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December 13, 2020

Gathering Music: "How Great our Joy" vs. 1, 2

While by the sheep we watched at night,
glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain:

How great our joy! (Great our joy!)

Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!)

There shall be born, so he did say,
in Bethlehem a child today.

Refrain:

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Candles: Psalm 126

One: When God restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like people in a dream.

**All: Our mouths were filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

One: Then all the people around us said,
"Their God has done great things for them."

**All: Our God has done great things for us,
and we are filled with Joy.**

One: Restore our fortunes, O God,
like watercourses that flow in the desert.

**All: Those who sow in tears will reap with Joy.
Those who go out weeping, sowing the seed,
shall come home with shouts of Joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

(lighting the candles)

Response: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and night;
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dedicating our Gifts

Doxology

Second Reading "Luke 1:46-55"

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Special Music

Sermon

Benediction

Response

There shall the child lie in a stall,
this child who shall redeem us all.

Refrain:

How great our joy! (Great our joy!)

Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!)

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
that ever joy our hearts shall fill.

Refrain:

[Postlude]