

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 10, 2017    December 10, 2017 AD (The Second Sunday of Advent)    11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Overture (Messiah)*  
Orchestra

G.F. Handel

INTROIT

*In Night's Dim Shadows*

Robert Lehman

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Family of Gil Shew and Rhonda Orttenger will light the Prophet's candle.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Mark 1:1-8)

Leader: Behold, our God is sending a Messenger who will come before us;

**People: A Messenger who will prepare our way before God.**

Leader: God's voice cries out in the wilderness;

**People: "Prepare the highway of the Lord, and make straight the way of God.**

Leader: The One Who is more powerful than we is coming;

**People: We are not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals.**

Leader: Our faith has baptized us with water;

**People: But Christ will baptize us with the Holy Spirit.**

HYMN #8

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*  
verses 1 and 2

TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O most merciful Father: we have failed to prepare our hearts for Your coming Kingdom, and we are insensitive to Your presence among us. Forgive us for being so easily defeated by the power of sin. Come into our lives, O God, and protect us by Your strength. Save us from our evil ways and renew us, that our lives may be not only a blessing of gladness to ourselves, but also to You. In our Savior's most holy name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH (*insert*)

*Canticle of the Turning*

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

\*HYMN #3

*Comfort, Comfort You My People*

PSALM 42

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

ANTHEM

Messiah

G.F. Handel

Recitative - *Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive*

Air and Chorus - *O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion*

Chorus - *For Unto Us a Child is Born*

Pastoral Symphony

Recitatives - *There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field*

*And lo! The Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them*

*And the Angel Said unto Them*

*And Suddenly There Was with the Angel*

Chorus - *Glory to God*

Aria - *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion*

Chorus - *Hallelujah!*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Gloria*

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Volunteerism

Paul Hager

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Lehman

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*He Shall Feed His Flock (Messiah)*

G.F. Handel

Organ

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #13

*Prepare the Way*

BEREDEN VÄG FOR HERRAN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Redeemer, Come!*

TRURO

POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

**Today's Lay Reader is Lucy Waterbury.**