

♪HYMN LYRICS: ♪ ♪ Hymns for November 29th, 2020 ♪ ♪ ~ Isaiah 64:1-9 ~♪

First Sunday in Advent...

♪Hymn 1

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light: [Refrain]

*Words by Follitt Sandford Pierpont,  
1864; Music by Conrad Kocher, 1838*

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

♪Hymn 3

**PEOPLE LOOK EAST**

1. People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*\*Bonus verses, in case you want to sing it  
again (because it's such a catchy tune!)*

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.

*Words by Eleanor Farjeon, 1928;  
Music: Trad. French carol,  
harmonized by Martin Shaw, 1928*

**DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

*Words by Thomas Ken, 1674;  
Music attributed to Louis Bourgeois, 1551*

♪Hymn 2

**WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH**

1 Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heaven descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2 Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heaven to die,  
crucified for our salvation,  
saving Word, the world restoring,  
speak to us, your love outpouring.

*Words by James Quinn, 1969;  
Music by Johann R. Ahle, 1664*