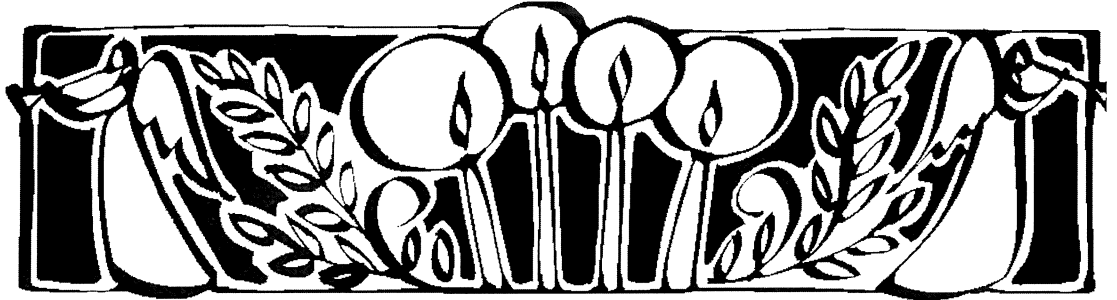


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

December 17, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Third
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

People, Look East!

arr. W.L. Wold

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way, O Zion
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
REJOICE, REJOICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

#154 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Unison

Em Bm G Am G D G D Bm C G
D B C B

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Am $\frac{Em}{B}$ Bm Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ Am $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{B7}{F\#}$ Em Bm C D Em

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

Refrain (Harmony)

D Bm G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ Am $\frac{G}{B}$ D G D Em Bm G

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

$\frac{Am}{C}$ Am $\frac{G}{B}$ D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{B}$ Am $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

WORDS: Latin, 9th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866); vss. 3 and 4 tr. Henry S. Coffin (1877-1954) VENI EMMANUEL
 MUSIC: French melody, 15th c.; harm. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890) L.M.Ref.

***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 justice and mercy,
we confess that we get caught up in the busyness of our lives
and forget to appreciate all the small moments of connection with you.
Forgive us when we live in anxiety and fear, rather than in joyfulness.**

**We confess that we are consumed by fulfilling our personal agendas
and forget to make room to meet the needs of others.
Forgive us when we live with the mindset of scarcity,
rather than abundance.**

**We confess that we benefit from the oppressive
structures of past generations
and use our power and privilege for our personal gain.
Forgive us when we knowingly and unknowingly
support unjust political, economic, and social structures,
rather than working to free those who are oppressed.**

**God of justice and mercy,
help us live in a way that brings joy to you.
May our spirits rejoice in God, our Saviour.**

(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

Advent Proclamation

L. Dengler

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11.

Page 767-768, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING (The Candle of Joy)

CAROL (remain seated)

#178 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

B. McGee

(sing with the choir before and after the litany)

WORDS and MUSIC: Bob McGee (1944-)
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Unison

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "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."

Chord symbols for the first system: C, C/E, F, Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#.

Chord symbols for the second system: Dm, G, G/B, C, C/E, F.

Chord symbols for the third system: Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#, Dm, F/G, G13, C, F/C, C.

LITANY

Let your Spirit sing in our hearts;
let your song of joy fill our world;
and as we wait through the Advent season
**let the glorious angels lead us to the place
where the Christ would be born today. Amen**

*CAROL OF PRAISE

#173 Magnificat

Taizé Community

I G C D7 G.
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

II C D7 G
Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.
Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free.

III C D7 G
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

IV C D7 G
Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!
Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!

WORDS: Taizé Community, 1978; para. Luke 1:46

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Words and Music © 1979 Les Presses de Taizé (Admin. GIA Publications)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*CAROL OF MEDITATION

#171 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

ANNUNCIATION

Gm D D7/F# Gm Cm Cm/Eb Dsus D Gm

1 To a maid whose name was Ma - ry, the an - gel Gab - riel came.
 2 "For you are high - ly fa - vored by God the Lord of all,
 3 But Ma - ry was most trou - bled to hear the an - gel's word.
 4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
 5 "How shall this be?" said Ma - ry, "I am not yet a wife."
 6 As Ma - ry heard the an - gel, she won - dered at his words.

D D7/F# Gm Bb Fsus F7 Bb

"Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I come to bring good news;
 who ev - en now is with you. You are on earth most blest;
 What was the an - gel say - ing? It trou - bled her to hear,
 His name shall be called Je - sus, God's off - spring from on high.
 The an - gel an - swered quick - ly, "The power of the Most High
 "Be - hold, I am your hand - maid," she said un - to her God.

F/A Gm Dm/F Eb D Gm Cm6 Cm/Eb Dsus D Gm

good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."
 you are most blest, most bless - ed; God chose you, you are blest!"
 to hear the an - gel's mes - sage, it trou - bled her to hear.
 And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."
 will come up - on you short - ly, your child shall be God's child."
 "So be it; I am read - y ac - cord - ing to your word."

SECOND READING

Luke 1:46-55

First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Mercy and Mary's Song"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. A. Fedak

*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

#168 Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

WORDS: Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th c.; German version,
Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Calvin Seerveld (1930-)
MUSIC: *Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Seth Calvisti (1556-1615)
Words © 1984 Calvin Seerveld

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
7.7.7.7.

Gm Dm Bb F D(no3) Gm Eb $\frac{D}{D}$ Cm Gm $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$ D Gm

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, show your - self the Vir - gin's son.
2 Not by hu - man power or seed did the wom - an's womb con - ceive;
3 Christ laid down his maj - es - ty, passed thro' dark Geth - sem - a - ne;
4 Christ in glo - ry, in - ter - cede for your crea - tures' suf - fering need;
5 Praise to you, O Lord, we sing; praise to Christ, our new - born King!

Gm F Bb F Gm Eb Cm Gm Dm Bb F D(no3) Gm

Fill with won-der, all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.
 on - ly by the Spir - it's breath was the Word of God made flesh.
 though he left his Fa - ther's home, Christ now sits on God's own throne.
 let your res - ur - rect - ing power soon com - plete the vic - tory hour.
 With the Fa - ther, Spir - it, one, let your last - ing king - dom come.

***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! Rejoice!

VENI EMMANUEL

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. P. Manz

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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