PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we will have two options for partaking. After coming down the center aisle, you can choose one of the two lines. One will have a common cup for intinction (dipping); the other will have individual cups that can be drank from and then placed in the provided empty tray. Please choose whichever line you feel most comfortable with.

SENDING

SONG* - El Mensaje que Hoy Proclamamos/Hear the Message We Now Are Proclaiming

El mensaje que hoy proclamamos, es justicia, es paz para el mundo. (2x)

Hear the message we are now proclaiming about justice and peace for the whole world. (2x)

La fe, el amor, la esperanza de un mundo mejor. (2x) With faith and with love and with hope we shall fight for the world. (2x)

*Stand, as you are able

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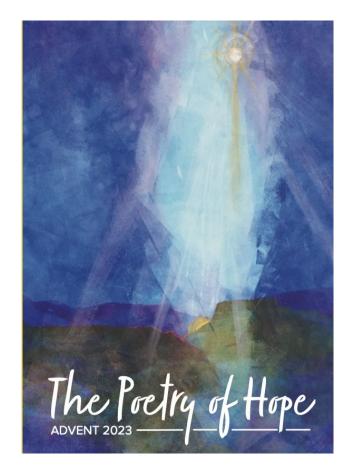
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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP*

When God brought us back from captivity, we seemed to be dreaming.

We were full of laughter, and we shouted for joy.

The people around us declared,

"God has done great things for them!"

Restore our fortunes once more, O God,

like torrents of rain in a dry riverbed.

For those who sowed with tears will reap with joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying only small seeds, will return carrying an abundant harvest of joy! Come and rejoice, for God is restoring all that was ruined.



PROCESSION HYMN - We Light a Candle (v. 3 - see insert)

SONG^{*} - Hope Will Not Fail

1. Hope will not fail, no hope will not fail. Though anguish and apathy seem to prevail, no hope will not fail; hope, hope will prevail.

2. Peace will not fail, no, peace will not fail. Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail, no, peace will not fail; peace, peace will prevail.

HYMN - O Come, O Come Emmanuel (#120)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Advent God. you came to bring freedom to oppression and hope to despair. Yet we confess that we have too often grown accustomed to our captivity. Through our action and inaction, we have harmed our neighbor and creation by choosing cynicism over hope, fear over wonder, and certainty over faith. Forgive us, God of grace, and turn the ashes of our sin into the beauty of your redemption, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

3. Joy will not fail, no, joy will not fail. Though mourning and misery seem to prevail, no, joy will not fail; joy, joy will prevail.

4. Love will not fail, no, love will not fail. Though hatred and hopelessness seem to prevail, no, love will not fail; love, love will prevail.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE* The Lord be with you. And also with you

SONG - There'll Be Joy in the Morning

1. There'll be joy in the morning on that day, 3. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, there'll be joy in the morning on that day. for the daylight will dawn and the shadows be gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day.

3. There'll be peace and contentment evermore. there'll be peace and contentment evermore, ev'ry herat, ev'ry voice on that day will rejoice, there'll be peace and contentment evermore.

there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

	WORD	
OLD TESTAMENT		Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
GOSPEL LESSON*		Luke 1:46b-55
SERMON	Beauty for Ashes	Pastor Dave
	RESPONSE	

HYMN* - Canticle of the Turning (see insert)

~silence~