



PRELUDE

Partita on Saviour of the Nations Come J. Weber

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Come Now, O Prince of Peace O-SO-SO

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#176 Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates TRURO

***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, when we read about your call to someone else,
it is so crystal clear.
They just have to listen (eventually).
Then they act in accordance with your call.
But we get lost in your many calls.
For our weak ears they barely penetrate
the noise around us.

Social justice, poverty, aboriginal rights,
Black Lives Matter, hunger around the world
and hunger in my neighbourhood,
gender equity, domestic violence, LGBTQ rights.
And these are just for the human part of your creation.
We hear your call about all of these,
but what is your call for us? For me?
Maybe your call is as straightforward as:
raise a family, grow a garden and love our neighbours.
Lord, give us ears to hear the call that is for us.
That is from you.
And give us grace and strength to go forward
with your call.

(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

Come, Christ of God S. Pethel

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING LITANY

#178 Emmanuel, Emmanuel - sing before and after lighting

During Advent, we wait for the One promised in scripture.

And he is named the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the One who can turn discord
into perfect harmony.

And he is named the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the One who can replace hate with love,
and anger with understanding.

And he is named the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the one who can replace division with unity,
and war with peace.

And he is named the Prince of Peace.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:1-9

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

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#162 like a child LIKE A CHILD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

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

SERMON

Dawn Stiles

***HYMN OF APPROACH**

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

GATHERING AT THE TABLE - please refer to insert

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

An Advent Meditation D. Lasky

***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**

#389 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands ST. COLUMBA

***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.

***Advent Benediction**

Blessing Dengler & Dengler

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

***POSTLUDE**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates arr. E.D. Childs

*Please stand, as you are able

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