



Classic Worship

December 11, 2011 9:30 am

The Third Sunday of Advent - Rejoice

*Congregation, please stand if able.
Please turn off the sound on all electronic devices.

Gathering

Prelude Dr. Kimo Smith
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (Johann Pachelbel)

Choral Introit Carol Choir/ Marjorie Lowe, Director
O Come, O Come Immanuel (Natalie Sleeth) Julie Minasian, Accompanist

Call to Worship Pastor Dan Baumgartner

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle -*Rejoice* Members of the DOOR Family

*Hymn #377
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Greetings and Announcements Joel Larson

Opening Sentences - Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)
And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty one has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

Approaching God Together

Prayer of Confession Pastor Kim Strutt

O God, so often we have allowed the fears of the world around us to overshadow the promise of Your love and presence. And too often we have allowed ourselves to be frightened by people and events that hold no power over our eternity.

Forgive us, Lord, and make us living witnesses to Your redeeming power and love. As the Angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid!" may our spirits, like hers, rejoice at Your coming.

Assurance of Pardon and Pastoral Prayers

Choral Response Cathedral Choir/Dr. Ariel Quintana, Conductor
Amen (John Rutter)

Hearing the Word

Message from God's Word Pastor Dan Baumgartner
"With-Us-God"

Today's Sermon Text
"If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:9b-14 (NIV)

Reflection on the Word Kimo Smith

Responding to God's Word

Our Response to God's Great Love Pastor Dan
The offering is an act of worship. Recognizing that all we have belongs to God, we gratefully return a portion of the financial resources entrusted to us.

Offertory Cathedral Choir
E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come (Paul O. Manz)

*Advent Hymn #168
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Benediction Pastor Dan

Postlude Kimo Smith
Paeon on "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (John Cook)

Join us at 4:00 PM this afternoon in the Sanctuary for a free musical concert with Sonshine Choir, Carol Choir, Teen Bells, Heaven Bound Singers, Hollywood Mass Choir, Cathedral Bells and Cathedral Choir.

**Next Sunday, December 18th,
The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love.
Pastor Dan's message will be based upon Isaiah 11.**