

ORDER FOR STREAMING WORSHIP
December 6, 2020—Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music “Sanctuary” (sing twice through)
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Candle Lighting Baruch 5:1-4, 8-9

One: O beloved nation, take off the garments of sorrow and distress,
and put on instead the beauty of God's glory.

**All: Wrap the cloak of God's saving justice about you,
and put the diadem of the Eternal One's glory on your head;**

One: For God means to show your splendor
to every nation under heaven;

**All: And the name God gives you for evermore will be:
Peace-through-Justice and Glory-through-Devotion.**

One: At God's command, the forests and
every fragrant tree will shade you.

**All: And God will guide the beloved people
in joy by the light of God's glory,
with mercy and saving justice which come from God.**

Hymn: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O Come, O come Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayers

Celebration of our Offerings

Doxology

Prayer

Second Reading Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Special Music

Sermon

Hymn: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source the Ending He
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see.
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts his praises sing;
Powers, dominions bow before Him and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer:

You have given yourself to us, loving God, in the simple food and drink we have shared. Jesus has been here. Even now, his presence is strengthening us to be his Body. God, give us courage; make us whole and give us peace. Fill us with Holy Spirit and send us out to touch the world with your healing Presence; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

Benediction

Response “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Postlude