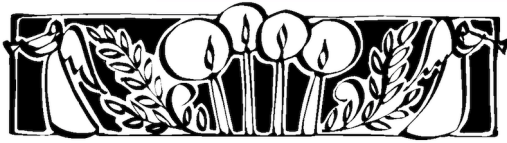


Fourth
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Partita on "The Angel Gabriel" K. Sadowski

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#160 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
REJOICE, REJOICE

***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

Gracious God,
Mary humbly accepted the news of her calling
to be the vessel for the Son of God. Forgive us
our lack of faith in times when we are not in control.
Joseph faithfully trusted the news of his calling
to take Mary as his wife. Forgive us
our lack of trust in times when you reveal your will
and your way.
In these final days of Advent, give us grace as we wait
and watch for your provision and timing in our lives.
May the great light of your glory surround us today.
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

Invocation for Advent D. Besig

FIRST READING

Matthew 1:1-17 Page 1, second half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (LOVE) (please refer to the insert for the music)

Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.
God of love, fill our hearts with true compassion.
Advent is a time to look for the best in others.
God of love, help us speak truth with kindness.
Advent is a time to share with those in need.
God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.
Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.
God of love, help us see the world through loving eyes.

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#174 Prepare the Way of the Lord (3x) Taizé Community
(at end of hymn, children up to Gr. 6 may come forward)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CAROL OF MEDITATION**

#169 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:18-25 Page 1-2, second half of the NRSV Bible
Response to reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

What Child Is This arr. D. Jansen
Gabriele Thielmann-Vriend, Violin

***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**

***CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#189 Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

***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**

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata on "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel" J. Behnke

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Worship
Leadership – Rose Merke, Rev. Colin Ward; Acolytes - Lilly Bonham
& Amelie Bellous; Readers – Warren Tasker, Norm Hill; Greeters/
Ushers – Lingling Pabuaya, Maxine Baptiste; Sound Tech. –
Wendell Noordhof

*Music and words for the Gloria Patri, the Doxology and the
Congregational Amen are found on the laminated sheet*