



**PRELUDE**

Saviour of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach  
J. Weber

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**ADVENT INTROIT**

O Come, Emmanuel

P.P. Olejar

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#158 Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

**\*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 Light and Peace.  
We confess that we are often content  
with darkness and unrest.  
We snuff out the light of kindness  
and stoke anger and resentment.  
We ignore the flicker of your spirit,  
beckoning us to compassion and inclusion  
and instead lean into judgement and bitterness.  
We choose to consume rather than to give  
and to steep in misery instead of pursuing joy.  
Forgive our apathy and indifference.  
Pardon our selfishness and lead us again,  
and again to the light of your transforming love.

(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 Advent Road

D.E. Wagner

**FIRST READING**

Malachi 3:1-4 Page 995, 1st half of the NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING (The Candle of Peace)**

**ANTHEM**

Advent's Holy Light

J. Raney

(See insert and sing when directed)

**LITANY**

In a world filled with conflict and confrontations  
**We humbly seek the gift of peace.**  
For the storms that sometimes rage within us  
**We humbly seek the gift of peace.**  
As we rush and hurry our way through busy lives  
**We humbly seek the gift of peace.**  
And for those around us we know are carrying heavy burdens  
**We humbly seek the gift of peace.**

**\*CAROL OF PRAISE**

#174 Prepare the Way of the Lord

Taizé Community

**SECOND READING**

Luke 1:67-79

Page 59, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON**

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

**\*CAROL OF APPROACH**

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

**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**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

D. Bish

**\*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**

#168 Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

**\*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**

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

J. Behnke

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

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— FBC Council