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Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

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UNISON PRAYER: Loving God, in this time of active waiting,
of preparation and planning,
we thank you for the hope and peace
you unfailingly offer us.
Show us the creative power
found in listening and waiting.
And as we listen and wait, prepare our hearts
to be transformed by you,
that we may walk in the light of Christ.
In his name we pray. Amen.

Song:

*Hope is a candle on our journey.
Hope is the travel and the end.
All through the frosty fields of winter,
This dancing flame of Hope we'll tend.*

*For we are a people of a Story,
Of stars that sing and Love that cries.
And tho' these nights are getting longer,
The path is lit before our eyes...*

*Peace is a candle on our journey.
Peace is the giving and the gift.
Over the frozen lakes of winter,
This whispering flame of Peace we'll lift.*

*For we are a people of a Story,
Of stars that sing and Love that cries.
And tho' these nights are getting longer,
The path is lit before our eyes...*

*Hope is a candle on our journey.
Hope is the travel and the end.
All through the frosty fields of winter,
This dancing flame of Hope we'll tend.
This dancing flame of Hope we'll tend.*

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WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” Yoanna
(Old Basque Carol arr. Edgar Pettman)

* **Offertory Prayer** “What Child is This?” (verse 3) 145 - GG

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary! Amen.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures Malcolm

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 57 - 80

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3: 1 - 6

Sermon: “A Voice in the Wilderness”

* **Communion Hymn** “Blest Be the God of Israel” 109 - GG

- 1. Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.*
- 2. God from the house of David a child of grace has given;
a Saviour comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.*

3. *On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Saviour with songs that never cease!*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

1. *There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where God, our God, may go!*
2. *O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish;
like grass our works decay;
the power and pomp of nations shall pass, like a dream, away.*
3. *But the word of our God endureth; whose arm is ever strong.
God stands in the midst of nations, and soon will right the wrong.
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd, the lambs so gently hold;
to pastures of peace will lead them, and bring them safe to fold.*

Benediction

Postlude "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?" (Robert Lau)
Allison, Lisa, Sharyn, Malcolm