

One: Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

Many: God of love, fill our hearts with care and compassion.

One: Advent is a time to seek the best for one another.

Many: God of love, help us speak words of grace and mercy.

One: Advent is a time to share with those in need.

Many: God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.

One: Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the gifts around us.

All: God of love, help us see the world through eyes of love and kindness.

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#222 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing SUSSEX CAROL

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL OF MEDITATION

#170 My Soul Proclaims With Wonder WALNUT

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:39-56

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

SERMON "Kin-panions for the Journey" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

People! Look East

W. Beckstrand

- Sydney Rochow, flute

***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**

#161 People! Look East

BESANÇON

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**

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.

N. Rawsthorne

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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Fourth
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Partita on "Saviour of the Nations Come"

J. Weber

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

like a child

LIKE A CHILD

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#168 Saviour of the Nations Come

NUN, KOMM DER HEILAN 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

God of salvation,

we confess that we have resisted humbling ourselves before you and have followed the stubborn intentions of our hearts.

In Your great mercy, forgive us.

God of restoration,

we confess we have refused your help, thinking that our ways are better than Your ways.

In Your unbounded goodness, forgive us.

Help us trust that You will never abandon us,

remembering that we are inscribed

on the palms of Your hands.

Help us rest in Your love

and rejoice in Your comfort and compassion.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

R. Goodson

ANTHEM

Like Him We Rise

(Incorporating Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)

T. Trenney

- Joanne Linden, mezzo soprano

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:8-16a

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