



PRELUDE

Variations on Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming A. Fedak

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#154 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

***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 confess that we try to create joy
by our own busy activity.
We shop, wrap presents, decorate and cook.
We get pointed in the wrong direction
and make the season mostly about our own effort.
Turn our hearts and minds from concerns with
ourselves and the values of our culture
to the deep eternal truths you came to proclaim.
Help us to quietly seek the real Advent message
of God with us – Emmanuel.
Draw us back to You, the source and center of Joy.
May our hearts, so full of so much,
be filled with your spirit of love and generosity.
Enable us to let go of things that don't matter
and find our true joy in You.
(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

Magnificat arr. A. Bullard
Adrienne Sitko, soprano

FIRST READING

Matthew 1:12-17
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (The Candle of Joy)
#178 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (before & after lighting)**

One: Today we light three candles. The candle of hope, the
candle of peace and the candle of joy.

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

Many: And he is named Mighty God.

One: We wait for the One whose power knows no limits, whose
strength knows no end.

Many: And he is named Mighty God.

One: We wait for the One whose light can illuminate the
darkest night.

Many: And he is named Mighty God.

We wait for the One who restores us,
who brings joy in the morning.

All: And he is named Mighty God.

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL OF MEDITATION

#166 Wait for the Lord (sing 3x) Taizé Community

SECOND READING

Isaiah 55:1-13
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came arr. T. Shaw

***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**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#710 The Trees of the Field S. G. Rubin

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**

People, Look East! arr. K. Langois

*Please stand, as you are able

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