

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, December 23, 2018 10:30 a.m.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Prelude

Opening of the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

COMING TO GOD

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Hymn: 146 Angels from the realms of glory

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem: The Holly and the Ivy arr. June Nixon

The holly and the ivy, now both are full well grown. Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

Chorus Oh, the rising of the sun, the running of the deer. The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas day in the morn. *Chorus*

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. *Chorus*

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. *Chorus*

Children's Time

*Hymn: 133 Go, tell it on the mountain

LISTENING TO GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament: Psalm 89: 1-21 [O.T. page 603]

New Testament: Luke 1: 26-35 [N. T. page 58]
I John 4: 7-11 [N.T. page 260]

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

*Hymn: 160 Unto us a child is born

Sermon: YEARNING FOR LOVE

RESPONDING TO GOD

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: All Bells in Paradise John Rutter

Deep in the cold of winter, darkness and silence were everywhere; softly and clearly, there came through the stillness a wonderful sound to hear.

Chorus All bells in paradise I heard them ring, sounding in majesty the news that they bring; all bells in paradise I hear them ring, welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King. *All bells in paradise I heard them ring: "Glory to God on high" the angels voices sing.*

Lost in awe and wonder, doubting I asked what this sign might be: Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable, a marvellous sight to see. All bells in paradise I heard them ring, sounding in majesty the news that they bring; all bells in paradise I hear them ring, welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.

He comes down in peace, a child in humility, the keys to his kingdom belong to the poor; before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures, gold, incense, and myrrh. All bells in paradise I heard them ring, sounding in majesty the news that they bring; all bells in paradise I hear them ring, welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King. *All bells in paradise I heard them ring: "Glory to God on high" the angels voices sing.*

*The Doxology and Presentation of Gifts

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet
What I can I give him—give my heart.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: 147 Angels we have heard on high

*The Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude

*You are invited to stand as you are able

TODAY

Greeter: Marilyn Clarke
Ushering Captain: Bob Elson
Scripture Reader: Bonnie Brooks
Advent Candle Readers: John and Sylvia Congram
Coffee Hour Host: Joan Lane, Charla Dionne, Joan Dowling,
Clara Schyff and Trudy Nothdurft