

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 7, 2014

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic devices, as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 559)
Savior of the Nations, Come*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

John Tavener
(1944-2013)

O do not move,
listen to the gentle beginning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candle

***HYMN 3**

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, there is a winter in us and grievous loneliness and a dark that does not go away: our souls ache, our understanding blurs, our sins increase. In this season of your coming, we learn again how we have made a wasteland of the human heart, and engaged in labors that do not satisfy. Come now, O Beloved, to our wilderness. Make in us the crooked paths straight and the rough places plain; and let your major voice, that speaks comfort to despair, speak in us also your word of hope, whereby we may enter the days with trust, and the hours of our death with spacious expectation, because you are with us, now and forevermore.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the Assembly, with the lyrics "Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." The second staff is for the Cantor and the Assembly, with the lyrics "Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy." The third staff is for the Cantor and the Assembly, with the lyrics "Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a focus on the lyrics.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

***GLORIA PATRI**

REGENT SQUARE
(Hymn 417)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Behold us who wait in lonely exile for your coming and, by the mediation of your Spirit, be to us light dispelling our darkness, hope bearing up our heaviness, joy sung against our meagerness, rose softening our bitterness, bread and wine filling our emptiness, and word breaking the silence of these interminable nights. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ whose mercy is for those who fear him, from generation to generation. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 667)

PSALTER

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

PLAINSONG

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:1-8 (p. 34)

CHURCH SCHOOL ANTHEM

Natalie Sleeth
(1930-1992)

Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
Christ brings hope to everyone.
He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace...
Light one candle for joy...
Light one candle for love...

*After the anthem, children through fifth grade
may process to the Strouse Building to meet for the Gathering.*

SERMON

Listening in the Dark

Ms. Jarvis

*"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one
crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."*

Mark 1:2b-3

***HYMN**

The Voice of God Goes Out to All the World

WOODLANDS

1. The voice of God goes out to all the world; his glo - ry
 2. The Lord has said, "Re - ceive my mes - sen - ger, my prom - ise
 3. "The bro - ken reed he will not tram - ple down, nor set his
 4. "A - noint - ed with the Spir - it and with power, he comes to

1. speaks a - cross the u - ni - verse. The great King's her - ald cries from star to
 2. to the world, my pledge made fresh, a lamp to ev - ery na - tion, light from
 3. heel up - on the dy - ing flame. He binds the wounds, and health is in his
 4. crown with com - fort all the weak, to show the face of jus - tice to the

1. star: "With power, with jus - tice, he will walk his way!"
 2. light: with power, with jus - tice, he will walk his way!
 3. hand: with power, with jus - tice, he will walk his way!
 4. poor: with power, with jus - tice, he will walk his way!

Alternative tune:
SHELDONIAN, 269

5. "His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

John Tavener

No one quite knows, Lord, what to call your mother:
Should we call her a “virgin”?
But her giving birth is an established fact, or “married woman”?
But no man has known her.
If your mother’s case is beyond comprehension, who can hope to understand yours?

The Mighty One entered and put on insecurity from her womb,
the provisioner of all entered and experienced hunger,
he who gives drink to all entered and experienced thirst,
naked and stripped there came forth from her he who clothes all!

Praise to you to whom all things are easy,
you are almighty.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

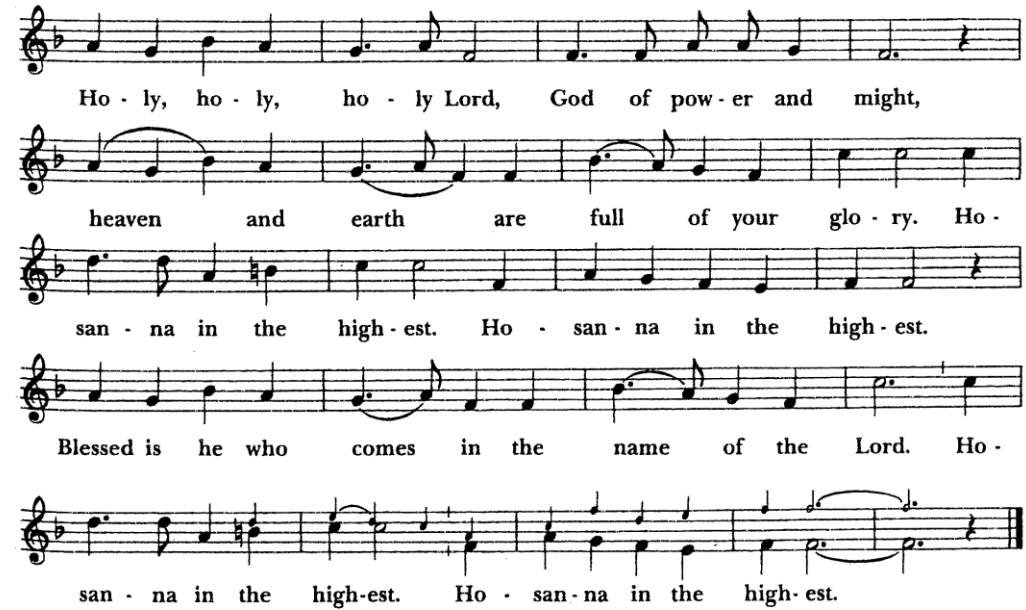
Words of Institution

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Sanctus:

Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Distribution

Anthem at Distribution

Eriks Esenvalds
(b. 1977)

O salutaris hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

*O sacrifice that brings salvation,
you who open wide the gate of heaven.
We are hard pressed by hostile war;
give strength, bring help.*

Uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria,
qui vitam sine termino
nobis donet in patria.

*All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life without end
In our fatherland with thee.*

Prayer

*HYMN 7

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Your offerings to the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry Food Cupboard
will be received during the singing of this hymn.*

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661)* J. S. Bach
Savior of the Nations, Come

*Congregation standing

***Seating interval

LEADING WORSHIP: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Minister; Brian Russo, Director of Youth and Senior Adults; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Minister for Christian Education; Greer Guyer, Reader; Daniel Spratlan, Director of Music; Ken Lovett, Organist/Associate Director of Music; Julie Bishop, Church School Accompanist; and Gallery Choir.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE this morning are Diane and Jan Cornely and Blake Brown.

GREETERS: Elders: David B. Thornburgh and Matthew Ward; Deacons: Janet Cross and Jeannette Quirus.

USHERS: Michael Baughman, Team #2 Leader; Jim Burns; Marcia Jones; Barbara Olson; Barbara Rubin; and Youth Usher: Greer Guyer.

FLOWER GUILD: Sally Johnston and Suzan Willcox.

HOSPITALITY HOST: Peg Bachmann.

TUESDAY COUNTERS: Barbara Rubin and Pete Torello.

COMMUNION SERVERS: Anna McClafferty, Emilie H. Carr, and David B. Thornburgh.

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