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PRELUDE

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Kenneth T. Kosche

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to the God of Israel



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -

vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death

Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our

might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Make His paths straight.

- P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ~ *Hope for Those Who Are Weary*

Christ, Be Our Light

2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us Your liv - ing voice.
Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your
 Church gath - ered to - day.

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RESPONSIVE LITANY

- L** The Light shines in the darkness,
C but the darkness has not overcome it.
- L** During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.
C The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
- L** We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.
C The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

- L** We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.
- C** The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

- L** For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:
- C** Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

- L** Today we light two candles. The **first candle** illuminates patience in the areas of our lives where God has called us to wait. The **second candle** extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

Congregation:

Refrain

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- L** God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Colossians 1:13–14

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

KYRIE

P Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Congregation:

*... let us
pray to the Lord:*

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)

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P For peace in our hearts, for peace in the church, and for peace in the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

P For mercy to forgive all our sins, for mercy to forgive the sins of one another, and for mercy for all those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

P For grace to rule our unruly wills, for grace to prepare to receive the Lord in His Word and Supper, and for grace to be found faithful when He comes at the end of all time, let us pray to the Lord:

C Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

- P** For hope to preserve us from despair, for hope to bear cheerful witness to Christ before the world, and for hope to sustain us in the hour of trial, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.
- O merciful Lord, grant to us the wisdom of Your Spirit and the blessing of faithful voices, that they may call us to prepare for the coming One and so that all who have heard Your Word and have been baptized into Christ may be preserved from evil, be counted worthy in Christ to be delivered into Your eternal kingdom, and be kept to the day of His coming at the end of all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and to the end of the ages.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1 – 10
[pew Bible page 575]

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Savior Child
3^d – 5th Grade

Eugénie R. Rocherolle

*Say, brother, where you goin'? Where you goin' with a look of joy?
Why, friend now haven't you heard, I'm agoin' to see the Little Savior Boy.
Say, brother, what you carryin'? What you carryin' in your hand?
Why, friend, now can't you see, I'm a bringin' gifts to give the Little Man.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Say, brother, how you knowin', How you knowin' just where you are?
Why, friend, I got the word: All I have to do is follow yonder star.
Say, brother, what will happen, What will happen if I come along?
Why, friend, I think you'll see All your days and nights will be a happy song.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Then, brother, I'm agoin', I don't care if it takes a while;
Sure, friend, you come along, We will look upon the Little Savior Child.
Yes, Lord, we're all acoming', We'll be there in a little while;
Oh, sing a happy song: We will look upon the Little Savior Child.
Alleluia, alleluia
Yes, Lord, we're all acomin', We'll be there in a little while;
Oh, sing a happy son We are goin' to look upon the Savior Child!*

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EPISTLE

Romans 15:4 – 13
[pew Bible page 949]

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1 – 12
[pew Bible page 808]

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ” Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

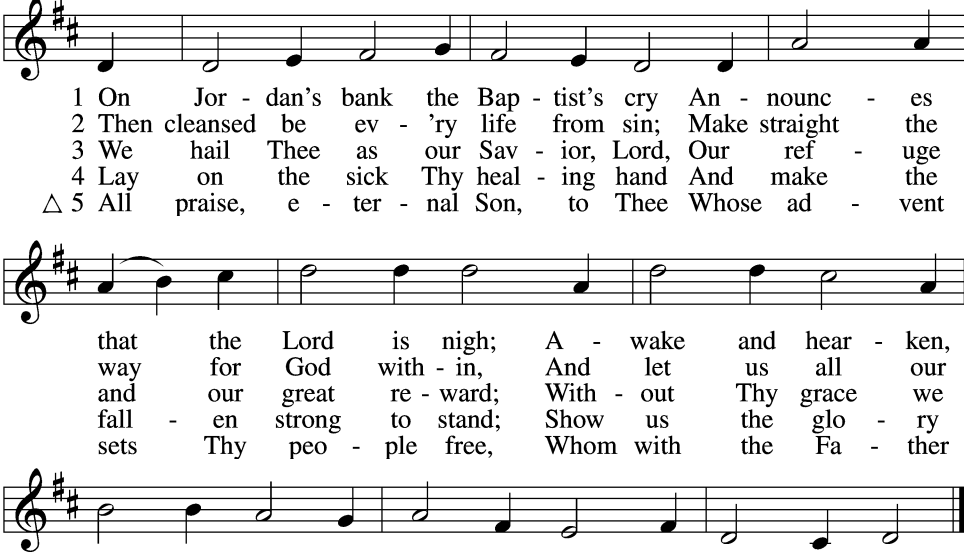
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, 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.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

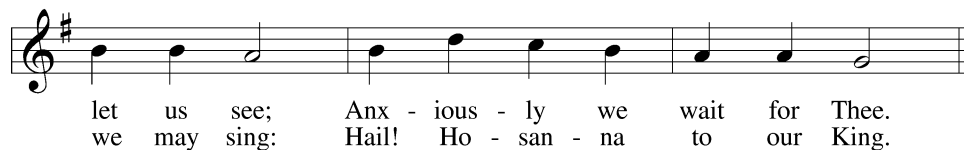


1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our

sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,

O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er

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PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

- P** ...let us pray to the Lord,
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

- C** 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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Our Communion Statement

I believe that in Holy Communion, our Lord graciously shares His Body and Blood with us through bread and wine. He does this in order to forgive our sins, assure us of our salvation, strengthen us for Christian living, and unite us more closely as members of His family, the Church. Repenting of my sins, believing in the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, and rededicating my life to live according to His will, I announce my desire to receive Holy Communion.

*Those who would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament may come to the table.
Folding your arms across your chest will signify you wish to receive a blessing.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Sing We Holy, Holy, Holy

Sing we ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Join-ing saints and
an - gels high; Throned a - bove all earth - ly pow - ers,
Christ will ev - 'ry foe de - fy. Sing we songs of praise, ho -
san - na! Hail, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son!

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You Show Us Mercy



Lamb of God, You show us mer - cy And take all our
sin a - way. Lamb of God, You show us mer - cy
And take all our sin a - way. Grant us, gra - cious, ho - ly
Lamb, peace, Your own peace till time shall cease.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful
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arr. Cindy Berry

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er
saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -
'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord

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Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1. Now the heav - ens start to whis - per As the veil is
2. Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light Now be - gin to
3. Christ, e - ter - nal sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of



grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
wis - dom's seed, Come to bless with fire and fra-grance



To the stir - ring, faint with - in: Seed of prom - ise,
Shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing
Hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly,



deep - ly plant - ed, Child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
star of splen - dor, Gleams with - in a world grown dim.
in the stran - ger, In the out - cast hid from view:

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Like the soil be - neath the frost - line,
 Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness;
 Child who comes to grace the man - ger,

Hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
 Hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
 Teach our hearts to wel - come you.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** Let us pray.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied



1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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P Go in peace, protected by the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

David Cherwien

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