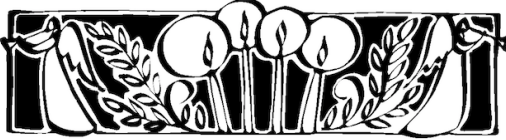


December 4, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Second
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Variations on PUER NOBIS

M. Burkhardt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Prepare the Way, O Zion

M. Burkhardt
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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

We confess, O God, we are like those
that gathered at the river with John the Baptist.
We want to believe.
We want to be part of your coming kingdom,
but we do not want to change.
You have called us to repent and we dig in our heels.
You have called us to come into the water,
but we are afraid to stick in our toe.
You have called us to bear fruit,
preparing the way for your return,
but we fail to bear forth your goodness and mercy in us.
Forgive us.
Help us to turn back to you.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

(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

Morning of Promise

J.M. Martin

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 Page 710, 1st half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING LITANY (The Candle of Peace)

Prepare the Way of the Lord.
We light the candle in peace,
the peace that Jesus, our Saviour, gives to the world!
Prepare, then, the Way of the Lord.

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#156 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

PUER NOBIS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

Matthew 3:1-12

Page 3, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Advent Wilderness"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

***CAROL OF APPROACH**

#166 Wait for the Lord (sing 3 x)

Taizé Community

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

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

All Earth Is Hopeful

arr. D. Cherwein

***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.

***CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#158 Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

***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

Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL

J.A. Behnke

*Please stand, as you are able

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