

Order of Worship
December 11th 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn of Praise

The Trees Of The Field
RH #764

Verse

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap will clap their hands

Chorus

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands

The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

Verse

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Gathering Prayer

Special Music

Wie zittern und wanken der Sünder Gedanken (How they quiver and waver, the thoughts of sinners) from Herr, gehe nicht ins Gericht mit deinem Knecht (Lord, do not pass judgment on Your servant), BWV 105
Johann Sebastian Bach

Translation

Wie zittern und wanken
How tremble and waver
Der Sünder Gedanken,
the sinners' thoughts
Indem sie sich untereinander verklagen (Romans 2:15)
while they bring accusations against each other
Und wiederum sich zu entschuldigen wagen.
and on the other hand dare to make excuses for themselves.
So wird ein geängstigt Gewissen
In this way a troubled conscience
Durch eigene Folter zerrissen.
is torn apart through its own torments.

Scripture Reading

Chriss Flynn, reader

Isaiah 35:1-10

New Revised Standard Version

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 11:2-11

New Revised Standard Version

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see?

Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Offertory

Communion

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Say He Will Come
WS #213

Verse 1

Say He will come pray He will come
To a sin filled world with His love
Chosen One sent from our God
above

Verse 2

Say He will come pray He will come
And bring peace to all who believe
Chosen One sent from our God in
love

Verse 3

Say He will come pray He will come
And bring joy to all who believe
Holy One sent to bring peace and
love

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Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begin

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