

The Worship of God

Longing To Believe

December 2, 2018

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ and offers time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

The Hanging of the Greens

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (Wake, Awake, a Voice Is Calling) J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: *Es ist ein Ros entstrungen* (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming) Johannes Brahms

CHORAL INTROIT French Melody, 15th Century

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* PROCESSIONAL CAROL 119: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL
(The congregation will rise when the organist begins playing.)

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Leslie, Matt, Elizabeth, Maggie, and Matthew Paszek

* LITANY OF PREPARATION Robert Sykes

Deacon: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Deacon: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Deacon: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Deacon: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of the Scriptures foretelling the saving work of God.

Deacon: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

* THE GLORIA PATRI GLORIA

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,

Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Elizabeth Edwards

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "O Come, Divine Messiah" James Biery

O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away. Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, desired of nations, whom priest and prophet long foretold, will break the captive fetters, redeem the long-lost fold. O come in peace and meekness, for lowly will your cradle be: though clothed in human weakness we shall your Godhead see.

Anna Jane Murray, violinist

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Psalm 25:1-7 Sara Raper
Jeremiah 33:14-16 Richie Cobb

PRAYER

Ronnie Tripp

THE BLESSING OF THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

Ginger Maynard

ANTHEM: "Sans Day Carol"

Cornish Traditional Carol/arr. John Rutter

Now the Holly bears a berry as white as the milk and Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk.

And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Holly, holly, and the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly. Now the Holly bears a berry as green

as the grass and Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross. Now the Holly bears a berry as black as the

coal and Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all. Now the Holly bears a berry as blood is it red then

trust we our Savior who rose from the dead.

THE BLESSING OF THE GREENERY AND WREATHS

Ramsey Ward

CAROL MEDLEY (Please remain seated and sing while the greenery and poinsettias are being placed.)

147 (stanzas 1&3):

"Away in a Manger"

CRADLE SONG

144 (stanzas 1&4):

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

162 (stanzas 1&3):

"What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES

THE BLESSING OF THE POINSETTIAS

Dick Berry

ANTHEM: "What Can I Give Him?"

Tim Sharp

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had

fallen, snow on snow, on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold him,

nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter

a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for him whom cherubim worship

night and day; mother Mary cared for him, a manger full of hay. Enough for him whom angels, fall

before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,

cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the

beloved with a kiss. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part. What I can I give him? Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Allison Willcox

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Muzette

Jean-François Dandrieu

* THE DOXOLOGY

AWAY IN A MANGER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Jaye Biggs

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Traditional Polish Carol/arr. Ken Berg

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord

of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of

all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;

saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises

voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the Babe was born for you. Christ the Babe was born for you.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE

Lori Joyner

ANTHEM: "Star in the East"

The American Vocalist 1849/ed. Brad Holmes

Hail thou blest morn, when the great mediator, down from the regions of glory descends. Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger, Lo for his guard the bright angels attend. *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.* Cold on his cradle the dew drops are shining, low lies his head, with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore him in slumber reclining, maker and monarch and savior of all. Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and offerings divine. Gems from the mountain and pearls from the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 21:25-36

MEDITATION:

"Longing To Believe: Desire"

Jody Wright

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Minister: Let us decorate this tree with symbols of our faith.

The Chrismons we use represent the life and inspiration of the church in times past, the witness of the church today, and the hope of the church for generations to come.

People: As we share these symbols, let us confess what we believe.

Minister: We believe in God.

People: Father, Creator, Sustainer.

Minister: And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

People: Alpha and Omega, Light of light, Prince of Peace, King of kings, Lord of lords. Immanuel: God with us.

Minister: Jesus! Born of the virgin Mary, born in Bethlehem, cradled in a manger. Heralded by shepherds, Magi, and angelic hosts.

People: Glory to God in the highest and on earth . . . peace.

Minister: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

People: Comforter, Heavenly Dove, Spirit of Love.

Minister: We believe in the church.

People: The Body of Christ, the communion of the saints, the people of God.

Minister: We believe in the Word of Life.

People: Sent from God: living, transforming, and challenging.

Minister: We believe that Christ has conquered life and death.

People: That he was crucified, dead, and buried: the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Minister: We believe in the resurrection.

People: Offering life everlasting!

Minister: Bursting forth with hope!

People: Hallelujah!

Minister: Let us offer our lives to God.

People: In gratitude for the gift of love and life, we offer ourselves to God. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL CAROL 125: "Come, O Long-expected Jesus"

Hyfrydol

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Noël and Variations *Tous les Bourgeois de Châtres*

Claude Balbastre

* Congregation stands.

The poinsettias and wreaths that adorn the sanctuary and the doors of the church are given to the glory of God and in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please see the memorial brochure for a listing of these gifts.



Advent at Lakeside

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