

Third Sunday in Advent

LYRICS FOR SINGING ALONG

♪Hymn 1

NOW IS THE TIME APPROACHING

1 Now is the time approaching,
by prophets long foretold,
when all shall dwell together,
secure and manifold.

Let war be learned no longer,
let strife and tumult cease,
all earth a blessed garden
that God shall tend in peace.

2 Let all that now divides us
remove and pass away,
like mists of early morning
before the blaze of day.
Let all that now unites us
more sweet and lasting prove,
a closer bond of union,
in blessed lands of love.

*Words by Jane Borthwick, 1859;
Music by George Webb, 1837*

George Wiese, organist
1906 Mason and Hamlin Style 559
American Harmonium (Reed Organ)

♪Hymn 2

LO, HOW A ROSE E'RE BLOOMING

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Saviour,
When half spent was the night.

Amen.

*Words: German, 15th Century,
Translated by Theodore Baker (1851-1926)
Music: German, 16th Century,
Arranged by Michal Praetorius, 1599*

♪Hymn 3

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME

1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

*Words by Ruth Duck, 1973;
Music by William Walter, 1872*