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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 Hymn	"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 Saviour be,
And from our sins will set us free.

The Reading

The Event

from Luke, chap. 2

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"

p. 14
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"

p. 83
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.

Versicles and Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you,
Choir: and with thy spirit.
Minister: Let us pray, O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us,
Choir: for our desire is in thee.
Minister: O Lord, make clean our hearts within us,
Choir: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
Minister: The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon
us and give us peace.
Choir: Amen.

The Response

The Congregation is invited to sing one stanza of each of the following carols:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
"The First Noel"
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

The Benediction

Minister

The Postlude

Improvisation

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