Southwestern at Memphis Memphis, Tennessee

Evergreen Presbyterian Church
December 15, 1966

CHRISTMAS IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

The Prelude

Improvisation

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:3-5

The Processional Hyan

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Congregation

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Reading

The Expectation

from Isaiah 9 and 40

The Choir

"Puer Nobis Nascitur"

H. Willan

Good news from heaven the angels bring Glad tidings to the earth they sing; To us this day a child is giv'n To crown us with the joy of heaven This is the Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid afford; He will Himself our Soviour be, And from our sins will set us free.

The Choir 1) "What Child Is This"

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What Child is this, who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus:

This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

2) "A Virgin Most Pure"

A virgin most pure as the prophets do tell Hath brought forth a baby, as it have befell; To be our Redeemer from death, hell and sin Which Adam's transgression had wrapped us in.

In Bethlehem Jewry a city there was, Where Joseph and Mary together did pass, And there to be taxed with many one more For Caesar commanded the same should be so.

Aye and therefore be merry; Rejoice and be merry; Set sorrow aside Christ Jesus our Saviour was born at this tide.

3) "Coventry Carol"

Lully, lulla, Thou little tiny child,
By by, lully lullay.
O sisters too,
How may we do
For to preserve this day.
This poor youngling, For whom we do sing.
By by, lully lullay.

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Herod, the king, In his raging, Charged he hath this day of brod off His men of might address vide data bas and In his own sight broad a ward and tall All young children to slay.

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John 1:1-14

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Robert J. Powell

Behold the tabernacle of Godis with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and He shall be their God. He is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the world began to be, He is Alpha and Cmega, He the Source, the Ending He. Of the things that are, that have been. And future years shall see, Evernore and Evernore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed When the virgin full of grace By the Holy Spirit conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race; And the Babe, the world's Redeener First revealed His sacred face Evermore and Evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing; Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring. Evernore and Evernore.

Thee let old men, Thee let boys in chorus sing Matrons, virgins with glad voices answering; Let their guileless songs reecho And the heart its music bring Evermore and Evermore.

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory, Evermore and Evermore.

Versicles and Prayer

The Lord be with you. Minister: and with thy spirit. Idolo lo men all Choir:

Let us pray, O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us. Minister:

for our desire is in thee. Choir:

Minister: O Lord, make clean our hearts within us, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Choir:

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon Minister:

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The Response

The Congregation is invited to sing one stanza of each of the

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" "The First Noel" osan to "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" "O Little Town of Bethlehen" "Silent Night! Holy Night!" blow sit sold odd bmA

The Benediction

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The Postlude

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The Minister -Dr. Fred W. Neal The Reader -Miss Susan Storer The Choir Director -Dr. Vernon H. Taylor The Organist - Prof. David Ramsey

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