“Advent Gathering”

Choir: Here in this world where darkness surrounds us
Congregation: 

“Come, O hope of your people. Come among us and stay
Lead us in mercy, up from the shadows,
Shine in our darkness, be here today

Choir: Where is the peace you promised the widow
Congregation: 

Refrain: Congregation and Choir:
Come, O hope of your people. Come among us and stay
Lead us in mercy, up from the shadows,
Shine in our darkness, be here today

Choir: Where is the road you promised the exile?
Congregation: 

Refrain: Congregation and Choir:
Where is the road you promised the exile?

Choir: Where is the heart whose “yes” is salvation
Congregation: 

Refrain: Congregation and Choir:
Where is the heart whose “yes” is salvation

HEBREW SCRIPTURE
Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will
live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” The Hebrew prophet waits for a Savior. **AMEN**

ANTHEM
**Hadwen Park Choir**

GOSPEL LESSON
**Luke 3: 1-6**
In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make all paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” The Word of the Lord **AMEN**

SERMON

PRAYER REQUESTS, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING and OFFERTORY
**BENEVOLENCE**: for members in need, rent, heat, food, etc
**HPC TOYS**: for children of Hadwen Park church who will not have Christmas without us.

*DOXOLOGY*
“Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, the son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong.”
Let the poor say “I am rich” because of what
the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.”

COMMUNION
Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And, take us to heaven to live with you there.

*PARTING HYMN*
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #116 (vs 2,3,4)

*CHORAL BLESSING*
One in love, one in friendship true, one in hope,
one in spirit too, one in faith that God will care for you,
’til we meet together again!

CHRISTMAS POSTLUDE
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Downstairs for healthy snacks and coffee