

Second Sunday of Advent Traditional Service December 4, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Choral Prelude on "Vom himmel hoch"

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WELCOME

*Advent Wreath Lighting

Phil Fair and Marie Rosenthal

One: The prophet Isaiah shared a word with the fearful world, a vision of gentleness and peace—

All: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid;"

One: "The calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."

All: God's kingdom will be a peaceful place for all creation because that is how God wants things to be.

One: As we wait faithfully for God's time, we light the candles of Hope and Peace.

All: We remember that peace comes from God, who became one of us in the birth of Jesus.

Alleluia! Let us worship God!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING RESPONSE

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (Verse 2, See Insert)

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

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1 Comfort, comfort you my people, Tell of peace, thus saith our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness Bowed beneath oppression's load. Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell them that their sins I cover, And their warfare now is over.

2 For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting
And the hills bow down in greeting.

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits God's holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That God's word is never broken.

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how often we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view. Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

Leader: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

"Do Not Be Afraid"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN
Do Not Be Afraid

Glory to God #76 (See Insert)

Isaiah 43

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING
Call to Give
Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter Harold Darke

Chancel Choir

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen,
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 incarnate, Jesus Christ.

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,
Yet what I can I give Him —
Give my heart.

Enough for him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day
A breast full of milk
And a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down 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.

*Doxology #592
Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray:

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music "Pastorale" from Messiah

George F. Handel

*SENDING HYMN

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
From *Glory to God*, See Insert

Glory to God #100 (See Insert)
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*BENEDICTION

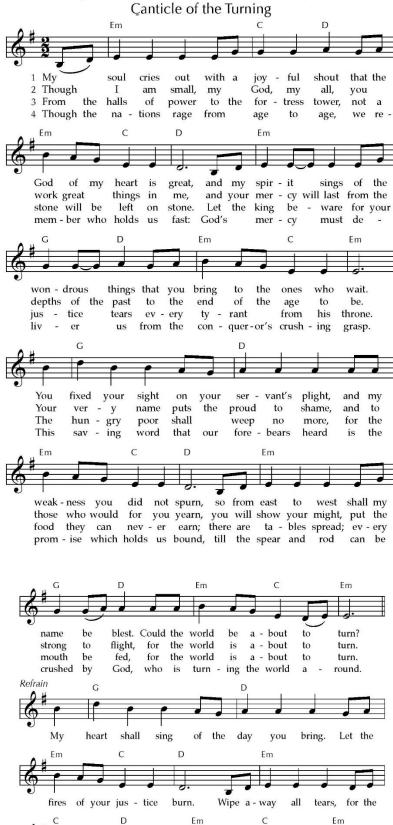
POSTLUDE Postlude from "Forrest Green"

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Several verses from Isaiah 43 are paraphrased here: 1b (refrain), 19 (stanza 1), 25 (stanza 2). That prophetic oracle of salvation is rooted in the assurance of God's presence with the People of the Covenant. They, in turn, are called to seek God's will and proclaim God's power.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout



draws near, and the world

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turn.