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Gathered by God
for worship
December 4, 2016



Peace
"...and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

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Comfort, comfort,
O my people

Hymnal #176
words based on Isaiah 40
by Johannes Olearius, 1671
translated by Catharine Winkworth, 1863
music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551



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^{1.}
Comfort, comfort, O my people,
speak of peace, now says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning beneath their sorrows' load.
Speak unto Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them.
Tell of all the sins I cover,
and that warfare now is over.



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^{2.}
Hark, the voice of one who's crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all to full repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.



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^{3.}
O make straight
what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now over earth is shed abroad.
And all flesh shall see the token
that his word is never broken.



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Announcements




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Prelude

"Ave Verum"
by Mozart

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Call to Worship

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One:
John the Baptist cries out to us:

Many:
Prepare the way for Christ.

One:
Prepare your cluttered minds.. .

Many:
to be swept clean and filled with wisdom.

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One:
Prepare your wounded hearts ...

Many:
to be cleansed of hatred and filled with love.

One:
Prepare your tired spirits ...

Many:
to be refreshed with words of hope.

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All:
**Ready us, Holy Spirit.
Baptize us with the fire.
Refine us and clear away anything
that keeps us from
receiving Christ into our midst.**

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O come, O come, Immanuel

Hymnal 172
words from the 6th-7th century
translated by John M Neale (verses 1-4), 1851
and Henry Sloan Coffin (verses 5-6), 1916
music from the 15th century


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1.
O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

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



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2.
O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory over the grave.

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



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3.
O come, thou Day-spring,
come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

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



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6.
O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease.
Fill the whole world
with heaven's peace.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
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Lighting the
Advent candles

by the Roberts family
Mitch, Mandy, Celeste, and Pierce




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Opening Prayer

by Bob W. Dell
retired pastor residing in McPherson, KS



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Children's Time

all young ones
are invited up front

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we respond with a song:

"The Lord is coming"

verse 2

by Pastor Pete
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A voice cries out, a wilderness shout,
to all those who are wand'ring in darkness & doubt.
Do not despair, just turn, if you dare,
to the One who is calling you, come and prepare.
The Lord is coming, lift up your voice.
Let all God's people sing and rejoice.
His advent is what we celebrate.
God's kingdom comes,
for which we await.

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Unison Prayer of Confession

Hymnal #696
by Ruth C. Duck, from *Flames of the Spirit*,
ed. Ruth C. Duck, © 1985, The Pilgrim Press

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God of love and justice
we long for peace within and peace without.
We long for harmony in our families,
for serenity in the midst of struggle,
and for commitment to each other's growth.
We long for the day when our homes
will be a dwelling place for your love.

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Yet we confess that we are often anxious;
we do not trust each other,
and we harbor violence.
We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Rule in our homes and in all the world;
show us how to walk in your paths,
through the mercy
of our Savior. AMEN

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Returning our Tithes and Offerings



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please rise and sing our

Offertory Response

(to the tune "OLD HUNDREDTH," or "Doxology," Hymnal #119)

With longing we await the birth
Of Christ who comes to reign on earth.
And with our offerings we adore
And praise you, God, forever more. Amen.




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Prayer



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Dedication of a child and his parents



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Pierce Randolph Roberts
born February 4, 2016
to Mitch, Mandy (& Celeste) Roberts

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Congregational Blessing




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Hymnal #791
attributed to John Mosemann,
originally found in *The Mennonite Hymnal*, ©1969.

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You have offered your child
to the strong and tender providence of God.
We rejoice with you and give thanks
for the gift of your child.
We promise, with humility and seriousness,
to share in your child's nurture and well-being.




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We will support, by our example and words,
your efforts to provide
a loving and caring home,
where trust in God grows
and Christ's way is chosen.
Our prayers will be with you and for you.
May our shared life and witness
help make your task
both joyful and fruitful.



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Isaiah 11:1-10

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Sharing a joy,
a concern,
a word of testimony
or praise

(please be brief, and aware of God's listening presence)




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Infant holy,
infant lowly

Hymnal #206
a Polish carol
translated by Edith M.G. Reed, 1925




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Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.




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2
Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new,
saw the glory, heard the story -
- tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you!



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Pastoral Prayer




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Romans 15:4-13

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"Living in harmony"




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"May the God of steadfastness and
encouragement grant you to **live in harmony**
with one another, in accordance with Christ
Jesus, so that together you may with one
voice glorify God..." (Romans 15:5-6)



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*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth
peace, goodwill
toward all people!"*
(Luke 2:14)



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Harmony:

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Harmony:
"a tuneful sound"

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Harmony:
"a tuneful sound"
"the combination of simultaneous
musical notes in a chord."

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Harmony:
"a tuneful sound"
"the combination of simultaneous
musical notes in a chord."
"the structure of music with respect to the
composition and progression of chords"

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Harmony:
"a tuneful sound"
"the combination of simultaneous
musical notes in a chord."
"the structure of music with respect to the
composition and progression of chords"
"a pleasing or congruent
arrangement of parts"

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Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Hymnal #211
writer unknown
15th century

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Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem has sprung!



- Soprano (higher women's voices)
- Alto (lower women's voices)
- Tenor (higher men's voices)
- Bass (lower men's voices)


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Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.



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It came a flo - cket bright,



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a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.



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ADVENT 2

Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem has sprung!

sopranos:
Lo, how a Rose ever blooming
from tender stem has sprung!

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ADVENT 2

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.

sopranos & altos:
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as saints of old have sung.

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ADVENT 2

It came a flo - eret bright,

add tenors:
It came, a floweret bright,

Peace

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ADVENT 2

a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.

add basses:
amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

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ADVENT 2

2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind.

2.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind.

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ADVENT 2

With Ma - ry we be - hold it, the vir - gin mo - ther kind.

With Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.

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To show God's love a-right,

To show God's love aright,

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she bore to us a Sav - ior, when half-spent was the night.

she bore to us a savior,
when half-spent was the night.

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3. Flow - er, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air.

Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,

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dis - pel in glo-rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - 'ry-where.

dispel in glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.

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True man, yet ve - ry God,

True man, yet very God,

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from sin and death he saves us, and light-ens ev - 'ry load.

from sin and death he saves us,
and lightens every load.

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“arm”



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“Living in harmony”

“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to **live in harmony** with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify God...” (Romans 15:5-6)




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"The Peaceable Kingdom"
by Edward Hicks, 1833



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ADVENT 2

"Living in harmony"

"Peace"
by William Strutt, 1896



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ADVENT 2

Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight paths for him...

In the beginning God is our refuge and strength...
Trust in the Lord with all your heart...
We all, like sheep, have gone astray...
Do not be anxious about anything...
The Lord is our shepherd...
For my people who are weary...
our thoughts...
God so loved the world...
Go and make disciples of all nations...
I shall not want...

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Bless'd be the
God of Israel

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1.
Blessed be the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us,
and grants us liberty!
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise
to bring our people peace.

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2.
Now from the house of David
a child of grace is given,
a Savior comes among us
to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald,
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the harbinger of day.

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3.
On prisoners of darkness
the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior
with songs that never cease!

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Postlude

"Postlude"
by Rinck



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