

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Prelude

John Reineking

Introit

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

arr. Dan Forrest

This dynamic arrangement of the classic carol for choir and orchestra begins with angel voices as though from the edge of heaven, building to a majestic, glorious finish, “Come and Worship”.

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new born King!
Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new born King!
Sages leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new born King!
All creation join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal three in one!
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new born King!

Welcome

Rev. Jennie Sankey

Advent Candle Lighting Hymn 95

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Jacques Berthier

Solo, Ben Badinger

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will know the salvation of the Lord.

Lighting today's candles are Dawn, Jim and Maddy Cain (8:30) and Gail & Keith Funderburk (11:00).

All: The second advent candle is the candle of hope. With John the Baptist, calling from the wilderness, we cry: “Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Hymn Carol

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (stanzas 1, 2, 3)

Veni Emmanuel

Drew Phillips, Ralph Griffin and Celebrate Children's Choir

Choir and Congregation (please remain seated and sing)

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

Call to Worship

Jennie

“Magnificat in C”

Georg Philipp Telemann

Words sung in Latin are based on the Cantic of Mary (Luke 1:46-55).

Magnificat, anima mea dominum;
Et exsultavit spiritus meus, in deo,
Salutari meo.

*Magnificat, my spirit praises God the Lord;
My soul, in gladness ever exulting, rejoices,
In God my Savior, praise him all generations.*

“And the Glory of the Lord” (from The Messiah)

George Frideric Handel

This is the first of two choruses that we will be singing in today's services from George Frideric Handel's “Messiah” composed in 1792. It remains unique in the deepest sense of all, as the one masterpiece of music that appeals to “all sorts and conditions of men”, from the humblest amateur choral singer to the great composers who came after Handel.

And the glory; the glory of the Lord, shall be revealed.
And all flesh shall see it together
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it,
And the glory, the glory of the Lord, and all flesh shall see it together;
And the glory, the glory of the Lord, shall be revealed.

“Breath of Heaven”

arr. Craig Courtney

Solo, Anya Lucia Phillips

This touching eloquent song makes us think of how Mary must have felt on becoming the mother of Jesus, overwhelmed and afraid, yet trusting in God. Craig Courtney has arranged this with beautiful intense expressions that we can all identify with.

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside.
And I wonder what I've done.
Holy Father, you have come and chosen me now to carry your Son.
I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear.
In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now.
Breath of heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness for You are holy.
Do You wonder, as You watch my face, if another should have had my place?
But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan.
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.
Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness, Breath of Heaven.