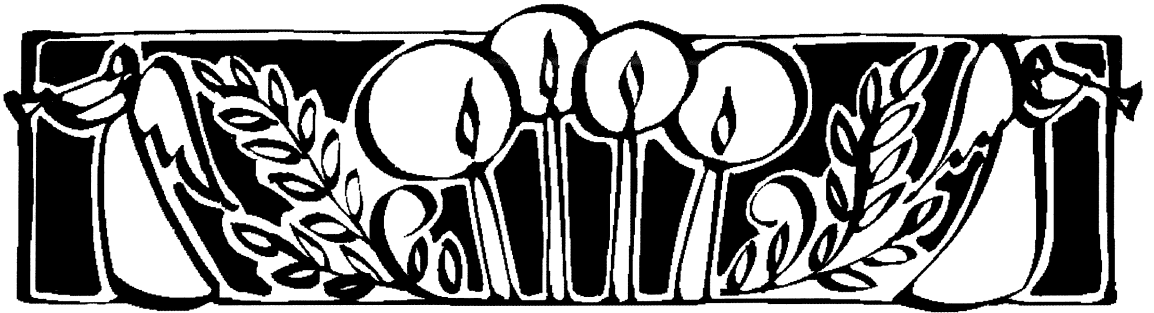




Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

December 11, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Third
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Variations on LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING
Comfort, Comfort Now My People

A. Fedak
P. Manz

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Prepare the Way, O Zion (#152)

M. Burkhardt
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#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 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ 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 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ 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

**God of wonder and majesty,
we confess we are anxious and afraid.
Sometimes we wonder if You really are at work
amid the chaos we experience in our world.
Forgive us for holding You captive to our expectations
and feeling disappointment when You don't answer
according to our plans.
We long to experience the fullness of Your
everlasting joy,
but we confess we overlook
the moments of subtle delight
in Your daily presence within and among us.
Heal us from our blindness, deafness, and lameness,
that we may fully embrace You as You are.
May we rejoice with joy and singing
as we find You in unexpected places.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

**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**

R. Goodson

ANTHEM

Waiting for the Promise
Greg Schoepp, Clarinet

L. Larson

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

Page 735, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (The Candle of Joy)

Prepare the Way of the Lord.

We light this candle in joy,
the joy that we have in Jesus, Saviour.
Prepare, then, the Way of the Lord.

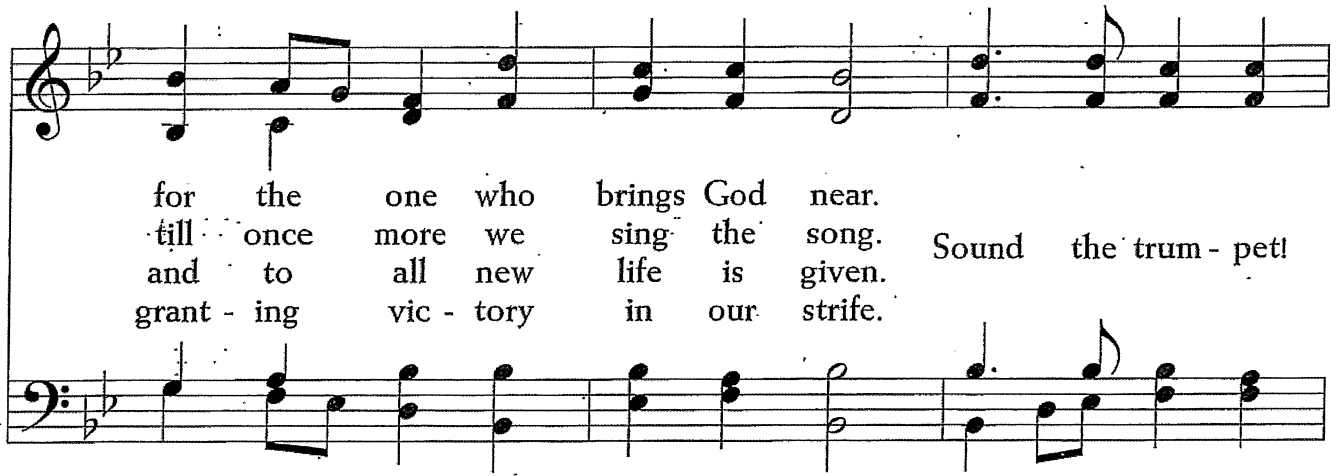
*CAROL OF PRAISE

Herald, Sound the Note of Gladness

NEANDER

1 Her - ald! Sound the note of glad - ness! Tell the news that
2 Her - ald! Sound the note of judge - ment, warn - ing us of
3 Her - ald! Sound the note of par - don! Those re - pent - ing
4 Her - ald! Sound the note of tri - umph! Christ has come to

Christ is here; make a path - way through the de - sert
right and wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness,
are for - given; God re - ceives these way - ward child - ren,
share our life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



for the one who brings God near.
 till once more we sing the song. Sound the trum - pet!
 and to all new life is given.
 grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ the Sav - ing One has come!

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NEANDER (UNSER HERRSCHER)

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL OF MEDITATION

#155 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

F C/E F C Dm C/E Gsus G C F/A Gm/Bb Dm Gm F/A Csus C F

1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" so says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!

F C/E F C Dm C/E Gsus G C F/A Gm/Bb Dm Gm F/A Csus C F

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pent - ance since the King - dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!

F Dm F/A Gm F/A C F F/A Bb C Bb/D F C

To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

F F/A Bb Am/C Dm Gm/Bb Asus A Dm F Dm Gm F/A Gm/Bb F/A Bb C F

Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

SECOND READING

Matthew 11:2-11

Page 11, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON "Advent in the Dark"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Prepare the Way, O Zion

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**

#161 People, Look East

BESANÇON

N.C. C# Bm A 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:
 hearth and set the ta-ble. Peo-ple, look east:
 course the flow-er may flour-ish.
 sun and moon to-geth-er.
 word, the Lord is com-ing. Peo-ple, look east:

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.

***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.

***Choral Benediction**

“Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come”

VENI EMMANUEL

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Variations and Carillon on PEOPLE LOOK EAST

M.D. Himmelman

***Please stand, as you are able**

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