

Mine Eyes Have Seen Thy Salvation

Water of Life Christmas Service 2024

Cassandra: Prelude – What Child is This

Congregation: Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn (LTH #79)

1. Rejoice, rejoice, this happy morn, A Savior unto us is born,
The Christ, the Lord of Glory. His lowly birth in Bethlehem
The angels from on high proclaim And sing redemption's story.
My soul, extol God's great favor, Bless Him ever For salvation,
Give Him praise and adoration.

Waiting for the Consolation

Scarlett: Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished,
that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all
her sins.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make
straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the
crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the
mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Gavin: Isaiah 52:9-10

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath
comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of
the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Teddy: Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Teddy: First Advent Candle

Congregation: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People (TLH #61 v1,2, & 4)

1. Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.
2. Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He will not more see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.
4. Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign;
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

The Glory of Thy People Israel

Scarlett: Exodus 40:34

Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Gabriel: Haggai 2:7

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

Children: The King of Glory Comes (CW #363 v1)

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices,
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.
Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices,
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

Gabriel: Second Advent Candle

The Lord's Christ

Gavin: Luke 2:6-7

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Children: Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Gavin: Third Advent Candle

By the Spirit into the Temple

Logan: Luke 2:25-32

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Logan: Fourth Advent Candle

A Light to Lighten the Gentiles

Ruth: John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Scarlett: Christ Candle

Congregation: Silent Night (TLH #646 v1-3)

1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
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According to Thy Word

Pastor: Sermonette

Congregation: Joy to the World (TLH #87 v1-4)

1. Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry Heart prepare him room,
And Heav'n and nature sing.
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.
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.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love.

Pastor: Blessing

Congregation: The Nunc Dimittis (TLH p29)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sydney: Postlude – O Holy Night