

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019

10:00 AM

* *Please stand in body or in spirit*

Words of Welcome and News of Our Life Together

Prelude "Nöel on 'Une jeune pucelle'" *Nicolas Le Begue*

Introit "You Who Wish to Hear It Sung" *Trad.. French nöel*

Call To Worship

Sharing the Peace of Christ ("May the peace of Christ be with you...")

Opening Prayer

* Hymn (*On reverse*) "O Come, Divine Messiah" *Trad. Fr. carol*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introductory Music

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D)
* E^b A^b E^b * (chords continue)

Pre- pare the way of the Lord. Pre- pare the way of the Lord,
and all peo- ple will see the sal- va - tion of our God.

Litany

The Coats Family

Choral Response "O Lord, That I Was Not There" *Trad. Fr. nöel*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Isaiah 35:1-10 O.T., pg 622

Matthew 11:2-6 N.T., pg. 9

Parable Time

Senior Choir Cantata (*Insert*) "Messe de Minuit pour Nöel" *arr. Charpentier*

* Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" Hymnal, pg. 35

* Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" *Trad. French*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("...and forgive us our sins....")

Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Two Nöels" *arr. Charpentier*

* Hymn No. 110 "Love Has Come" *French Melody*

* Charge and Benediction

Choral Dismissal "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" *Camille Saint-Saens*

from 'Christmas Oratorio'

Postlude "Nöel on 'Joseph est bien marié'" *arr. Charpentier*

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Worship Notes:

The flowers on the retable are dedicated to the glory of God.

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The junior choir and LIFT friends are preparing **A Night for Dancing**, a cantata by Hal Hopson, which will be performed on December 22 at the 10 a.m. service. Wanted are animals to "come dance to the rhythm of the holy night" in Bethlehem. Young children are welcome to join in becoming additional animals- dancing down the aisle at the conclusion of the pageant and in preparation for parable time. Make sure your kids are there! Watch for Barbara Sypher's direction. She will be shepherding them... Pastor Emma will also be lending a hand for helping your little ones participate. Please call Marti Coats at 610-388-7613 to discuss or ask questions.

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Following the service, please gather in the Social Hall for refreshments and conversation – and to thank our fine musicians!

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

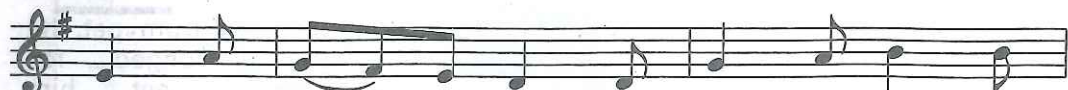
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VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and
3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly



1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's
3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man



1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.

Refrain



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O




come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits the day when



hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by Sr. Mary of St. Philip, 1825-1904.
Music: Trad. French carol, 16th cent.



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Rev. Emma M. Horn, Co-Pastor
Phil Calabrese, Contemporary Music Director

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Third Sunday of Advent

The Gathering of God's People

Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer;
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
and after the service, speak to one another.

Our Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 22nd - One Worship Service - Junior Choir Musical - 10 AM
Tuesday, December 24th - Service of Lessons and Carols - 5 PM
Sunday, December 29th - One Worship Service - 10 AM
Sunday, January 5th - One Worship Service - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - 10 AM
Nth Day of Christmas Pot Luck following worship

A Prayer for Today

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you;
now prepare the world for your rule.
Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end,
and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. Amen.