First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

GATHERING HYMN "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn" Marty Haugen

1 Awake! Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. sing out your joy, for Jesus is born, behold! the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, to open wide the heavenly door, and lives now inside us forever.

2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, whose humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing. Music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of the anthems roll to shatter all hate and injustice.

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3 In deepest night Christ's coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. One without voice breaks forth in song, a lame one leaps in wonder, the weak are raised above the strong, and weapons are broken asunder.

4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though cold the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless; Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story, may God fill every day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

ADVENT CAROL OF THE DAY "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Wayne L. Wold, Yiddish folk tune

Light ONE candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills his promise.

COMMUNION/OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Charles Wesley, W. Walker

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 ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry 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.

SENDING HYMN "People, Look East" Eleanor Farjeon, Barry Rose

1 People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today--Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish. People, look east and sing today--Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today--Love, the Star, is on the way.

4 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today--Love, the Lord, is on the way.