## ORDER OF WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018 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 Advent Prayers Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough places plain.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

## LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Allison, Roy, Alex and Teddy DeCaro

Leader: In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius,

the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah. He went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People: God comes to us through particular people,

in particular places and times, in ages past, here and now.

Leader: As we light the second candle,

we are reminded to look for the light of God.

**People:** Let us worship God!

### \*HYMN 10

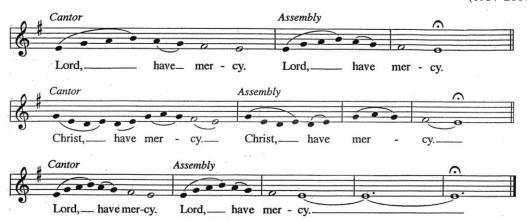
## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

#### WINCHESTR NEW

### 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. 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.

**KYRIE ELEISON** Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



# 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.

## \*THE PEACE

Minister: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, O come Emmanuel to the vast wasteland of our minds, to the immense emptiness of our hearts, to the lost estate of our souls, and have mercy upon us. Find us in the wilderness where we abide. Comfort and disturb us with the words of one who comes to prepare the way for him who was born for us and in whose name we pray. Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Malachi 3:1-5 (p. 889)

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**CANTICLE** 

Song of Zechariah

Mark Mummert (b. 1970)

Choir: Antiphon





**Congregation:** Antiphon

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.

# **Congregation: Antiphon**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

## **Congregation: Antiphon**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Congregation:** Antiphon

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Luke 3:1-6 (p. 60)

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

### CHURCH SCHOOL ANTHEM

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, come now to earth and with your people dwell, the world awaits from heav'n a holy sign, O come and show to us the light divine.

For your coming we prepare wisdom from on high.
Gracious Spirit, Lord most fair, now to us draw nigh.

After the anthem, children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

## **SERMON**

## Preparers of the Way

Ms. Jarvis

"He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins..."

Luke 3:3

\*HYMN 205

All Hail to God's Anointed

ROCKPORT

### **PRAYERS**

Minister: The Lord be with you, **People:** And with your spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,

**People:** And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us, **People:** And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayers concluding with 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.

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

John Stainer (1840-1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*HYMN 6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

## \*BENEDICTION

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** 

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661) Savior of the Nations, Come

J. S. Bach

**LEADING WORSHIP:** Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo and Austin Crenshaw Shelley

**MUSIC:** Gallery Choir; Daniel Spratlan, Conductor; Ken Lovett, Organist and Julie Bishop, Church School Conductor

**GREETERS:** Elders: Katherine Connelly and Lisa Guyer; Deacons: Amy Violante and Sharyn Walker

**USHERS:** William Chambers, Team #1 Leader; Richard Brown, Carolyn Manwaring, Kevin Raphael, Harry Spaeth and James Spause

FLOWER GUILD: Ken Lovett

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