

SONG LYRICS AND SCRIPTURE
for the Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020

SONG OF PRAISE

Hymn 293

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Verse 1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light
Praise the One who frees the prisoners Turning blindness into sight
Praise the One who preached the gospel Healing every dread disease
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the very bread of peace

Verse 2

Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong yet gentle word
Praise the One who drove out demons With a piercing two-edged sword
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand
From this well comes living water Quenching thirst in every land

Verse 3

Praise the One true love incarnate Christ who suffered in our place
Jesus died and rose for many That we may know God by grace
Let us sing for joy and gladness Seeing what our God has done
Praise the One redeeming glory Praise the One who makes us one

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Overhead

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

O come Desire of nations bind All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Verse 3

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring

SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is on Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners, 3to console the mourners in Zion—to give them a crown of beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and a garment of praise for a spirit of despair. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. 4They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

8For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity; in My faithfulness I will give them their recompense and make an everlasting covenant with them. 9Their descendants will be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed. 10I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom wears a priestly headdress, as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11For as the earth brings forth its growth, and as a garden enables seed to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

CLOSING SONG

Hymn 270

Joy To The World

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods Rocks hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

Verse 3

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
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love