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## Fourth Sunday in Advent/Choir Cantata – DEC 20, 2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Hall *(Congregational Parts in Bold)*

ENTRANCE HYMN “OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL” - st. 1-3 *(Stand, Sung)*

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

**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. *(Refrain)***

**Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan’s tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save And give them vic’try o’er the grave. *(Refrain)***

***(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.***

ADVENT CONFESSION *(Spoken)*

P: God promised to King David a descendant to reign on his everlasting throne. *(2 Sam. 7:12-13)*

**C: And the Angel said to Mary, “You will be with child and give birth to a son...(and) the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David...and he will reign forever.” *(Luke 1:31-33)***

P: You have come to us, Lord of Glory, as the fulfillment of God’s promise.

**C: We confess the many ways we ignore you and fail to enthrone you as Lord of our lives.**

*(Silent confession)*

P: The Son of God rules forever as Savior and Lord over heaven and earth. Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven at Christ’s cross and in his name. **C: Amen.**

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

P: For the peace of the world. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the unity of the church. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: For the salvation of all people. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Osteen Family *(Sit)*

2 Samuel 7:1-16 *(Below)*

Advent Gospel Verse *(Stand, Sung; Tune: Hark, the Glad Sound, LBW #35)*

**Kindle the flame of love this day, may it burn bright and true.  
The ruler of God long promised of old is given for me and you.**

Stir up your power, Lord Jesus, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may live forever in the joy of your presence and serve you always with fervent love. **All glory and honor belong to you for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE—Melissa Osteen

ADVENT GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand, Sung; Tune: Let Our Gladness Have No End)*

**Let our gladness have no end, Alleluia! For to earth did Christ descend, Alleluia!  
Christ our Lord so mild and meek, Alleluia! He the Word of God now speaks, Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Luke 1:26-38 *(Spoken)*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord / C: Praise to you, O Christ**

CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRESENTATION CHOIR DIRECTOR — KAREN HALL *(Program Below)*

OFFERTORY *(Stand, Tune: What Child is This)*

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; Come peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

OFFERING PRAYER

**All: We offer, Father, our gifts and praise, a joyful return for the gift of your Son. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth and tell the good news!

**C: Christ has come. Christ has risen. Christ shall come again!**

**SENDING HYMN - #34 "OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL" - st. 4-5**

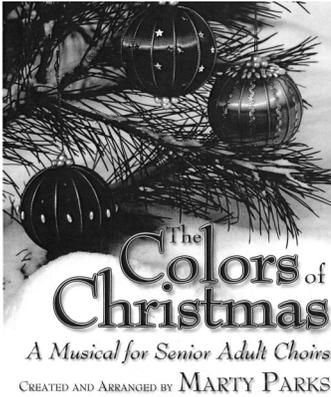
**Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Refrain)***

**Oh, come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *(Refrain)***

***(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.***

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*Bible Lutheran will hold a Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service with Carols and Candlelight on December 24, Thursday, 11pm.  
The Service Will Also Be Live-Streamed.*



Thank you for joining us this morning as we celebrate  
the birth of Jesus Christ through song.

We hope you enjoy this performance as much as we  
enjoy performing for you today.

**CHOIR DIRECTOR - KAREN HALL**

**SOPRANOS**

Michelle Bachelor  
Beth Helmly  
Karen Hall  
Julianna Hall  
Carol Patterson

**ALTO**

Carlyn Waldhour  
Amy Terry  
Victoria Hall

**TENOR**

Alan Waldhour  
Andy Dasher  
Trip Vorel

**BASS**

Richard Hall  
Harrold Wheeler, Jr.

**Sound Tech:** Ramona Kessler, Harrold Wheeler, Jr.

**Narrator:** Melissa Osteen

**SONGS:**

- ◆ A Festival of Carols (*Joy to the World - O Come, All Ye Faithful - Angels, From the Realms of Glory - Angels We Have Heard on High*)
- ◆ Deck the Halls (*Andy Dasher & Amy Terry*)
- ◆ O Christmas Tree! *With Immanuel, Immanuel*
- ◆ All Year Long (*Julianna Hall, Trip Vorel*)
- ◆ Earth Was Waiting
- ◆ On This Day Earth Shall Ring
- ◆ Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head (*Victoria Hall*)
- ◆ O Little Town of Bethlehem
- ◆ Jesus the Lord Is Born
- ◆ Finale (*Arise, Shine - Lift Up Your Heads - O Come, Let Us Adore Him*)

**CANTATA**

Literally "sung", past participle feminine singular of the Italian verb cantare, "to sing".

A vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically in several movements, often involving a choir.

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### **First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'" <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

### **Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

### **Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.