

SUNDAY — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
29 November 2020 – 10:15AM



Into the Darkness by Jan Richardson

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O COME O COME EMMANUEL • HYMN 56

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Come O Come Emmanuel'. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with two parts (1 and 2) indicated for each line. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

MARK 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the

master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

***I WONDER AS I WANDER* —ARRANGED BY JOHN JACOB NILES
SOLOIST — ERIC MALLOY**

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die
For poor on'ry people like you and like I;

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all
But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing
Or all of God's Angels in heaven to sing
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die
For poor on'ry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander out under the sky

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

INTRODUCTION TO LECTIO DIVINA

REV'D STEPHANIE JENKINS

THE NATIVITY STORY AS TOLD IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: 1:5-25

READ BY: SHELLDON DEUSTCH, OTTIS DEUTSCH, REV'D ISAAC MWANGI, AND
REV'D STEPHANIE JENKINS

5 In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. 7 But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

8 Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. 10 Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. 11 Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. 14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. 16 He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." 18 Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." 19 The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20 But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." 21 Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. 22 When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. 23 When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

24 After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 25 “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

THE NATIVITY STORY

AS TOLD IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE WITH VISUAL IMAGES: (1:5-25)

THE SERMON

MR. GLEN BOYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishop Poulson Reed; for this gathering; for all ministers and people, and for Whirlwind Mission, Watonga; St. Stephen’s, Guymon; and St. Stephen’s, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations especially those in the military: Bernie, currently deployed, Alexander, Grant, Jay, Jeff, Joe, Joshua, Nathaniel, and Nick on active duty. I ask your prayers for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick – especially Al, Annetta, Carolyn, Deaton, Fanny, Fred, James, Jane, Jeannie, Joe, John M, June, Kathleen, Kathy, Kitty, Lee, Linda, Louann, Nathan, Pat B., Pat R., Pat Y., Richard, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Sherry, Tina, V.J. I ask your prayers for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Stella Malone, Mother of Kathleen Malone-Crouch.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

We offer thanks today for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially June Harris.

Silence

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING

PEOPLE LOOK EAST • WLP 724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
5. earth. Set cv - cry peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Altar Flower

By Jimmy & Cheryn Lee



In Memory Of

Our Mother's Birthday, Edith Lee

Altar Flower

By Ginger Norvell



In Memory of

Oma Lee Gillespie

Please remember to turn
in your Pledge Cards for
the 2021 year!

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Attendance for Sunday, November 22nd, 2020 Principal (10:15am)
Pledge payments & contributions received
between November 16th to November 22nd \$1900

Attendance for Sunday, November 15th, 2020 Early (8am)··· Principal (10:15am)
Pledge payments & contributions received
between November 9th to November 15th \$726

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1st Sunday – Pastoral Assistance 2nd Sunday – Music Programs
3rd Sunday – Outreach Ministries 4th Sunday – Operating Fund