



**Call to Worship**  
**Time of Silence**

**Prelude**

**Liturgical Response**

**Pastor:** For God alone my soul waits in silence.

**Congregation Response:** from Him comes my salvation.  
Psalm 62:1

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace**

**✠ Song #2 (BH)**  
**“Long-Expected Jesus”**

Come thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us:  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**“Come, Thou**

**Presenting the Word**

**Worship Leader:** Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;

**Congregation:** It stands firm in the heavens forever!  
Psalm 119:89

**✠ Song #137 (PH)**  
**“He Came Down”**

He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
Hallelujah, forevermore!

He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
Hallelujah, forevermore!

He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
Hallelujah, forevermore!

He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
Hallelujah, forevermore!

**✠ Song #4 (LYH)**  
**“Come and Fill”**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

**Leader:** This is our hope,  
**Response:** To know Christ and make Him known.

**Greeting:**

You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord's side.  
You are somebody,

Somebody on the Lord's side.

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

**Response:** *And also with you.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

- *Welcome to visitors.*
- **Sue Parker:** *Minute for Mission*
- **Linda Martin:** *Poinsettias*
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive and Mitten Tree:** *Continues through December, the fir tree will be in the Narthex to receive food items as well as mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for warmth. Upper Darby Food Cupboard is the beneficiary of the donations. Food items can be placed under the tree and outerwear draped on the tree. All donations will be appreciated.*
- **Blue Christmas:** *Saturday, December 21 @ 4:00 p.m. The service is for anyone struggling with Christmas*
- **Christmas Eve service** *is at 4 p.m. Loretta will be playing the piano for us. We welcome Loretta this morning*
- **Eloise:** *Christmas pageant will be Sunday, December 22 in Fellowship Hall. Invite your family and friends. Rehearsal –December 15*
- **Prayer Requests:**
  - *Heidi's niece, Amy, surgery went well. They will know in 8 -12 months if her sight has been restored.*
  - *Lisa Jeffries, health concerns.*
  - *Don West ministry as Santa Claus for Christmas.*
  - *Bud and Paula's move.*
  - *Emmanuel & Sir Elliott travels to Liberia.*

### **Affirmation of Faith:**

**Pastor:** *God is good!*

**Response:** *All the time!*

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**Response:** *God is good to me!*

### **✠ Song #88 (PH) Come, Emmanuel"**

**"O Come, O**

*Vs 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 thee, O Israel.*

*Vs 5 – O come, O come thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Vs 7 – O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

### **Confession of Sin**

**Invitation to Silent Confession: Assurance of Pardon:** *God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.*

**Congregation Response:** *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Amen!*

**Assurance of Pardon; Worship Assistant:** *Believe the good news, we are God's healed and forgiven people!*

### **Response to Pardon #593 (BH) "Doxology"**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below;*

Praise God above thee heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen, A-men,  
Amen, A-men,  
Amen, A-men, Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

- **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.**

#### **Consecration of Gifts:**

##### **The Bread and the Cup Offering**

**Worship Assistant:** For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more than this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

#### **✠ Song #143 (LYH) "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us.  
His name is called Emmanuel.

(repeat)

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Story Time**

**"A Soul that Sang with Love"**

**Luke 1:26-55**

#### **✠ Song #142 (LYH) "Soon and Very Soon"**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King.  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King.  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King.  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

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#### **Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 1:45-56**

#### **Hear the Word of the Lord!**

<sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

56 And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!**

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon  
Fathers"

"The Faith of Our Mothers and

✠ **Song #314 (PH)**  
**"Christ, Be Our Light"**

Vs 1 - Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Vs 2 – Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Vs 5 – Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

## **The Lord's Supper**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us confess our faith.

**Leader:** Do you believe in one God, the Father Almighty?

**Congregation:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Leader:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son?

**Congregation:** I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**Leader:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Congregation:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Leader:** Now, all who have confessed faith in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this bread and the cup when they are served and participate in the mystery of faith.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**Leader:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Congregation:** Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

## **Elements Are Served**

**Leader:** Thanks be to God for the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**Response:** O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

## **Charge and Benediction**

✠ **Song #142 (LYH)**  
**"Soon and Very Soon"**

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
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Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.  
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***Postlude***