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Worships God in Lessons and Carols at 11:00 a.m.

December 23, 2018

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Prelude Hark! the Herald Felix Mendelssohn; arr. Barbara Kinyon
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory Regent Square

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again. Keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Lighting the Fourth Candle in the Advent Wreath Hugh and Paula Bishop

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, choir and congregation stand to sing:

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on Si-nai's height

In ancient times didst give the law, In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice; rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing collection and come to the Chrismon Tree for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5

Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 3 Comfort, Comfort You My People Psalm 42

The congregation sits.

The Third Lesson Psalm 80:1,2b,4a,5b,6a,7 Unison**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock.****You, are enthroned on the cherubim; shine forth.****Stir up your might and come to save us.****O Lord, God of hosts,****you have given us tears to drink in full measure;****you have made us the scorn of our neighbors.****Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.****Anthem** Angels' Carol John Rutter, 1988

Have you heard the sounds of the angel voices, ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?

Have you seen the light shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?

Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds,
who have waited long. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night.

He is come in joy like the sun at morning, filling all the world with radiance and with light.

He is come in love as the child of Mary; in a simple stable we have seen his birth.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Hear them singing peace on earth.

He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above.

He will bring new hope to the waiting nations when he comes in purity and love.

Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming. Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Hear the angels singing Christ is born.

The Fourth Lesson Luke 1:26-38

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 16 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Gabriel's Message

The congregation sits.

The Fifth Lesson Luke 1:39-56**Sermon** Memory and Hope Between Mike Krech**Anthem** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly arr. John Rutter, 1980

(The text of this traditional Polish carol may be found at Hymn 37.)

The Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7**Solo** I Wonder as I Wander Appalachian Tune; arr. Amy Potter
Karen Schlichte, soprano**Seventh Lesson**

Luke 2:8-20

Anthem Fum,Fum,Fum arr. Judith Jerrington and Sara Glick, 2005

Fum, fum, fum. On December five and twenty, He is born of God's pure love, the Son of God. He is born of the Virgin Mary on this night so cold and dreary. Let us praise our God above. Thanks to Him we raise, singing Gloria in Excelsis on this day of days.

Conga: Rickie Cooke; Tambourine: Anna Tate; Finger Cymbals: Karen Schlichte

The Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-12**Anthem** Carol for the King French Christmas Chanson

Mary came with meekness, Jesus Christ to bear, laid the Lord of glory in a manger there. We come rejoicing, Jesus Christ to love, baby in a manger, King of heav'n above. Angels came with praises Jesus Christ to name, heaven's choirs exalting Him who bears our shame. Shepherds came with trembling, Jesus Christ to see, King who at their bidding would their shepherd be. Wise men came with treasure, Jesus Christ to bless, He Who shares all blessings heav'n and earth possess.

(-- Paul Wigmore; arr. Patrick M. Liebergen, 1995)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 27 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Tempus Adest Floridum**Apostles' Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional**Gloria in Excelsis** Refrain of Hymn 23 Gloria

The congregation sits.

The Bidding Prayer and The O Antiphons**The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional**Offertory Sentence****Offertory** Offertory on "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Dennis Janzer

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

The Ninth Lesson John 1:1-5,9-14**Anthem** African Noel Kenyan Folksong

Rise up! Sing we noel ev'rybody! He is born in the manger hay. Rise up! Sing we noel ev'rybody! Lift your voice with a song today. Noel, all sing we noel. He is born! Praise the mighty King! Hear the carols ring! Sing we noel today! Sing, alleluia, amen. (-- text and arr. Patrick M. Liebergen, 1997)

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 40 Joy to the World Antioch**Postlude** Fughetta on "Antioch" Richard Sheppard