

"Opening of the Door"

Lighting the Advent Wreath

"The Call to Worship"

Wait for the Lord. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

The eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will hear your words.

Wait for the Lord. Christ is coming to heal us.

The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.

Wait for the Lord. The Spirit is coming to renew us.

All things will be made new.

Come! Let us worship!

Response "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LHM 17

"The Opening Prayer"

In the days darkness and the winter winds blow, come to us, Precious One, in our time of waiting. Keep the vision of your salvation before our eyes, where the blind receive their sight, the lame are made to walk, and the family are lifted up. Shine the light of your healing love into the darkness of our land, that all may see your glory and know that salvation is at hand. Live in and through us during this Advent season, that we might be messengers of your grace and instruments of your peace. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The Children's Message

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Love and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer (LHM 88)

Response "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LHM 213

"Affirmation of Faith" A Modern Affirmation LHM 88

"Gloria Patri" LHM 79

The Recalling of God's Times and Our Offerings

Offertory

"The Blessings" LHM 95

"The Prayer of Dedication: Just as a farmer waits patiently for the rains to enrich the crops of the fields, you call us to be patient as we wait for our gifts to bear fruit and bless those in need. For you fill the hungry with good things and share mercy to your people. As we dedicate today's offering to your use, give us the wisdom to be faithful stewards of your gifts; grant us the strength to be holy instruments of your love and grace. Amen.

The New Testament Reading - James 5:7-10 p. 1824

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 11:2-10 p. 183

Prayer for Illumination

The Message *The Real Deal and the Pretense*

Response "Good Christian! Friends, Repent!" LHM 209

"The Charge and Blessing"

Go and tell others what you hear and see.

The blind receive sight and the lame walk.

Go and tell others the hope we have found.

The deaf hear and the dumb are reborn.

Go and tell others the promise of God's kingdom.

The poor receive justice and mercy and the weak find strength.

Go and proclaim the good news.

There is new life in Christ. Amen.

Response "Bless Be the Tie That binds us." LHM 887

"Closing of the Trinity Postlude"

"Please stand as you exit the sanctuary."