

All: We light these candles—the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace—as we wait and watch for the promised kin-dom. And we light them as a sign to the world that there are some who hold on to hope; there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer. Amen.

Trio: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verse 2)

Opening Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Hymnal #10

Readings Marilyn Windsor
Isaiah 11:1-4a, 9
Matthew 3:1-3
from “Taking A Long View of Time” by Krista Tippett

Anthem “Carol of the Advent” Chancel Choir
(Dietterich)

Sermon *The Two-Hundred Year Present* Rev. Kathleen Remund

Transitional Hymn “Comfort, Comfort You My People” (vs. 2) Hymnal #3

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory “Once He Came in Blessing” Evelyn Rohrbach
(M. Burkhardt)

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Now we set aside the common for an uncommon purpose as we prepare for Holy Communion, the family meal of Christ’s people. In this meal, we remember the life, teaching, witness and death of Jesus. In this Advent season, we anticipate the coming of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. We join in the feast of the Reign of God—the transformed life which was and is and is to come. We come to Emmanuel’s table as we are—ready or not; believing or not; worthy or not. We come to remember, to be nourished, and to be made new.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Hymn

"Santo, Santo, Santo"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Santo, Santo, Santo". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 8/8. The first system has lyrics: "¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My". The second system has lyrics: "cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios. heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God." Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: C, G7, C, F, C in the first system; F, C, Am, F, G7, C in the second system.

Lord's Prayer

(Paraphrase from the Pendle Hill Community)

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come; we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need; give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one to each one. Lead us to a holy innocence, beyond the evil of our days. Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the mercy and the glory. Forever your name is all One. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Leader:

In Jesus, the Kin-dom of Heaven, the Reign of God, has come near to us. In this meal, we draw near to him. We draw near with the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the lowest and the least; sinners and saints together in communion. We experience the presence of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. Partake and share as—through bread and cup—we renew our communion with the earth and our relationship with the broken ones of the world.

Please join me in the words of institution over the bread:

All:

When he was among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.”

The deacons will pass the bread through the congregation. As you take a piece of bread, hold it until everyone has been served. We will eat the bread together, recognizing that God calls us to life in community.

Distribution Hymn(s): “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us break bread together on our knees [sing 2x]
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees: (on our knees) [sing 2x]
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me

Leader: Take and eat, the bread of life. *(all partake)*

Please join me in the words of institution over the cup:

All:

In the same way Jesus took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, “This cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my life and my death. Take this—all of you—to remember me.”

The deacons will pass the wine and juice through the congregation. The juice is dark red; the wine is white. When you have helped yourself, you may drink right away in recognition of God’s relationship with each of us as individuals.

Distribution Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Prayer of Gratitude (in unison)

Lord Jesus, our Emmanuel, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Make us participants in your Reign of peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“O, for a World”

Hymnal #386

Benediction

Leader: As we leave this place, may God clear our lives of despair and fear, sowing seeds of joy and peace and leading us into harmony with one another.

All: Amen.

Sung Benediction (sing 2x through)

Wait for the Lord

The musical score is for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time, marked 'Lento' with a tempo of 48 beats per minute. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a melody with lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' The bass clef part provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble clef: Em, C, Am6, B. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a melody with lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!' The bass clef part provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble clef: Em, D, G, Am, B, Em.

Postlude

“Excerpt from ‘Piano Concerto in c minor’”
(L. Beethoven)

Evelyn Rohrbach

The flowers today are from Sally Conklin in memory of her mother, LaVonne Souther, remembering her birthday on December 2nd.

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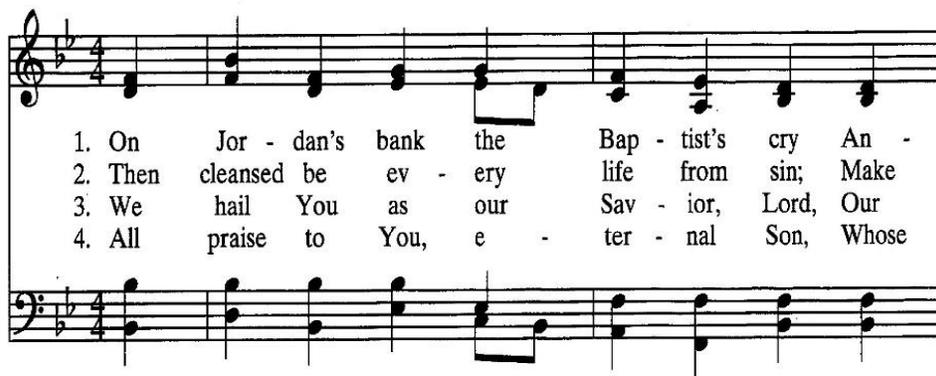
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On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; Make
3. We hail You as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our
4. All praise to You, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, And let us all our
ref - uge, and our great re - ward; O let Your face up -
ad - vent has our free - dom won, 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.
on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

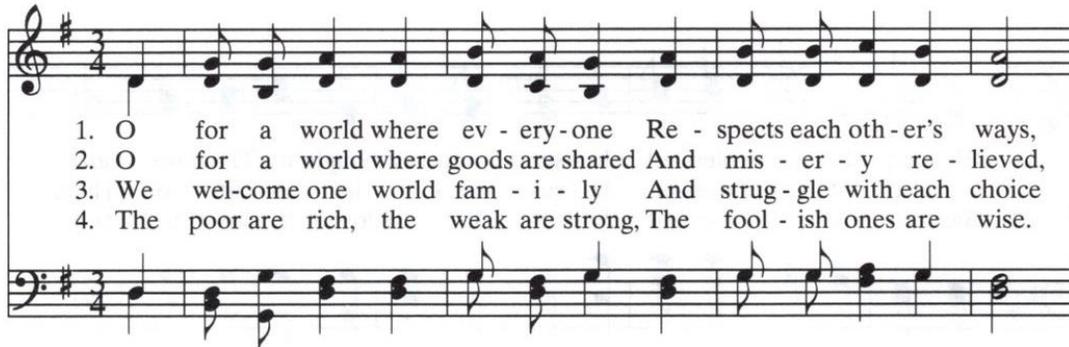
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Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987



1. O for a world where ev - ery-one Re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.



Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.

5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,

Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.

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