

Anticipating Advent – Testify

December 13, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Third Sunday of Advent

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Lighting the Candle of Joy

The Winchester Family

*The world says, "Worry,"
but we say, "Rejoice."
The world says, "Fear,"
but we say, "Rejoice."
The world says, "Distrust,"
but we say, "Rejoice."
"Rejoice in the Lord always."
Again I say, "Rejoice!"*

*As we light our third Advent candle,
we pray for hope, peace, and joy.
Come now, Child of Mary.
Come now, Child of Joy.*

Hymn

His Name Is Called Emmanuel

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*His name is called Emmanuel, more wonderful than words can tell.
God is with us! Alleluia!
Born in our darkness, he is Light; born in our weakness, he is Might.
God is with us; God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Rejoice, and lay aside your fear. Rejoice, the Holy One is here.
God is with us! Alleluia!
Lift up your voices, come and sing. Come, worship Christ, the heavenly King.
God is with us; God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

- Ken Bible and Tom Fettke

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture
from Isaiah 61

Paul Sims

Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.
Jesus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
To God all glory, praise and love be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

- Charles Wesley

A Moment for Children
from John 1

Jefferson Calico

Sermon

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Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*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, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
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 quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

- 9th century Latin hymn

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

The 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, ...
Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, ...
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,*

- Isaac Watts

Benediction

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*Sisters and brothers, rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
and give thanks in all circumstances.
May the God of peace sanctify you entirely,
and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

- from I Thessalonians 5

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