



# ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP



December 16, 2020  
7:00 pm

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER—  
SPECIAL MUSIC

Prelude

“Comfort, Comfort These My People”

Burkhardt

Scripture –

**Ephesians 1:3-8** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

**John 1:10-13** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

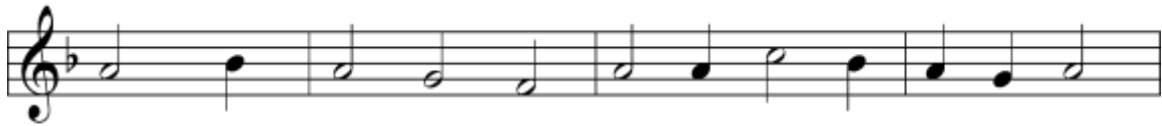




1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus  
3 Hark, the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing In the des - ert



saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the



’neath their sor - rows’ load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys



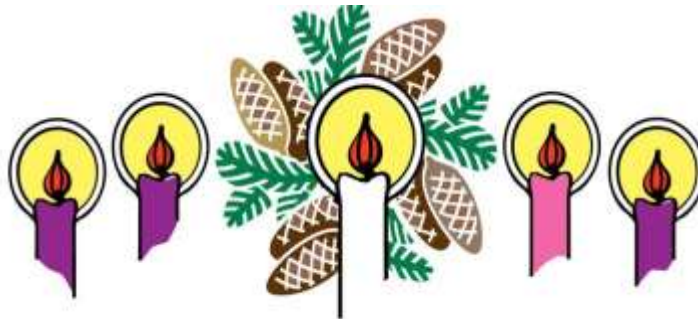
sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”  
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

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**Sermon**

**“Chosen Children”**

**Pastor John Larson**  
**TEXT: John 1:10-13**



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