

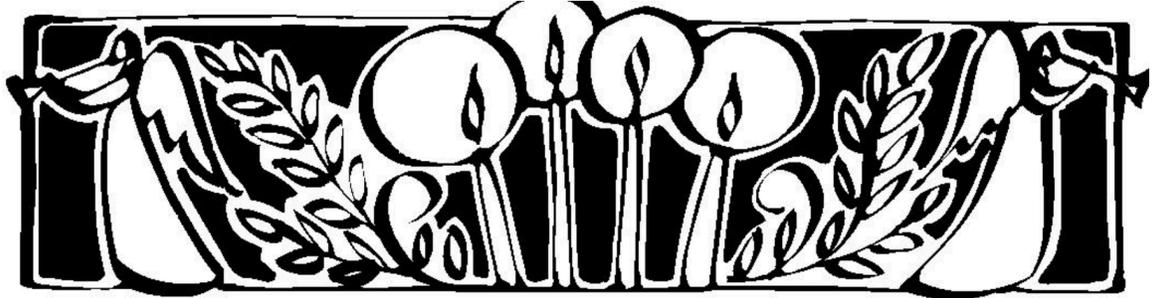


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

December 19, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Fourth
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
People, Look East!

arr. M. Sedio
arr. R. Roberts-Raybold

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-SO-SO

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#160 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

G Am7 G C/E D D/C

1 A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

G/B C Am7 D7 G Am7

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for -
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

G C/E D G/B Am7 D C G

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.

D $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ G $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ Em $\frac{Em}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D D7

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less

Em $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$ C B7 Em $\frac{Bm}{D}$

geth - er, he o - pens wide the heaven - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - ery day we share and

Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lives now in - side us for ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

***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

**Loving God,
In this time of Advent waiting,
we confess that we live in darkness, often by choice.
We find it easier to live in fear than to boldly hope.
We doubt your faithfulness.
Our imaginations fail to grasp
the full extent of your love and grace.
We busy ourselves with Christmas preparations,
fill our time with distractions,
and lose sight of the message
at the heart of your Advent story.
God of love, Creator and Redeemer,
fill our hearts with wonder and hope.
Help us to recognize, and proclaim your presence
in this hurting world.
Remind us that there is light in the darkness.
(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

The Yearning

C. Courtney

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (The Candle of Love)

#178 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (before & after lighting)

Unison

Chords: C, C/E, F, Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#, Dm, G, G/B, C, C/E, F, Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#, Dm, E/G, G13, C, F/C, C

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el, his name is
called Em-man - u - el. God with us,
re-vealed in us, his name is called Em-man-u - el.

WORDS and MUSIC: Bob McGee (1944-)

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Today we light 4 candles!

The candle of hope, the candle of peace,

The pink candle of joy, and the candle of love.

During Advent, we wait for the One promised in God's great story of love.

And he is named Everlasting Father.

We wait for the One who knows our deepest thoughts, and abides with us in the midst of all our needs.

And he is named Everlasting Father.

We wait for the One who loves us unconditionally, Who names us as "beloved."

And he is named Everlasting Father.

We wait for the One whose grace and mercy knows no bounds.

And he is named Everlasting Father.

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#161 People, Look East

BESANÇON

N.C. A/C# Bm A D D/F# A Esus E

1 Peo-ple, look east, the time is near of the crown-ing of the
2 Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant-ed
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
4 An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to

A A/G D Bm7 A7/C# D A D

year. Make your house fair as you are a-ble, trim the
there. Give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in
brim, shin-ing be-yond the frost-y weath-er, bright as
earth. Set ev-ery peak and val-ley hum-ming with the

Em A7 E Bm A C# D N.C. D A D

Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:
 Peo-ple, look east:
 Peo-ple, look east:

hearth and set the ta - ble.
 course the flow-er may flour-ish.
 sun and moon to - geth - er.
 word, the Lord is com-ing.

A C# G B D Asus A D

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)
 MUSIC: French melody; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL OF MEDITATION

#170 My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

WALNUT

Refrain (Unison)

F Dm7 Gm/Bb E/A Gm7 C

My soul pro-claims with won - der the great-ness of the Lord,

F Bb Am Dm Gm7 C F C/Bb Am7 Gm7 F

re - joic - ing in God's good - ness my spir - it is re - stored.

F Dm Gm7 C F Bb Gm

1 To me has God shown fa - vor, to one the world thought frail,
 2 God's mer - cy shields the faith - ful and saves them from de - feat,
 3 The might - y have been van-quished, the low - ly lift - ed up.
 4 To A - bra-ham's de-scend - ants, the Lord will stead - fast prove,

Em7(b5) D7 Gm Am7(b5) D Gm Dm G7 to Refrain
 Bb A Eb D D Csus C

and ev - ery age will ech - o the an - gel's first "All hail!"
 with strength that turns to scat - ter the proud in their con - ceit.
 The hun - gry find a - bun - dance, the rich, an emp - ty cup.
 for God has made with Is - rael a cov - e - nant of love.

SECOND READING

Luke 1:5-25

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

SERMON "The God of Rummage Sales and New Things"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Chant and Meditation on VENI EMMANUEL

J. A. Behnke

***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**

#189 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

B \flat B \flat B \flat B \flat F B \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm F F7 B \flat

1 An-gels, from the realms of glo-ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a-bid-ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sag-es, leave your con-tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi-sions beam a-far;
 4 Saints be-fore the al-tar bend-ing, watch-ing long in hope and fear,

B \flat B \flat B \flat F7 Gm D Gm D Gm Gm F C7 F

you who sang cre-a-tion's sto-ry, now pro-claim Mes-si-ah's birth:
 God with us is now re-sid-ing, yon-der shines the in-fant light:
 seek the great De-sire of na-tions, you have seen the na-tal star:
 sud-den-ly the Lord, de-scend-ing, in his tem-ple shall ap-pear:

F B \flat E \flat Cm B \flat Cm Gm Faus F7 B \flat

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

REGENT SQUARE
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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**

Toccatà on VENI EMMANUEL

J. A. Behnke

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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