



PRELUDE

Waichet auf, ruft und die Stimme BWV 645 J.S. Bach

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord Taizé

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

O God, we are feeling isolated
by circumstances beyond our control.
But we also need your forgiveness
for the ways we have isolated ourselves.
Forgive us
for times we have isolated ourselves from relationships,
from opportunities, from our connection with you,
because we are too arrogant,
too stubborn, or simply too human.
Forgive us
for putting our own judgment and desires over yours.
Save us from putting our own traditions ahead
of the true meaning of Advent.
Bring us back from our isolation
into your light and hope and joy.
Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

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

Angelus ad virginum 14th century Irish tune
(Gabriel to Mary came) arr. D. Willcocks
- Adrienne Sitko, soprano

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 89:1-9
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (The Candle of Joy)

One: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of living.
Many: Lord of light, we thank you for the gift of life.
One: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of relationships.
Many: Lord of light, we thank you for friends, family and companions on the way.
One: Advent is a time to celebrate the earth we all share.
Many: Lord of light, we thank you for the fullness of creation.
One: Advent is a time to celebrate deep, lasting life.
All: Lord of light, we thank you for Immanuel, who brings everlasting joy.

*CAROL OF PRAISE

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL OF MEDITATION

#171 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary ANNUNCIATION

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:26-38
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Dawn Stiles

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came P. Manz

*Offertory Response

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

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

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.

*Sung Benediction

May the Hope of Jesus Find You R. Edwards

*The Sending of the Community

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

*POSTLUDE

Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel
Chant and Toccata J. Behnke

*Please stand, as you are able
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