

## The Lord Your God Welcomes You

**Prelude** “Coventry Carol”  
“Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming”  
“Still, Still, Still”

arr. S Wilkins  
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### Greeting & Welcome

#### \*Mutual Greeting

**Introit** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

setting J. Schuitman

#### \*Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

The Song of Zechariah from Luke 1:68–79

**\*Hymn of Praise** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LUYH 76 vs. 1-3

## **\*Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **\*Song of Worship “Behold our God”**

Baird

### **The Lord Your God Forgives You**

## **Call to Confession**

For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16,17

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**\*Song of Assurance** “Of the Father's Love Begotten”

LUYH 78 vs. 1 (solo)

## **The Lord Your God Speaks Good News**

**Scripture Reading** John 1:1-18

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**Song of Preparation** “O Savior of Our Fallen Race”

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**Sermon** “The Revelation”

**Song of Response** “Of the Father's Love Begotten”

LUYH 78 vs. 2 & 4

## **The Lord Your God Listens to Your Prayers**

**Prayers of the People**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

**To him be glory both now and forever.**

*Lighting the Christ Candle*

*Candle Lighting*

**Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**\*Song of Response** “Silent Night”

LUYH 85 vs. 1-3

## The Lord Your God Blesses You

**Offering** *Grand Haven Christian, Western Michigan Christian, Love in Action or World Renew*

**Offertory** “Before the Marvel of This Night”

C. Schalk

**\*Closing Hymn** “Joy to the World”

LUYH 92 vs. 1,2,4

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

arr. J. Innes

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

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