



AND
HEAVEN
AND
NATURE
SING

Joy to the World.

G. F. Handel.

come: Let earth re-ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre-pare Him
ings; Let men their songs em-ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
row, Nor thorns in-fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
race, And makes the na-tions prove The glo - ries of His right-eous-

And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n
Re-peat the sounding joy, Re - pe
Far as the curse is found, Far
And wonders of His love, An
sing.
joy.

- 'ry hear
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es are vanquish'd,

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The Setauket Presbyterian Church

“As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others.”

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

9:30 AM

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is based on the 5th Century “O Antiphons” which the church read at evening vespers during the Octave (last eight days) before Christmas, one each evening, Dec. 17-23, with Christmas Eve Vespers being the Christmas Vigil. We reinterpret this tradition for the four Sundays of Advent and our three services on Christmas Eve.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Prelude in A minor*

J. S. Bach

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verse 5)

arr. John Weaver

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First reader: O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel opening the gate of Heaven:

Second reader: Come, break down the prison walls, and lead your captive people into freedom.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

* **Hymn 104** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Great Composer and Conductor of the Universe, for the rhythms of life you have placed within us, for the intertwining melodies you draw forth from us, and for the special home you keep for each of us among the heavenly choir, we thank you. Forgive us that too often we hear only noise while the song of the angels surrounds us; that we feel alone while the faithful of all the ages are singing with us; that we despair while your strong and steady heartbeat is near at hand. Unstop the ears of our ears, tune our wills to your will, make strong and true our voices in your praise, for we pray in Jesus’ name...

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection) Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **Gloria** (refrain from Hymn 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 88, verse 2

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

* Hymn 144 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2 9-18

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM

Gloria

Vivaldi

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

(Please sign the Friendship Rosters found at the end of the pew,
noting the name of fellow worshippers when it is returned.)

* Doxology (Hymn 102, verse 4, *Savior of the Nations, Come*)

***Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!
to the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.***

* Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, from whom all blessings flow, we your children return these gifts to you.
Fill our hearts with melodies for everyone we meet, and send into your world
through us, and through all that we offer you, the glorious song of life in Christ
Jesus our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 105 *People, Look East*

BESANÇON

* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

John Rutter

POSTLUDE Fugue in C major

J.S. Bach

please rise in body or in spirit; **unison prayers are in bold.*

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor

9:30 Worship Service; Service of Lessons and Carols; No Childcare