

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

PRELUDE

Joy to the World
Angels we Have Heard on High

Lula Kate Benson, violin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

We light these candles as a sign of the coming of Christ.

Advent means coming.

We are preparing for the days when

the Lord will give us a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel, God is with us.

HOUSTON



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the
day ___ are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

GATHERING PRAYER

O Son of God, who came in weakness to free us from error and unbelief, help us to await your Advent with hope and without fear. And when you come, seeking your kingdom within us, may we open ourselves to you that your power may be our power, and your will may be our will; O Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

HYMN 133 (*standing*)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(standing)*

Loving God, you are always present where people call on your name. Hear us as we raise before you all that we have done that is contrary to your perfect will. Let your Holy Spirit be ever among us to give us light in darkness, rescue us from our fears, and purify our intentions. We make our confession in the strong name of Jesus.

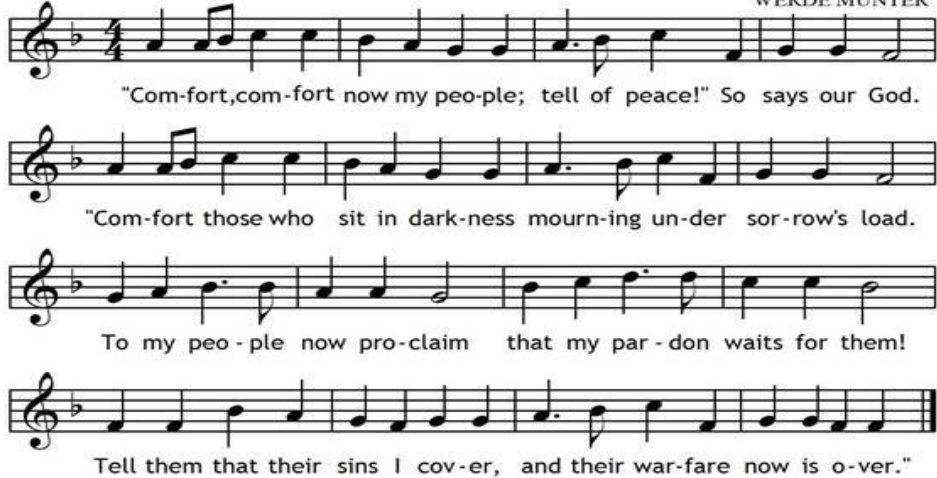
CANTAI AO SENHOR
Adapted Gary Hill 2017



Have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy up - on us; Have mer-cy, O
Christ, have mer-cy up - on us; Have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy up -
on us; Have mer - cy, O Lord, have mer - cy, O Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON AND RESPONSE OF PRAISE *(standing)*

WERDE MUNTER



"Com-fort,com-fort now my peo-ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un-der sor-row's load.
To my peo-ple now pro-claim that my par-don waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cov-er, and their war-fare now is o-ver."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

God of wisdom that comes from above and reaches from beginning to end and orders all things, come and teach us the way of truth and understanding; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Kathy Chessman

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Kathy Chessman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

SERMON

Small Town Life

Rev. Deane Kemper

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule over Israel, whose origin is from old, from ancient days.

Micah 5:2

HYMN 137 *(standing)*

He Came Down

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith

It pleased God, according to God's own eternal purposes, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and humankind, the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of his Church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Spiritual

Deborah Bobo, mezzo-soprano

DOXOLOGY *(standing)*

Old Hundredth

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 152 *(standing)*

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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