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Prelude *Burleigh-My Lord, What a Morning* arr Richard Billingham

Greeting

God is good

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Call to Worship (Advent Candle Lighting)

Congregation: **Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.**

Hymn – Insert “Advent 1”

1. Kindle this flame of hope. May it burn Bright and true.

Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

2. God’s realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.

Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

*Call to Confession

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One: Holy God of Advent, you come near to us, yet we continue to seal our hearts with indifference to a suffering world.

All: **Tear open our hearts so we might be more compassionate.**

One: You approach us with bundles of mercy to kindle our hope, but we continue to build our lives with the bricks of bitterness.

All: **Tear open our anger, so we might become more forgiving.**

One: You draw near, longing to embrace us, but we fold our arms, closing ourselves off from those all around us.

All: **Tear open our souls, so we might become children of Advent.**

One: God, shaper-of-our-lives:

All: **have mercy;**

One: Jesus, Word-which-does-not-pass-away:

All: **fill us with your grace;**

One: Holy Spirit, Giver-of-the-light-of-peace:

All: **shine through our lives. Amen.**

*Words of Grace

Hear and believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Gloria Hymn #113 chorus**

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Prayer for Illumination**First Reading Mark 13:34-37**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response- See insert for congregational response music.

Psalm 80:

“The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.”

Children's Chat

Rita Boyer, Certified Educator

Second Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

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Sermon

Formed by God

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn Number: 84 Creator of the Stars of Night**

**1. Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.**

**3. At your great name, O Jesus, now
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord,
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.**

**2. When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blameless mother mild.**

**4. To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Musical Offering

Advent Song
Chancel Choir

Russell Nagy

*Praise God (Hymn #608)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Response: Santo/Holy

Leader: Santo, Santo, Santo

All: Santo Santo, Santo

Leader: es el Señor, Dios del universo

All: es el Señor, Dios del universo

Leader: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

All: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Leader: Hosana en el cielo

All: Hosana en el cielo.

Leader: Blest is he who comes,

All: Blest is he who comes,

Leader: Comes in the name of the Lord;

All: Comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: Hosana en el cielo.

All: Hosana en el cielo,

Leader: en el cielo;

All: en el cielo.

Response : Aclamación Memorial/Memorial Acclamation

Leader: Dying you destroyed our death,

All: Dying you destroyed our death.

Leader: rising you restored our life,

All: In your rising you restored our life.

Leader: En gloria ven, Señor Jesús

All: En gloria ven, Señor Jesús

Leader: Ven, Señor Jesús.

All: Ven, Señor Jesús.

Response: Doxologia Y Amén/Doxology and Amen

Leader: Forever, amén.

All: Forever, amén.

Leader: Todos cantamos Amén.

All: Todos cantamos Amén.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread**Communion of the People**

Communion Music

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

arr. Egil Hovland

Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

*** Hymn: 97 Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night**

1. Pulpit side:

**Watchman, tell us of the night,
what its signs of promise are.**

Lectern side:

**Traveler, what a wondrous sight:
see that glory-beaming star.**

Pulpit side:

**Watchman, does its beauteous ray
news of joy or hope foretell?**

Lectern side:

**Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
promised day of Israel.**

2. Pulpit side:

**Watchman, tell us of the night;
higher yet that star ascends.**

Lectern side:

**Traveler, blessedness and light,
peace and truth its course portends.**

Pulpit side:

**Watchman, will its beams alone
gild the spot that gave them birth?**

Lectern side:

**Traveler, ages are its own;
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.**

3. Pulpit side:

**Watchman, tell us of the night,
for the morning seems to dawn.**

Lectern side:

**Traveler, shadows take their flight;
doubt and terror are withdrawn.**

Pulpit side:

**Watchman, you may go your way;
hasten to your quiet home.**

Lectern side:

**Traveler, we rejoice today,
for Emmanuel has come!**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Hymn # 545 verse 1

**1. Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.**

Postlude