

Texts for Worship – December 20th, 2020

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Gladstone, NJ

Rev. Dr. Kent R. Walley, Rector

Prelude *Magnificat I, Op. 18, No. 10* by Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

(Previously recorded by Brian Harlow)

Welcome and Introduction

Rev. Dr. Kent R. Walley

Ringling of the Tower Bells

Opening Hymn #56 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(Recorded by members of St. Luke's Choir for today's webcast)

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go. Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem, unto your own and rescue them! From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain

O come, O Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home. Make safe for us the heavenward road and bar the way to death's abode. Refrain

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar! Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light. Refrain

5 O come, O King of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind. Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace. Refrain

Text Thomas Helmore Richard Proulx, b. 1937 Tune: VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

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Salutation and Opening Prayer

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord Who forgives all our sins. **People:** *His mercy endures forever. Amen.*

Trisagion

Celebrant: Holy God. Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **People:** *Have mercy upon us.*

The Collect of the Day – The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings Can be found at: <https://episcopalchurch.org/lectionary/advent-4b>

Read by Lector, Robert Mueller

Romans 16:25-27 and Canticle 15 (Luke 1:46-55) BCP p. 91

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke. *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kent R. Walley

Prayers, Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Those on our Parish List battling Covid19: Jack, Kathy, Margo, Patty, Kit, Anthony, Sean, Don, Beth, Taylor, Anne, Terry, Mary, Philip, Simon, Margaret, John & Family, Zoe, Frank, Sonja, Gisela, Anne, Jennifer, 10 residents in Matheny, residents of Luther Crest Nursing Home, Phil, Rosemarie, Joe, Tara, Michael, Ann, Barbara, Becca, Residents at Holly Manor Nursing Home, Anne, Pina, Jim, Melford, Mike, Margo, and Charlie, Gene, Laura, Andrew, James, Sam, Kelli Stobvall, Nolan, Carol, Susan, Douglas, Gabor, Jim, James, Ryan and Thomas.

Thanksgiving for those who have recovered: Emma, Roopan, Cayden, Evie, Adam, Kevin, Pierson (first name), Charlie, Gus, Marie, Kelly, Molly, Christopher, Emily, Arthur, Anthony, Michele, Leon, Briana, Kelli, Diana, James, Billy, Mary, Jean, Omana, Eny and daughter Any, Gastivo, Matthew, Simon, Paula, Nancy, Nick, Kat, Jessie, Cindy, Annie, Danny, Pete, Fr. Tom, Gavin and members of his platoon at Fort Benning, Lisa, Jennifer, Chris, Del, Bill, Sadie, Nicole and Thatcher.

Prayers for First Responders, Chaplains, Medical Professionals on our Parish List: Pete Liloia, the Rev. Karen Lewis Dcn, Evan Webster, Bethany, Roopan, Will, Lisa, Christopher, Kate, Michele, Kate, John's Team, Meg, Kara, Andrew, John, Barbara, Alexa, Victoria, Brian, Alicia, Alieie, Nicole, and Anthony P., Don, Kent, Harvey, Brianne, Judy, Tom, Lexi and Dan, Charlie, Mary, Margaret, Michele, Susan, Emily, Drew, Nourish NJ Staff, James (Chicago), Alex, Jennifer, Julia, Katelin, Alyssa, Tate, Michaela, John,

Zoe, Claire, Jim, April, Sheeja, Erica, Dr. Shawna Hampton, Cathy, Christopher, Bob, Cristian, Violeta, Jane, Kourtney, new medical graduates from NYU and other schools, Debra, Lin, Dana, Kelly, Craig, Boone, Meg, Irwin, Rev. Dan, Sonja, Melissa, Marie, Nick, Lindsay, Sarah, Adon, Chris, Brittany, and Olivia.

Parish Sick and Shut In: Topyy Campbell, Chet Smalley, Bev Anderson, Tom Wahl, Peggy Nanfeldt, Lynne Cross, Sid Dillon, Elizabeth Spencer, Jane Knight, Anne Fischer, Peggy King, Bob Diemar, Sharon Floyd, Jennie Savona, Kenneth Koleto, Beth, Bob Lloyd, Jody Holbert, Glenda Eakle, Jeanette Breitenbach, Steven Silvestri, Francis Newcomer, Jim David, Kate Thuestad, Clarissa Scarano Marvin, the Kinn family, Nicole Burbach, Diane Toothill, Marco Cutinello, Dorothy Diana, Max Legband, Gemma, Andy Moses, Connie Rutherford Wall and her family, Jennie Ivens, Cynthia Johnston, Anne Hanks, Marilyn and Bruce, the Hayward Family, Steve Levinn, Cicilia Holle, and Eric Anderson.

Recently Departed: Brenda Mandeen and Rita Card

Altar Flowers: Given to the God by the Paladini/Nardone family in thanksgiving for our children, Scott, Mike, Samantha, Paige, and Julia, our son in law Paul, our daughters in law Anna and Kerry, and our grandchildren Ellie, Will, Sloane, Wesley, Chase, and Penelope; Given in loving memory of Jean McPherson Sollmann—the embodiment of the Christmas spirit with God’s grace and love—from the Ziebarth, Sollmann, and Durling families

Confession of Sin

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Absolution

The Peace and Announcements

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People** *And also with you.*

Offertory *I Wonder As I Wander*

Appalachian Carol, arr. John Jacob Niles

Jennifer Forte-Flynn, mezzo-soprano

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** *And also with you.*
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. **People** *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*
Celebrant God all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **People** *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **People** *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and will. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **People** *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **People** *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-130

Schubert

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by Him and made a new people by water and the Spirit...
...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers;...Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **People** *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, ...from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer

The Fraction

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Music At The Communion *There is no Rose*

Anonymous Medieval Carol

Nadine Robinson, soprano, Jennifer Forte-Flynn, mezzo-soprano, Tim Bozack, tenor

Post Communion Prayer

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Blessing, Doxology, and Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude *Fuge on the Magnificat*

by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)