

LITURGY & SONGS – December 1, 2019

Reflection Ouote:

"Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back in the same box." — Italian Proverb

Call to Worship:

Leader: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

All: He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

Leader: Behold, my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

All: A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! <Based on Isaiah 11:1-5; 42:1-4, 10>

Confession of Sin:

All: Father, we confess that we are not like you. You are holy and righteous, gracious and true. O God, you show no partiality in judgment. You look at our hearts, but we judge people by their outward appearance. Forgive us, O LORD! We pay special attention to some people while ignoring or looking down on others based on their social capital or material wealth. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us for being judges with evil thoughts!

<Based on James 2:1-5: Acts 10:34: 1 Samuel 16:7>

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Brothers and sisters, remember this good news: Jesus came to rescue us. He died and rose again to release us from our spiritual bankruptcy and to pour out the riches of his grace upon us. He came to fulfill this Scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." By faith in Jesus, our crucified and resurrected King, our sins are atoned for and the favor of God rests upon us. Let us rejoice and praise His name!

<Based on Luke 4:18-19>

Benediction:

Leader: Beloved, may we go from here proclaiming with our lives and with our words this good news of great joy that is for all the people. For unto us was born in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. May we join the angels in saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased." Amen and amen. <Based on Luke 2:10-12>

SONGS

O Come O Come Emmanuel Who You Say I Am O Praise The Name (Anastasis) Behold Our God Come Thou Long Expected Jesus