



ADVENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
5:30 PM

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dallas, Texas

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Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Gregorian Chant, 8th cent.

arr. Katrina Wreede

“What Child is This”

English Traditional

arr. Catherine McMichael

“The Wexford Carol”

Irish Traditional

arr. Catherine McMichael

Dr. Nathan Davy, *piano* • Ms. Rachel McClarty, *violin*

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

Call to Worship

Psalm 90.1-2, 12, 16

Dr. Deison

Minister: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: From everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Minister: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

People: Let Your work be shown to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.

Hymn

“Once in David’s Royal City”

IRBY



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's_ ci - ty Stood a
2. He came down to earth_ from_ hea - ven Who is
3. And through all His won - drous child - hood He would
4. And our eyes at last_ shall_ see Him, Through His
5. Not in that poor low - ly_ sta - ble, With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a mo - ther laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shelt - er was a
 hon - or and o - bey, Love, and watch the low - ly
 own re - deem - ing love, For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see Him; but in

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Ma - ry
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 mai - den In whose gen - tle arms He lay: Christ - ian
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 hea - ven, set at God's right hand on high; When like

was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 chil - dren all must be Mild, o - be - dient, good as He.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

Prayer of Adoration

Dr. Deison

The Word Reveals the Origin of Death

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.6-8, 14-15, 17, 19, 23-24

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. The LORD God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." And to Adam He said, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Corporate Prayer of Lament

We love You, O LORD, our strength.

You are our God, our rock, and our refuge;

our shield, our salvation, and our stronghold.

We come to You, O LORD, for the cords of death have encompassed us;

the torrents of death have assailed us; and the snares of death have confronted us.

We call to You, O LORD, in the midst of our distress;

to You we cry for help; from Your temple, hear our voice;

We trust You, O LORD, will draw us out of this water,

will give light to us in this darkness,

and will show steadfast love to us forever.

Adapted from Psalm 18.1-6, 16, 28, 50

Private Prayer of Lament

Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL



1. Come, Thou long ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy
2. Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, He whose glo - ries
4. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a Child and



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us
high, ap - pear; come, Thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of Thy
knew no end; by His life He brings us glad - ness, our Re -
yet — a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy



find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing
deem - er, Shepherd, Friend; Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,
gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it



hope of all the earth Thou art, dear De - sire of
news, glad ti - dings of a birth: "Go to Him, your
born with - in a cat - tle stall; this the e - ver -
rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all suf -



ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

The Word Announces the Promise of Deliverance

Isaiah 7.14; 9.6; 40.1; 6, 8

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. All flesh is like grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Musical Meditation

"Behold the Lamb"

Ms. Claire Dillahunty, *solo*

Dr. Davy, *piano* • Ms. McClarty, *violin*

*Andrew Peterson
and Laura Story*

The Word Declares the Savior Has Come

John 1.1-5; 14; 17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at his feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"
John 11.32-36

An Offering of Names

At this time, the minister will read the name of your loved one, and candles will be lit on the table.

Please sing when directed:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

The Word Proclaims the End of Death

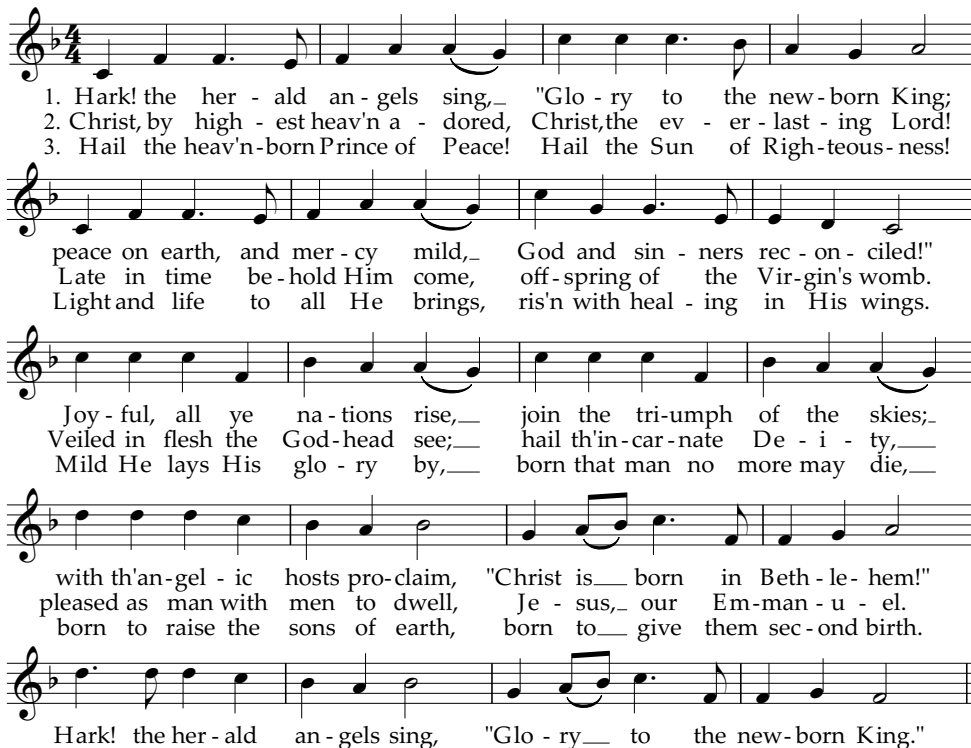
Revelation 21.1-5; 22.1-3

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him.

Hymn

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, - "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, - God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, - join the tri - umph of the skies; -
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; - hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, -
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, - born that man no more may die, -

with th'an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is - born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, - our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to - give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry - to the new-born King."

Benediction

Dr. Deison

Minister: He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Revelation 22.20-21

Musical Benediction

"Noel"

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,
and Matt Redman

Ms. Dillahunty, solo

Dr. Davy, piano • Ms. McClarty, violin

Postlude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Aaron Carter

Dr. Davy, organ

