
Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

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GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

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All stand as able.

HYMN 196 HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Be seated.

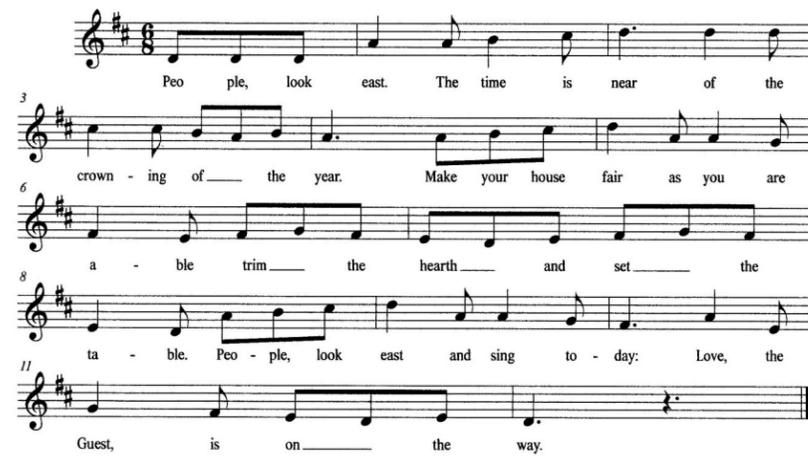
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING LITURGY

Reader 1: Welcome, Advent!

It is the season of waiting—of preparation—of getting ready for Love to make a home with us.

Reader 2: It is a time of hope—a hope that calls us home to our true home, where we are welcomed and loved and included; where there is justice and equality and peace.

All: We light this candle as a sign of our hope and to light the way to the Christ Child, who is our true home.
(Light the front left candle)



Peo ple, look east. The time is near of the
crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
a - ble trim the hearth and set the
ta - ble. Peo - ple, look east and sing to - day: Love, the
Guest, is on the way.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSON | Jeremiah 33:14-16

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Mid-winter Harold Darke

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breast full of milk and a manger full of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

All stand as able.

GOSPEL LESSON | John 1:6-14

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Be seated.

SERMON

Home For the Holidays

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne



All stand as able.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church,
apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.