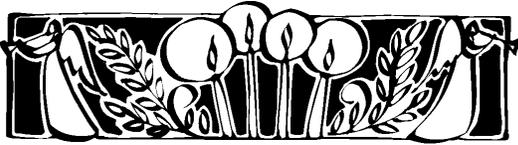


Fourth
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

An Advent Meditation
The Holly and the Ivy

D. Lasky
J. Biery

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way, O Zion BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn REJOICE, REJOICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#176 Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates TRURO

***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,
on our advent path
we find ourselves busy
with the buying of gifts, putting on special meals,
and taking part in our favourite traditions.
You invite us is to adjust our lens;
to see the world through your eyes,
to love the world with your heart of compassion.
Forgive us when we turn our eyes away.
Forgive us for getting weary of the way of love.
Help us to be faithful in small acts of mercy
that heal the ones we are engaged with.
Help us to learn obedience from Mary and Joseph
as they accepted their call,
as they accepted the gift
that Jesus would be born to them,
as they accepted God's holy interruption
that would save the world.

(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

Silence to Song
Conducted by Katie Lam

J.M. Martin

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7 Pages 706-707, 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)

LITANY

Let your Spirit burn in our hearts;
let your Light shine in our world;
and as our Advent time of waiting is nearing its end,
let the flame of your Love warm the place
where the Christ would be born today. Amen

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#174 Prepare the Way of the Lord

Taizé Community

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CAROL OF MEDITATION**

#180 O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

SECOND READING

Luke 2:1-7 Page 59, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

P. Fey

***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

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

In dulci jubilo

D. Bédard

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

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from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church.
Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council