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## Worship Focus

**He Comes, Bearing Gifts: The Gift of Peace**



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## OPENING HYMN

13 - There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, A  
2 O Chris - tians, you bring good ti - dings; Get  
3 But the Word of our God is e - ter - nal; The



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong. He stands in the midst of the



high - way, A high - way for our God! The  
peo - ple The com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, And he shall right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, The lof - ty  
flow'rs of the field they per - ish; Like grass their  
feed his flock like a shep - herd, The lambs shall



hills brought low; Make straight all the crook - ed  
works de - cay. The pow'r and the pomp of  
gent - ly hold, To pas - tures of peace shall



pla - ces Where the Lord our God may go!  
na - tions Shall pass like a dream a - way;  
lead them, And bring them safe to his fold.

PLEASE STAND

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**Minister**            In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation**    **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND LIGHTING RITE

**M** When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation – the human race – in his image (Genesis 1:26). Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

**C** **But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death (Romans 6:23). We, too, are guilty and confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.**

**M** However, God – who is Love – did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death.

**(sung) 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 you, O Israel!**

**M** When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven (Galatians 4:4,5). In view of God’s mercy, today we light the *peace* candle. Jesus tells us, “*Peace* I leave with you; my *peace* I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid” (John 14:27).

**C** **Since we have been justified by faith, we have *peace* with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).**

**(sung) O, come, our Peace, who authors faith,  
Perfect our trust in you by grace.  
Assure us by your gentle Word  
That in true faith we all endure.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**M** In the peace of God we go to the world – to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:16-18).

**C** **God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:19-21).**

**(sung) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4**

*The LORD promised a messenger, John, to prepare people to meet the Christ at his first coming. Likewise, we need the LORD to prepare us for Christ's second coming so that we have perfect peace, even as Jesus turns the universe into a furnace.*

MALACHI 3:1 "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.



# PSALM

# Psalm 24

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*Pastor will sing the first line of every verse.*

*The congregation is invited to sing the second line, the refrains, and the Gloria.*

## Refrain



The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.

## Tone



**P** The earth is the LORD's, and every-thing in it,

**C** **the world, and all who / live in it;**

**P** for he founded it / on the seas

**C** **and established it on the / waters.**

**P** Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD?

**C** **Who may stand in his / holy place?**

**P** The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,

**C** **they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. Refrain**

**P** Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,

**C** **that the King of glory / may come in.**

**P** Who is this King of / glory?

**C** **The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle.**

**P** Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,

**C** **that the King of glory / may come in.**

**P** Who is he, this King of / glory?

**C** **The LORD Almighty— he is the King of / glory.**

**C** **Glorify to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be-/ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

## **SECOND LESSON** Philippians 1:3-11

*To give us peace, St. Paul assures us that the creation and maintenance of faith is not our work, but something that God graciously does for us through the gospel.*

PHILIPPIANS 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup>God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

*PLEASE STAND*

## **GOSPEL** Luke 3:1-6

*We know the angels on Christmas Eve sang about peace on earth. They were not talking about peace between nations, but peace between sinners and a holy God. Christ grants that peace by producing repentance within us. Let us prepare our hearts to meet him!*

LUKE 3:1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar--when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene-- <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the desert,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.  
The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup>And all mankind will see God's salvation.”

After the Gospel:

**M** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

## HYMN OF THE DAY

16 - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,  
nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our  
uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we  
us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on  
vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Good news a - bout 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.  
us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, st. 1-3, alt.; composite, st. 4-5.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

## SERMON

Malachi 3:1-4

### Get Prepped for Peace

*STAND*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER, OFFERTORY, and OFFERING**

*STAND*

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M** Come, dear Savior. We long for your appearing! Come to cheer us with your promises, as you once cheered your ancient people throughout their long night of waiting and watching.

Come to restore our hope. Rouse us from the slumber of despair; lift our hearts from petty, earthbound goals; and direct our eyes above, from where you will soon come to make all things right again.

Come and work in us a godly grief and a genuine sorrow over sin. Forgive us for the shameful way we have dishonored you and the shabby way we have dealt with one another. Through your mighty Word, stir up in us a ceaseless yearning to give ourselves to others, as you have given yourself for us.

Come also to rekindle our joy as we prepare to celebrate your first coming. Do not permit a frenzied busyness to rob us of your peace or to deprive us of times to ponder and to wonder at your Word. Set our hearts apart from the bustle and the clamor and the jostle of these days. Fill us with the quiet delight of finding you in the manger, and keep hearts and minds undisturbed by the great throng that streams by uncaring.

We pray also for those enduring great sorrow, for those undergoing spiritual trial, and for those whose restless hearts have no knowledge of your coming. Comfort, strengthen, and illumine them with the sweet peace born of your love. Keep them in the way of peace by your Holy Word.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Come quickly, dear Lord, and fill our longing eyes with the light of your coming! We wait and we keep watch. In you we put our hope. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who comes with his Father to make his home in human hearts, working repentance and faith by his Spirit until he comes again. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28 and 1 Corinthians 11:24,25*

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*John 1:29*

*Agnus Dei*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a common time signature (C). It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first line of music has a fermata over the first two notes, with a '2' above it. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The second line continues the melody. The third line changes the key signature to two sharps (D major) and contains the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The fourth line continues in D major. The fifth line changes the key signature to three sharps (F# major) and contains the lyrics: "you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men." The sixth line concludes the piece in F# major.

*BE SEATED*

## DISTRIBUTION

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.*

*Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

# 11 - Comfort, Comfort All My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; Speak of peace,"  
 2 All their sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out  
 3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing In the des -  
 4 Straight - en out the crook - ed high - way; Make the rough -



so says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,  
 each dark mis - deed; All that well de - serve his an - ger  
 ert far and near, Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance  
 er plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all  
 He no more will see or heed. They have suf -  
 For the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn -  
 Read - y for his ho - ly reign. For the glo -



Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
 fered man - y a day; Now their griefs have passed a - way.  
 ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er,  
 God will change their ach - ing sad - ness  
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken



That their war - fare now is o - ver."  
 In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 And the hills bow down to greet him.  
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -  
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -  
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**M** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you give us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. We pray that through this precious gift of yourself you would feed our faith, nourish our hope, and strengthen our love that we might live as your people now, and as your guests forever at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

275 - Blest Be the God of Israel



1 Blest be the God of Is - ra - el, Who comes  
2 He from the house of Da - vid A child  
3 On pris - on - ers of dark - ness The sun



to set us free; He vis - its and re - deems us; He  
of grace has giv'n; A Sav - ior comes a - mong us To  
be - gins to rise, The dawn - ing of for - give - ness Up -



grants us lib - er - ty. The proph - ets spoke of  
raise us up to heav'n. Be - fore him goes his  
on the sin - ner's eyes. He guides the feet of



mer - cy, Of free - dom and re - lease; God shall  
her - ald, Fore - run - ner in the way, The proph -  
pil - grims A - long the paths of peace. Oh, bless



ful - fill his prom - ise And bring his peo - ple peace.  
et of sal - va - tion, The har - bin - ger of day.  
our God and Sav - ior With songs that nev - er cease!

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Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*