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THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 6, 2009

11:00am

The Second Sunday in Advent

THE PRELUDE

Joanna Bailey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR OUTREACH

+CALL TO WORSHIP

L- And now it is December and we are flung into the maelstrom of shopping days before Christmas, parties and gatherings and not-so-miscellaneous events. It is the time of too much to do and too little time to do it. It is the time of crowded malls, interminable traffic, and absolutely no place to park.

P- It is every bit of that and it is none of that. It is all of that if we allow the craziness to infect our hearts and minds to the end that we forget about Incarnation.

L- It is none of that if we set aside the inconvenience, the frustration and the concern that everything go according to plan, and bask in the quiet and the innocence of a silence long ago, broken by the cry of an infant called "God with us".

+HYMN OF PRAISE 2 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord we have come to the year's end, the busy pre-Christmas time; the time that finds us running amok trying to get everything done. How did the celebration of your incarnation become such a hassle? Why are we unable to sit quietly by ourselves and reflect-- simply on the concept of you-- living among us? Why are we unable to converse with others sharing the sweet fruit of our thoughts and meditations? Save us Lord from the harsh demands of our culture. Help us to keep everything well balanced so that we won't forget; so that we walk with a lighter step; so we can pray with grateful hearts.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L- *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

P- **Blessed is the one unto whom the Lord imputes no iniquity.**

L- *In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that all who repent and believe this gospel are so blessed.*

P- **Amen!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(all may rise and move about the sanctuary giving and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ.)*

A CAROL OF THE SEASON

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, as you hear us when we pray, help us to hear you in our thoughts and desires during our time together before you. Amen

THE LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 1:68-79

THE SERMON Light in the Darkness, Life in the Shadow
Donald H. Smith

ANTHEM There Is Room in My Heart for My Lord

THE SERVICE OF GIVING

The Prayer of Dedication Offertory Signing the Friendship Register

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN 5 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AND

M- *Eternal God, long before time was measured, your Word brought light into being and being to light. In Jesus Christ, you promise a saving Word, and in Holy Spirit that Word continues to challenge and comfort as we struggle on our journey toward you. Despite our desire to wander from the narrow path, you stand by us with the love of mother and father correcting our course, accepting our repentance, and welcoming us always and again into your embrace.*

P- Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to choirs of angels and to the faithful of all times and places who forever sing the glory of your name.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+THE SANCTUS

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

UNISON PRAYER

God of unending love and immeasurable mercy, you opened your table to us. You graft us into the body of Christ and make us one with him. How can we not share the news that we are washed clean in the waters of baptism and renewed through our presence in this holy place during this holy time? Help us proclaim this both in word and in deed—so that one day all will know the joy we find in you: in the radical gift of your presence and the incredible gift of your promise.

+HYMN 28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice vs. 3

THE CHARGE

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

+ All who are able will please stand.