

Proclaim Jesus Christ, Live in Christ, Serve!

PRELUDE What Is This Lovely Fragrance?

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WELCOME & INVITATIONS

OPENING HYMN Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW #256



- "Com fort, com fort now my peo ple; For the her ald's voice is cry ing of peace!" So says our God. tell the des - ert far and near, in
- Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load. to true re-pen-tance, since the king-dom now is Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



God's peo - ple now pro-claim To that God's par don waits for them! Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! for God a way! Now pre - pare of the Lord glo - ry shed a - broad, the now on earth is



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er. Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him! all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt. Music: FREU DICH SEHR, Trente quatre pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551

INVOCATION

Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In this Advent time of preparation, we take time to confess and be made new.

Leader: Creator God,

All: Forgive us for the harm we have caused. For those we have failed

to see. For the promises we have broken and the dreams we have

been afraid to pursue. Forgive us, LORD.

Leader: Prepare our hearts to receive you.

All: Hope is on the way

Leader: Prepare our will to follow you.

All: Peace is on the way

Leader: Prepare our gifts to be shared.

All: Joy is on the way

Leader: Prepare our minds to know you.

All: Love is on the way.

Leader: This is the day to return; to repair what is broken, to renew what is holy

and to begin again. For Christ, who is the way, forgives you now and sets you free in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

arr. Pepper Choplin

arr. Pamela C. Bye

arr. Roger Summers

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

arr. Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman

arr. C. Cassils

Spirit.

All: Amen

ANTHEM Birthday in a Manger

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There Was a Little Baby

O Come, Little Children
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Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Children of the Preschools of St. Andrew's Kathy Martinez, director; Bill Chouinard, piano

ANTHEM Lord, Be Glorified

10:30am Choristers

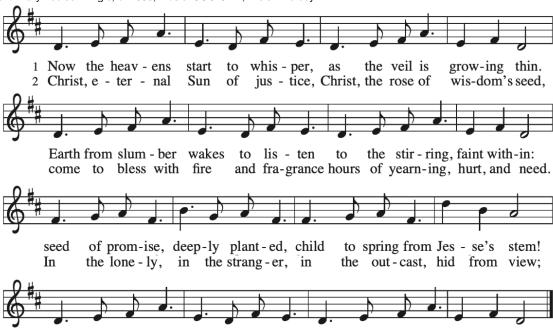
Miriam Sikora, Director; Kristin Chouinard, piano

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ADVENT CANDLE SONG Now the Heavens Start to Whisper - Verse 1

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953, Music: SUO GAN, Welsh melody



Like the soil be-neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him. Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

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The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

ADVENT CANDLE SONG Now the Heavens Start to Whisper - Verse 3

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953, Music: SUO GAN, Welsh melody

Christ, eternal Sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance
hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger,
in the outcast, hid from view;
Child who comes to grace the manger,
teach our hearts to welcome you.

ANTHEM We Are Waiting

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We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace. We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Sun of justice, shine upon us, We are trusting in your promise. We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace. We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Loving Shepherd, walk beside us, Stir our hearts, and gently guide us. We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

10:30am Khloe Wofai Fischer

arr. Prisiclla Lamparter Landis

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

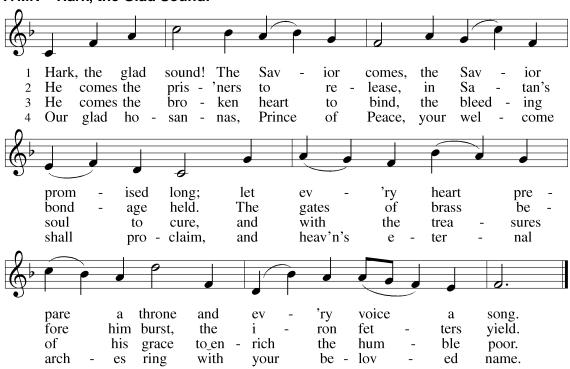
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW #239



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. John the 11th Chapter All Sing: "Glory to you, O Lord."

GOSPEL: John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

The Gospel of our Lord.

All Sing: "Praise to you, O Christ."

SERMON Pastor Carole Lundell

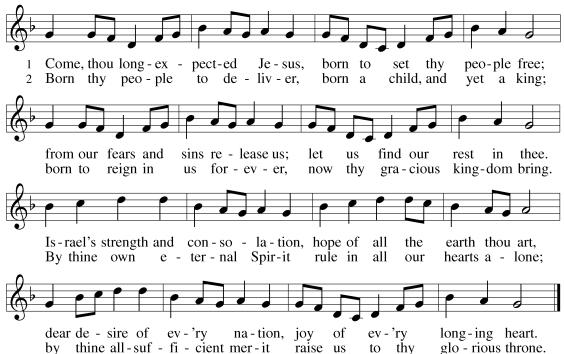
OFFERING Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) Chris Eaton and Amy Grant

Victoria Sundberg, soloist

Kristin Chouinard, piano; Bill Chouinard, organ

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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Be still

All: and know that I am God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 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, forever and ever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD (All Sing)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

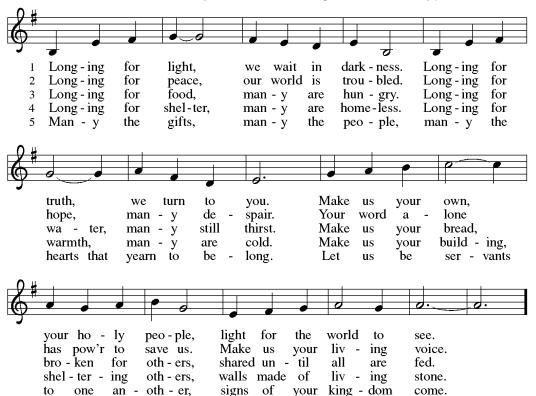
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN Christ, Be Our Light

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's

grace.

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God our host, at this table you have fed us with hope and gladness.

Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger.

and proclaim the good news of Jesus.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be

gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

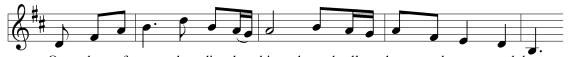
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Sing: Amen.

HYMN O Day of Peace

ELW #711

Tune: JERUSALEM, Text: Čarl P. Daw, Jr., Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry



day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb; ne'er shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes. as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease, Then en - e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace. the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her

(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)

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NEXT SUNDAY

Johann Pachelbel

Preacher: Pastor Sarah Breckenridge

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-13 Gospel: John 4:13-14

Music

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preacher: Pastor Carole Lundell Assisting: Pastor Brian Norsman

St. Andrew's Preschool, Kathy Martinez, director

Choristers Miriam Sikora, director

St. Andrew's Choir Andy Haase, Music Director Kristin Chouinard, piano Bill Chouinard, Organist

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