

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE (*for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession*)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 417)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(*Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the Peace of Christ for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 208; Pre-K in 011; K - 1st grade in 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in 003; 4th - 6th grade in 005.*)

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(*Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.*)

THE FIRST LESSON

Luke 2:22-32
(page 55 in the pew Bible)

Joe Ballay

THE SOLO

Wexford Carol
James Miller, baritone

Traditional Irish, arr. Walters

THE SECOND LESSON

II Timothy 4:9-13, 19-22 (page 201 in the pew Bible)

THE SERMON

"Come Before Winter"
Do your best to come before winter...II Timothy 4:21a

Joanna Adams

*** THE HYMN 275**

God of Our Life

*** THE 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; 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

The First Noel

arr. Carter

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)