

Advent

December 4, 2005

Opening Song -- "Oh 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!

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Welcome and Sharing Joys

Interfaith Responsive Reading

Reader: We gather here as an Interfaith Community
To share and celebrate the gift of life together

***All:** Some of us gather as the Children of Israel
Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
Some of us gather influenced by each*

Reader: Howsoever we come, and whomsoever we are
May we be moved, In our time together
To experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us
Evoked by our worship together

***All:** And to know in the wisdom of our hearts
That deeper unity in which all are one.*

Reading and Godly Play w/Elizabeth Gelfeld

Choral Song ~ "Lo How a Rose"

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung.
It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter

When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a savior
When half spent was the night.

Benediction and Charge

All: May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this Interfaith Community

Reader: May we continue to hold on to what is good
and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

All: May God's spirit and peace be with us each now and forever.

Reader: May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace. Amen.

Blessing over Snack -- Marci Shegogue

Baruch atah adonai elohaynu melech ha-olam
Hamotzi le-chem min ha-aretz.

(Blessed art thou o Lord, ruler of the universe, who has brought forth the fruit of the earth)

God is great, God is good, let us thank God for our food.

Song -- "Isaiah the Prophet"

Isaiah the Prophet as written of old
How God's new creation shall come.
Instead of the thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow;
And the wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the lamb
The wolf shall lie down with the lamb.

The mountains and hills shall break forth into song,
The peoples be led forth in peace;
The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God,
As the waters cover the sea, the sea
As the waters cover the sea.

Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world,
And conflict turns parent from child.
Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth;
The brier and the thorn tree grow wild, grow wild,
The brier and the thorn tree grow wild.

God, bring to fruition your will for the earth,
That no one shall hurt or destroy,
That wisdom and justice shall reign in the land
And your people shall go forth in joy, in joy,
Your people shall go forth in joy.