



PRELUDE

Variations on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" VARIOUS

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly P. Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#222 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing
SUSSEX CAROL

***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

(adapted from "Gathering for Worship")
We confess that we have lived superficially.
We have pushed to the back of our minds
the questions that trouble us.
We have not found time
to face the emotions that disturb us.
We have hidden from life
behind activity, habit, and consumerism.
We have allowed imagination and sympathy to wither.
We have avoided you, God, even as you came after us.
Lord God,
come after us again,
draw us towards your heart,
that we may open up to the needs of others,
rediscover ourselves, know your love, and live again.

(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.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:12-17
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#184 What Child Is Child GREENSLEEVES

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:41-52
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

***HYMN OF APPROACH**

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**
***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty
from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

WORDS OF SHARING

All:
Dearest Christ,
We thank you for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world
to live into the visions you have put in our hearts.

We are commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.
Amen

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

I Wander as I Wonder APPALACHIAN CAROL

***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.

***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**

In dulci jubilo N. D. Joio

*Please stand, as you are able
We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
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