**Get Ready for Here He Comes**

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Annapolis  
Sunday, December 4, 2016  5:30 PM

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Priest: God will judge the needy with righteousness, and those who suffer with justice.  
All:  **Prepare us to receive the good news of your Son Jesus.**

Priest: God will overcome the violent with the breath of a word.  
All:  **Prepare us to receive the good news of your Son Jesus.**

Priest: The wolf will live with the lamb,  
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;  
All:  **Prepare us to receive the good news of your Son Jesus.**

Priest: They won’t harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.  
The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord,  
as the waters cover the sea.  
All:  **Prepare us to receive the good news of your Son Jesus.**  
(Based on Isaiah 11:1-10)

Priest: Let us pray.  
All:  **Praise and honour to you, living God;**  
you chose the Hebrew people and brought them step by step  
to look for a redeemer, and hope for the Christ.  
**Prepare our hearts to hear your call,**  
so that we may receive with joy the good news of your Son  
**Give us grace to see our need and recognize salvation when it comes. Amen**  
(From *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, page 551)

Musical Meditation

Scripture  
*Luke 4:14-30*

Spoken Reflection

Musical Reflection  
*Wade in the Water*  
(lyrics other side)

Prayers

Benediction

Concluding Music
**Wade in the Water**

*Refrain* Wade in the water  
Wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water  
God's a-going to trouble the water

1. See that host all dressed in white  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
The leader looks like the Israelite  
God's a-going to trouble the water

*Repeat Refrain*

2. See that band all dressed in red  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
Looks like the band that Moses led  
God's a-going to trouble the water

*Repeat Refrain*

3. Look over yonder, what do you see?  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
The Holy Ghost a-coming on thee  
God's a-going to trouble the water

*Repeat Refrain*

4. If you don't believe we've been redeemed  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
Just follow me down to the Jordan's stream  
God's a-going to trouble the water

*Repeat Refrain*

**Luke 4:14-30**  
Jesus announces good news

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.*
*He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.*

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, “Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.”