

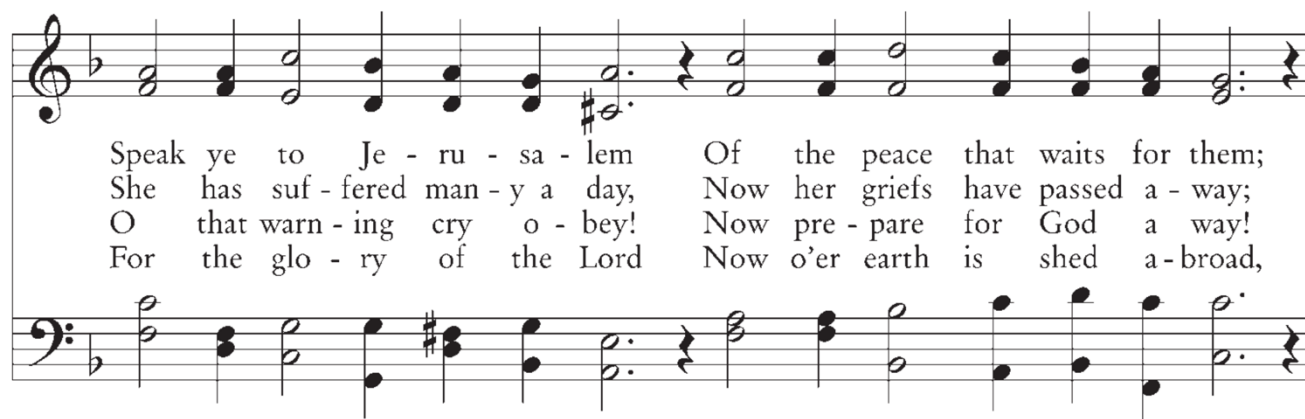
Johannes Olearius, 1671
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.



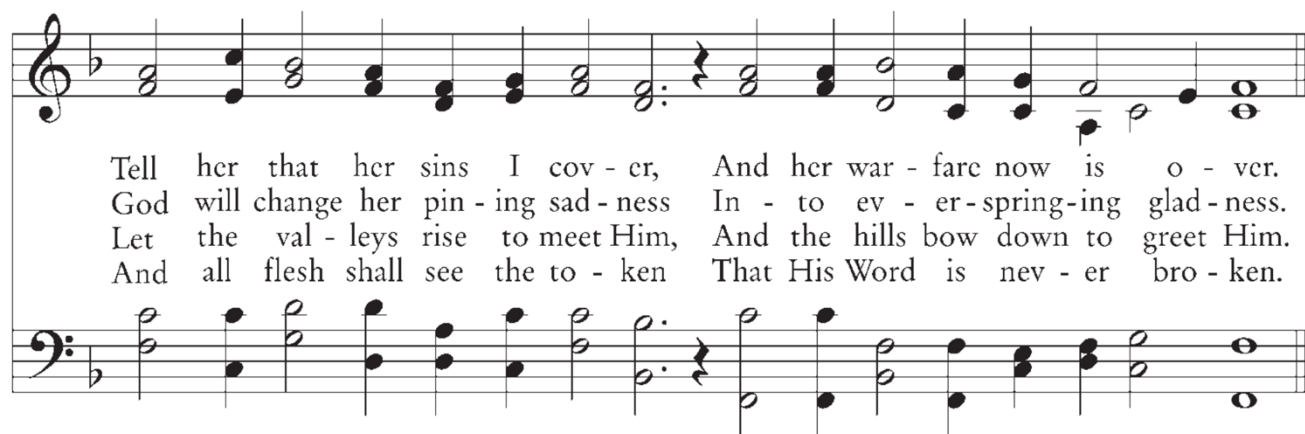
1. Com-fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain:



Com - fort those who sit in dark-ness, Bowed be-neath their sor - row's load;
 All that well de-served His an - ger He will no more see nor heed.
 Bid - ding all men to re - pen-tance, Since the king-dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be - fits His ho - ly reign,



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 She has suf - fered man - y a day, Now her griefs have passed a - way;
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad,



Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is o - ver.
 God will change her pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er-spring-ing glad - ness.
 Let the val - leys rise to meet Him, And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

What Feast of Love

Em D G D Em Am B

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what ho - ly drink from heav - en?

Em D G D Em B Em^{sus4} Em

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Bm G D Em B Em^{sus4} Em

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: Christians, how do you respond to our Lord?

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us.

We present ourselves as living sacrifices,

And we offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

We cheerfully give these tithes and offerings

In obedience to the Lord, for the glory of His Name,

The health of the Church, and for the sake of the world. Amen.

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the Session of this local Church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the pastors before or after the service.

Passing of the Bread: **("The Lord be with you" "The Lord bless you")**

Passing of the Wine: **("The Peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you")**

Congregational Response: **Gloria Patri**

(Please Stand with Hands Raised)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end,

A-men, A-men.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

The Lord's Commission:

Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!

People: Let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever. Amen!

Psalm 145:21

Closing Hymn:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

People: Amen

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL (8 8. 8 8. 8 8)

13th century plainsong

arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

Latin antiphon, 12th century
tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
 3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the law In
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Song of Simeon

Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace to love and to serve our Risen Lord!

All: Amen!

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Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

unison

²⁹ Lord, now let-test Thou Thy ser - vant de-part in peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy word;

³⁰ For mine eyes have seen Thy sal - va - tion, ³¹ which Thou hast pre-pared

be - fore the face of all peo-ple— ³² A light to light - en the Gen-tiles

and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther

and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning,

is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Music: plainchant, Soest, 1532; Pfalz, 1557; arr. Regina H. Fryxell, 1958 ©

Text: Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

2nd and 4th
Monday

Ladies' Study

7:30 January 8th at the home of Cathy Noland. Chapter 10 & 11 of "You Who?"

2nd and 4th
Friday

Young Adult's Study

7:00 January 12th. Location TBD

Advent and Christmas

December 13th,
20th

Advent Vespers

Soup and Salad on the 13th.
No meal on the 20th

December 24th

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

5:00pm. A Service of Song and Scripture. One of our favorite services

December 27-29th

Youth Conference in Winter Springs

See Pastor Stout for details

December 29th

Christmas Wine and Psalm Roar

5:30pm at Trinitas

January 5th

Adult Wine Tasting

6:00 pm. At Trinitas. 21 years and older please.

** There are two cry rooms available for children that need to be helped during the service. The room on the left hall as you walk into the sanctuary, is for older children and their parents. If they need to be disciplined or encouraged to quiet down, please calm them down and then please bring them back into worship. The library, in the hall to the right when you walk in, is for nursing mothers. Feel free to use both as needed.*

Sermon text: *Selected Texts*

Sermon Outline: *How to Long With Our Anxious Hearts*

We do live in anxious times! But we may be tempted to think that we live in unprecedented times when the reality is we live in preceded seasons of life.

When the Gospels say, "Worry for nothing," the people of God were living under persecution and were at the end of the ages. Think of the boldness of Jesus' words in the Beatitudes!

When the Gospels were penned, the destruction of the Jewish world in AD 70 was near, and the apostolic writings prepared them for such a season. We need to be cautious not to place ourselves in such a scenario in our day. For unto us, the end of the ages has come (I Cor. 10:11), and a new era has begun in the Incarnate Son of God.

If we act with the premise that everything is a coming apocalypse, we will fail to live peaceably and quietly, and our souls will constantly be agitated with the next thing: the next cycle of bad news and the next economic crisis. Christians should be of all people, the most stable in society, not giving in to doomsayers but remaining stable in God's great economy.

We do prepare to live under any circumstance, but we cannot allow our worries to consume our thoughts of the future. God knows the future and ordains it for his glorious grace. We should be comforted by that thought and live a life of self and corporate giving to the God who does all things well.

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