

The Carols of Advent December 7, 2016

Peace
came to earth



Advent Gathering

P: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over.

P: Let your light scatter the darkness,

C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.

Theme Carol – “Peace Came to Earth” CWS 707

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Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
And who could be the same for hav - ing held
You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And God em - bod - ied
The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The wound - ed hands and
In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In bread and wine you
How else could I have loved you, O my God! How else could I em -



love and sheathed his might Who could but gasp: Im - man - u - el!
side, all doubts dis - pelled Who could but sigh: Im - man - u - el!
vis - it us a - gain Who could but see: Im - man - u - el!
- brace you, O my God! Who could but pray: Im - man - u - el!



Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

Confession of Sins

All: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

All: We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Musical Selection – Junior Choir – “O Come, Emmanuel”

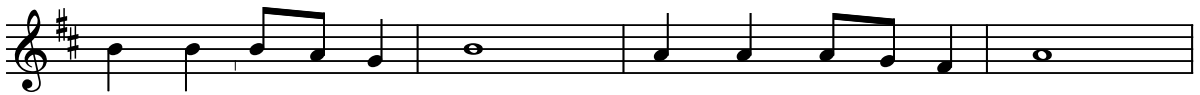
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Scripture Lesson – Romans 16:25-27 ²⁵Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him -- ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

The Candle Song – Peace

Natalie Sleeth

COR Students: Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to every heart, He comes! He comes!



Light one can-dle for peace, one bright can-dle for peace,



Ev-ry na-tion will find sal-va-tion in Beth-l'em's ba-by boy.

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Advent Devotion – Based on 1 Timothy 3:16

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¹⁶Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

Offering

Prayer

Closing Carol – “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

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The image shows a musical score for a closing carol. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first two lines of the carol. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior
He comes the cap - tives to re -
He comes the bro - ken heart to
Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of
comes, The Sav - ior prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart
- lease, In Sa - tan's pris - on held. The gates of brass
bind, The bleed - ing soul to cure, And with the trea -
Peace, Your wel - come shall pro - claim, And heav' n's e - ter -
pre - pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
be - fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
- sures of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
- nal arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

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