



PRELUDE

Partita on Saviour of the Nations, Come J. Weber

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arr. R.A. Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I was glad when they said to me,

Many: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

One: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

Many: that we may learn God's ways

and walk in God's paths.

One: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#168 Savior of the Nations, Come
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Feasting on the Word)

**God of majesty and glory,
we are thirsty for your grace.**

**You made a way for us in the wilderness,
and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.**

We hide our eyes from your presence.

We do not listen to your word.

**We are lifeless when we ought to dance,
and speechless when we ought to sing.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Speak peace to our fearful hearts,
strengthen our weak hands,**

**and make firm our feeble knees
as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.**

(Silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Come, Come, Emmanuel arr. J. Raney

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

Page 735, first half of the NRSV Bible

Response to reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (Joy)

(See blue insert for music and litany)

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#161 People, Look East

BESANÇON

(At end of hymn, children up to Gr. 6 may come forward)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

Psalms 13

Pages 545-55, first half of the NRSV Bible

Response to reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON "Waiting on the Way"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CAROL OF APPROACH

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

(please refer to the blue insert)

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafer is available.

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Jesous ahatonhia (Huron Carol)

arr. C. Callahan

Regular Offering and/or Communion Offering which this month is for the ministry of David & Suzannah Nacho who serve in Latin America w/ CBM. (small envelopes with coloured labels in pew rack may be used for contributions to the special communion offering)

***Doxology**

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,

come peasant, king to own him;

the King of kings salvation brings,

let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud,

the babe, the son of Mary!

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Variations and Carillon on *People Look East*

M.D. Himmelman

***Please stand, as you are able.**

📖 We are grateful for those who serve with us in worship today: Worship Leadership – Anne Bellamy; Readers – Kathy Brown & Sandra Perrin, Acolytes – Madeleine Perrin & Roy Domning; Communion Team – Church Council; Ushers – Ferreira Family; Sound – John Atwood.

📖 *Music and words for the Gloria Patri and Congregational Amen are found on the laminated sheet in the pew rack.*