

Be Born in Us



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Pastoral Welcome

Prelude

"What Child Is This"

Annette Nolan

Lighting the Advent Wreath

L: Into our world as into Mary's womb . . .

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Into the forgotten places as into the stable . . .

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope.

Into the lives of the powerful, bringing caution.

Into the lives of the weary, bringing rest.

Into the lives of the complacent, bringing restlessness.

And into our lives . . . every moment . . . making our hearts Your Bethlehem.

C: Come, Lord Jesus and be born in us.

Gathering Song

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (vv.1-3)

Rob Beyersdorf



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Advent Announcement

L: This is the good news: Christ is coming and blessed are those who wait on the Lord.

C: Therefore, come quickly, Lord. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are not at peace with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart:

Discord in our families.

Deliberate ignorance of the suffering of others.

Violence in our world.

Our own conflicted hearts.

In your mercy, come to us, open our hearts, and reconnect us to one another and to you.

L: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace. Forgiveness that is stronger than our sins and love that heals every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: God has set you free from all your sins, so now go and prepare God's way with love. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

L: God, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving for your faithful love. We bring all our cares, disappointments, worries, heartaches and longings to you and we lay them at your feet, thanking you that exchange them for your inexpressible joy and unending peace. In this Advent season of promise and preparation, continue to remind us that you are near to us as close as our next breath and as life-giving as the rhythm of our heart. May we make the space in our lives where your love might be born anew and may we welcome you with open arms into the cradle of this world.

C: Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 12:2-6

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

The Gospel Acclamation

"Emmanuel"

Rob Beyersdorf

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

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The Holy Scripture

Philippians 4:4-7

The Message

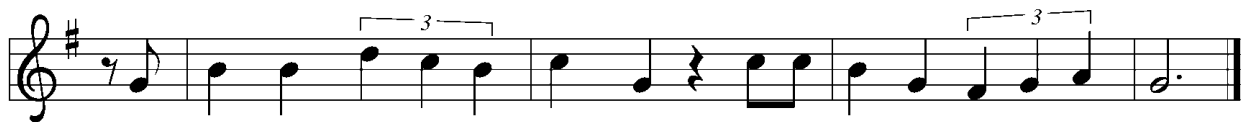
Song of the Day

"He Came Down"

Rob Beyersdorf



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

L: God, our beginning and our end, we confess to you that we live in a world that needs your mercy now more than ever. As we celebrate joyfully in anticipation of your coming Son, we recognize that joy does not come as easily to everyone. So, with the joyful and the heavy-hearted, we lift our prayers to you.

A brief silence.

L: God, our steadfast hope, we pray for world leaders that they may always seek peace and security in our world; we pray for countries laid waste by war and for all people caught in the middle of these conflicts; we pray for the police and the emergency services as they seek peace and security for the communities in which they serve; and we pray for all healthcare professionals and relief workers.

L: Come Lord Jesus,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God, we remember in our prayers today – those who are thriving and those who have lost a sense of direction, those who are worried about their health and what the future might hold, those who feel anxious or depressed or afraid, those who are in hospital, those with burdens they find impossible to share, and those who still mourn the loss of someone dear to their heart.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Val Allred | ▪ Leo Peeler |
| ▪ Lemont Bell | ▪ Joyce Quigley |
| ▪ Marinell Bostian | ▪ Calvin Roberson |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Shannon Roberson |
| ▪ Gary Emblar | ▪ Richard Schulz |
| ▪ Michael Funke | ▪ Lisa Marie Shepherd |
| ▪ Amy Hill | ▪ L.D. Shockley |
| ▪ Donnell Horton | ▪ Gloria Strickert |
| ▪ Veronica Caldwell Jordan | ▪ Leni Taite |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz | ▪ David Townsend |
| ▪ John Lewis | ▪ Laura Tucker |
| ▪ Ray Matthews | ▪ Herbert Watson |
| ▪ Vickie McCombs | ▪ Velia Watson |
| ▪ Mark Navtarile | ▪ Renate Wilson |
| ▪ Trey O'Quinn | |

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

L: We give thanks for the birth of Graham McGregor Gunn, grandson of Annette & John Nolan and son of son of Laura and Greg Gunn, born on November 30.

L: Come Lord Jesus

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: God, we pray for our local community, especially for those who are unemployed and underemployed, for those incarcerated, for those who are hungry, for those who are alone and afraid, and for all our neighbors, both known and unknown to us.

L: Come Lord Jesus

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God, you came into this world as a fragile child – crying in the night for your mother’s comfort, hungering for the nourishment of milk, and needing the swaddling of warmth. We pin our hopes on you, the Word made flesh, as we offer our prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide.

C: Come, Lord Jesus and be born in us. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

The Words of Institution

Rob Beyersdorf

*This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
And I . . . I'm desperate for you
And I . . . I'm lost without you*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me
And I . . . I'm desperate for you
And I . . . I'm lost without you*

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup,
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*This is the living Lord
This is the living Lord
Your very blood given for me*

*And I . . . I'm desperate for you
And I . . . I'm lost without you*

*This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe*

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Blessing

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Advent Blessing

L: God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and suffering ones, the angels in heaven, and the child in the womb,

C: Pour out your blessing upon us, your good word for our hearts, that we might rest and rise in the kindness of your company. Amen.



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



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 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Dismissal

C: Thanks be to God