

# *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

*Temple Baptist Church, December 17, 1995*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n  
I would be silent now, O Lord, and expectant that I may receive  
the gift I need, so I may become the gifts that others need*

## *John 1:9-13*

*"The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world."*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel*

Keep our vision sharp and our hearing clear that we do not miss you

*(All rise and sing)*

2.

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
And drive away the shades of night  
And pierce the clouds and bring us light  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

3.

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease  
Fill all the world with heaven's peace  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

4.

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell Thy people save  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

## *Isaiah 11:1-6*

*"He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear..."*

Sustain me in the coming then

*A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse  
And a bud shall grow out of his roots  
The spirit of life shall be with him  
The spirit of wisdom and truth*

*Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard  
And the lion eat straw with the ox  
For the hand of a Child shall lead them  
To the peacable kingdom of God*

*From out of the wells of salvation  
Will he draw us the water of life  
His waist shall be girdled with justice  
The heart of his heart shall be Love*

*He'll come down from the end of his heaven  
And the earth shall be torn from its place  
Our lives shall be filled with his radiance  
As flood-waters cover the sea*

## *Psalms 13:1-6*

*"How long, O God? Wilt thou forget me forever?"*

Are you where love is?

*He did not wait till the world was ready,  
till ev'ry nation was at peace.  
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,  
and pris'ners cried out for release.*

*He did not wait for the perfect time.  
He came when the need was deep and great.  
He dined with sinners in all their grime,  
turned water into wine. He did not wait*

*till hearts were pure, in joy he came  
to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.  
To a world like ours, of anguished shame  
he came, and his Light would not go out.*

*He came to a world which did not mesh,  
to heal its tangles, sheild its scorn.  
In the mystery of the Word made flesh  
the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane  
to raise our songs with joyful voice,  
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,  
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

## *Psalms 70:1-5*

*Leader: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me!*

*All: O God, make haste to help me.*

*Leader: Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!*

*All: Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!*

*Leader: Let them be appalled because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"*

*All: May all who seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee!*

*Leader: May those who love thy salvation say evermore, "God is great!"*

*All: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!*

*Thou art my help and my deliverer; O God, make haste!*

I remember now in silence

*Though I am just a poor and needy servant  
Stay near to me, deliver me, make hast to redeem me*

## *Luke 1:26-38*

*"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."*

Could it be there are messages?

*(All rise and sing)*

**Love divine, all loves excelling  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling  
All Thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art  
Visit us with Thy salvation  
Enter every trembling heart**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast  
Let us all in Thee inherit  
Let us find the promised rest  
Take away the love of sinning  
Alpha and Omega be  
End of faith, as its beginning  
Set our hearts at liberty**

**Finish then Thy new creation  
Pure and spotless let us be  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in heav'n we take our place  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee  
Lost in wonder, love and praise**

(Congregation may be seated)

Offering

*Luke 2:1-7*

*"...the time came for her to be delivered."*

## The Manger

God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than low candlelight

*Sweet dreams form a shade o'er my lovely infant's head  
sweet dreams of pleasant streams by happy, silent moony beams*

*Sweet babe, in thy face holy image can I trace  
Sweet babe once like thee, thy Maker lay and wept for me*

*Sleep, sleep, happy child, all creation slept and smiled  
sleep, sleep happy sleep, while o'er thee thy mother weep*

*Wept for me, for thee, for all, when He was an infant small  
Thou His image ever see, heav'nly that smiles on thee*

*Smiles on thee, on me, on all, who became an infant small  
Infant smiles are His own smiles; heav'n and earth to peace beguiles*

*Mark 14:53-64*

*"And they all condemned him as deserving death."*

To die for those that kill thee every day?

*How can I look upon your manger in silence  
When I know the hands into which you will fall?*

*How can I look upon your manger in silence  
When I know that one day the cross awaits you?*

*How can I look upon your manger in silence  
When I know that my own hands will cause your wounds?*

*How can I look on your manger in silence  
When I know you have come as a gift to me?*

*For if I am silent  
Then I cannot offer any consolation*

*I must rejoice  
In my greatest voice!*

*Revelation 22:1-13*

*"Behold, I am coming soon..."*

'Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace

*Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon!*

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Almighty God  
Who was and is and is to come  
Sing holy, holy, Lord!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
For Christ will be their All!*

*John 1:1-5*  
*"In the beginning..."*

All the silence thrills, and speeds the message of Salvation

*(All rise and sing)*

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King  
And peace to all on earth

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of the heav'n  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in

*(Congregation may be seated)*

*Listen! Listen! and in silence, hear the Light!*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the sight of every people  
A Light to lighten the nations and the glory of thy people Israel*

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