

HYMN No. 92

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

WAITING (Cason)

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

Chancel Handbell Choir

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

“John, the Baptist”

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

Robert MacGimsey (1898 – 1979)

Alan Smulen, Solo

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

.....Wonderful God, hear us as our hearts join in glad songs of thanksgiving:

HYMN

“Thank the Lord”

REGENT SQUARE

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing
For His promised faithfulness.
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,
Tell His love, His name confess.
For He leads us, with thanksgiving,
In the paths of righteousness.

CONSECRATION & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING

HYMN NO. 555

“O Lamb of God”

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God,
And grant us your peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour out your Spirit upon these Advent pilgrims gathered in this place, and on the gifts of the Table. The days are surely coming when the Bread which was broken becomes the healing of our world. Surely, the days are coming when the grace which fills the Cup is poured out for all who long for justice and righteousness. Help us invite all to come home to this hope that is alive in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN No. 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time before him come, off-spring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity.
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts” from CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. Diane Bish

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Noel Piercy & Susan Jones
Alan Smulen, Cantor & Soloist
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers