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Connecting Faith to Everyday Life

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022



GATHERING

Prelude

“Sweet Is Thy Voice,” Walter C. Clarke

“Offertoire in C on Noëls,” Alexander Guilmant

Greeting and Announcements

Invocation

+Sharing the Peace

+Gathering Rite

Gathering Song – “Warm the Time of Winter,” *sts. 1, 2*



1. When the wind of win - ter blows, bring - ing times of
2. When we shiv - er in des - pair, when the chill of
3. When in days of fall - en snow, change con - founds or



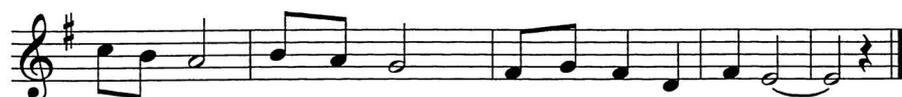
sol - i - tude, fill the si - lent, ic - y night;
death comes near, hold us, Spir - it, calm our fear,
love burns low, from the ash - es may there rise



be our hearts' com - pas - sion.
while the eve - ning deep - ens.
phoe - nix of our grow - ing.



Ho - ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win - ter.



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Hymn text: Ruth Duck

Music: Lori True

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Gathering Words

For God, change can be small,
evolutionary, atomic.
A crumbled resistance,
a slightly different direction,
a fresh idea in the middle of the night.

For God, change can rain down like a tempest,
a flood in every street
that sweeps into our lives
with energy that does not yield
or listen.

**God is urgently waiting
to finally arrive.**

God, we have been waiting for you, too.
**Yet you often arrive before we notice:
in the place we did not expect,
in the word we did not hear.**

Do not be afraid,
your angels always say,
right before you change a life.
**You are here to change this place.
We are not afraid.**

Gathering Song – “Warm the Time of Winter,” *st. 3*

Confession and Forgiveness

God is here,
And God sees through every defense
that fools the world.

Since we cannot hide from God,
there is nothing left to do
but to be honest with each other
and humble before God.

So, in humility,
we confess our sins.

God, we have acted helpless, even when you called us to action.

We have resisted your truth, even when our lies were exhausting.

We have behaved as though we were alone, even when you were beside us.

God, we have believed we were dying, even when you helped us grow.

God knows
we can never undo our sins.
We cannot ignore painful history
as though it does not affect us today.

Yet before our first mistake,
God perfected the plan for salvation,
And that salvation comes to each of us today.

Receive God's forgiveness.
This forgiveness is total.
No sign of your old life remains,
And if God has moved beyond your sin,
you have no reason to return to it again.

We are healed.

No blemish remains.

Thanks be to God.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

“God of the Starlight and Moon,” *st. 1*

1. God of the star-light and moon, mys-ter-y God of the
2. Beau-ty be-yond what we know, shap-ing a world that we
3. Out of the blue you ar-rive, weav-ing our lives with your

mid-night blue skies. Love draw-ing near, dream-ing new
can-not quite see. Form of a child, reach-ing to
con-stant sur-prise. Flick-er-ing flame, spark-ling with

fu-tures: fire of our hearts, a-rise.
greet us: time in e-ter-ni-ty.
prom-ise: God of the star-lit skies.

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Candle Lighting and Prayer
“God of the Starlight and Moon,” *st. 3*

Prayers of Intercession

WORD

Anthem – “A Cradle Carol,” Dan Forrest

Kidtalk

Reading – Romans 13:11–14

+Gospel Acclamation – ELW, No. 175

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The first system has a fermata over the final 'ia'. The second system also has a fermata over the final 'ia'.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: “Alleluia 7,” Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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+Gospel – Matthew 24:36–44

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 247, “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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The musical score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics in Korean and English. The lyrics are: 'O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm' and 'u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.' The English lyrics are: '1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y. 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y. 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior. 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.' The second system continues with: 'Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple. Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple. Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions. Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.'

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr, Marion Pope
Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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+Apostles' Creed

MEAL

Offering

Invitation

Offering Song – “Consolation: An Offering,” Christopher Larson

Offering Prayer

Please pray with me.

**God, we have labored and toiled
for our money
and our time
and our families
and our freedom.**

**We have cherished
what we thought was ours.**

Yet in a moment,
we recognize
that every truly good thing
was a treasure
we had taken
from your open hand.

**We give you these gifts
as a sign of your love and faithfulness.
Use them to grow
more hope in this world.**

+Holy Communion

Dialogue

Holy Jesus, be our guest.
For you are already here.
God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts in praise.

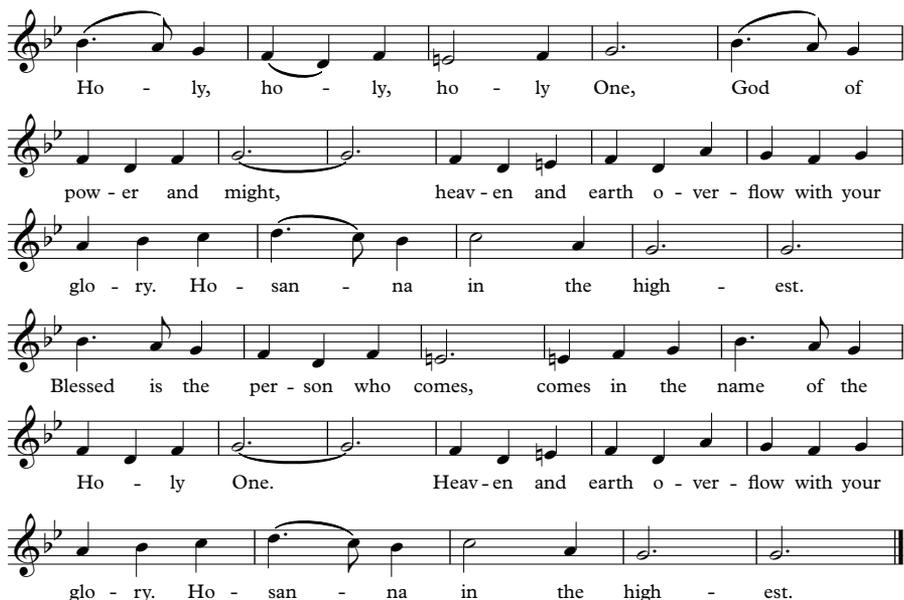
We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks
to the God of our salvation.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus – “God of the Starlight and Moon”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth o - ver - flow with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the per - son who comes, comes in the name of the
Ho - ly One. Heav - en and earth o - ver - flow with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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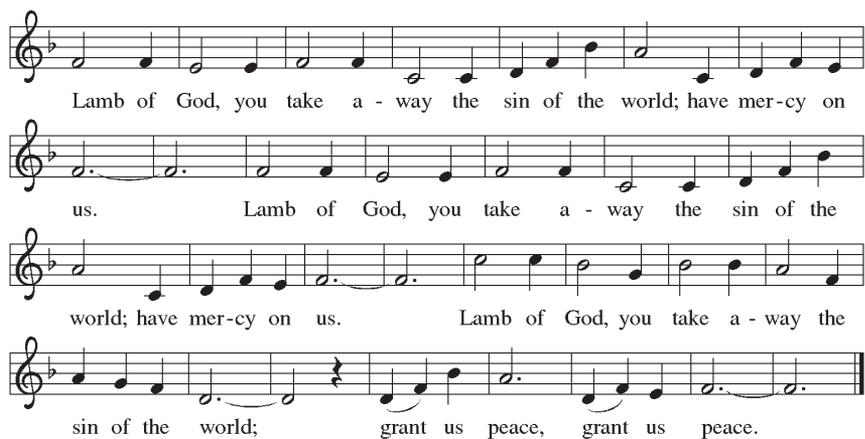
Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Communion

Communion Music

Lamb of God – ELW, No. 195



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*. Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Communion Hymn – ELW, No. 436, “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: “Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!”
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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Prayer after Communion

The meal has ended.
 Now let the remembering begin.
 Remember you have met God in this place.
 Remember that no person who meets God
 can ever be the same.

We pray:
You have called us.
We have listened.
You invited us.
We took our place at the table.

You have sat with us
 so we might follow you.
 Now there is nowhere else we can go,
 because you alone have the words of life.

SENDING

Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 244, “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers,” *sts. 1, 4*



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - ti - ence their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Sending

God, we do not know the end
 to which you call us.

**God, let us be your servants,
 wherever this road goes.**

God, you could have judged us,
 but you chose us.

**You have made us worthy
 so we might speak your words.**

You alone guide us
 down the path that leads to life.

**Every other path
 is no longer a path for me.**

Go in peace.
 Serve the lowly.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude – “Rejoice and Be Merry,” David Paxton

WORSHIP LEADERS

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