

**Order of Worship – December 13, 2020 – WOV Setting 4**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

Welcome

**This Little Light Of Mine**

This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
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I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Hide it under a bushel no  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel no  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel no  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Won't let Satan blow it out  
I'm gonna let it shine  
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I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

**Shine, Jesus, Shine**

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with love and mercy;  
Send forth your Word,  
Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, Shine on me.

All around the neighborhood  
I'm gonna let it shine  
All around the neighborhood  
I'm gonna let it shine  
All around the neighborhood  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Let it shine till Jesus comes  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine tell Jesus comes  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine tell Jesus comes  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

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Lord, and let there be light!

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
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## Advent Devotion – Pat and Ann Fitzgerald

READING: Ephesians 2:12-18

Candle Lighting

PRAYER

### Gathering Song: LBW 34 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free  
Your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

**C: we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen**

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free – free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### Kyrie – With One Voice, Setting 4; page 12

A: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

Hymn of Praise - This is the Feast, With One Voice, Setting 4; page 15

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Alleluia. For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord God,

**C: stir up the wills of your faithful people, and open our ears to the words of your prophets that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Lessons

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
8 For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel Acclamation, With One Voice, Setting 4; page 17

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Gospel according to... **John 1:6-8, 19-28**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord,' "

as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*After the reading*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message: **"Witnesses to the Light"**

Message Hymn: **Children of the Light**

At the dawning of the day,  
Darkness overpowered by light.  
You came walking in the garden, called our name.  
Your fellowship is ours to claim.

We are all the children of the light,  
We are children of the day.  
Enter the dawn and all creation will say:  
"Luminate our souls and drench our lives  
So the Son will fill our eyes.  
'Waken us now, we'll watch for You to arise.'"

From the darkness we have come  
To the word which lights the way  
In the radiance and the warmth You give by grace;  
Glow reflected from our face.

We are all the children of the light,  
We are children of the day.  
Enter the dawn and all creation will say:  
"Luminate our souls and drench our lives  
So the Son will fill our eyes.  
'Waken us now, we'll watch for You to arise.'"

Let Your light so shine on us,  
Let it shine in us, and through;  
May all people see the glory that You're due,  
Resurrection's blaze anew.

We are all the children of the light,  
We are children of the day.  
Enter the dawn and all creation will say:  
"Luminate our souls and drench our lives  
So the Son will fill our eyes.  
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### Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### Praise Song: Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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To see my sin upon that cross

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

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### Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### Offertory – With One Voice, Setting 4, Page 21

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers are concluded with*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

Closing Song: **LBW 25 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the bridegroom near;  
Go forth as he approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before him  
Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That sets your people free!

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Sending

A: Go in peace.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C: Yes, Lord, we will!**