The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Gathering around the Word		
Prelude		
On Jordar	ou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven Johann Sebastian Bach 1's Bank the Baptist's Cry	
Introit		
	s Coming" South African song is coming; O yes, I know. O Jesus is coming; O yes, I know.	
Praise Go praise Go praise Go	<i>ng)</i>	
*Call to Wors	hip	
	Our God is the One who comes to us in a burning bush, in an angel's song, in a newborn child.	
-	Our God is the One who cannot be found locked in the church, not even in the sanctuary.	
Minister:	Watch for you know not when God comes.	
-	Watch, that you might be found whenever, wherever God comes.	
Minister:	Let us worship!	
*Prayer of Pra	lise	
*Hymn 88	""O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verse 4, men only; verse 5, women only)	
Liturgy of th	e Advent Wreath	
t) w ta T	One candle to remind us of the prophets, the second for John the Baptist, who called people to change their way of living to prepare for the coming of Christ. he light shines in the darkness, nd the darkness has never put it out.	

Leader 2:	God sent the messenger, a man named John, who came to tell people about the light
D 1	so that all should hear the message and believe. (John 1:5–7)
People:	Disturbing God,
	we thank you for the witness of John the Baptist.
	Help us to be open to the changing power of your love and your call to live lives of peace;
	and your can to five fives of peace, and help us to be true witnesses
	to the power of Jesus in our lives. Amen.
Sung Respo	onse (unison) to the tune "Cradle Song" (The Hymnal, 114)
0 8 P	Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night.
	Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
	Salvation, draw near us; our vision engage.
	One candle is lit for the hope of the age.
	Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
	for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
	Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
	One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.
Litany of C	onfession
Minister:	We live in a world held down by sin,
	a world of hunger, pain, and injustice.
People:	We confess we are part of this world
	and have not always played our part in confronting the shadows
	and bringing the light of Christ to troubled places.
Minister:	We are a part of the body of Christ, a body that is sometimes
	known more by our fighting than our loving.
People:	We confess our own tendencies to argue or to shut out
	rather than to seek peace and to welcome.
Minister:	We are beloved people, created in the image and likeness of God.
People:	We confess we do not always live up to God's dream for us:
Minister:	Though God says, "Let there be light!"
People:	we fear to come out of the shadows.
Minister:	Though God says, "You are the salt for the earth,"
People:	we rest content with blandness.
Minister:	Though God says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,"
People:	we live afraid of the power of God's love for us
	and for all God's people.
	Forgive us, God. Forgive us, and make us new. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends*, *believe the good news*. **People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

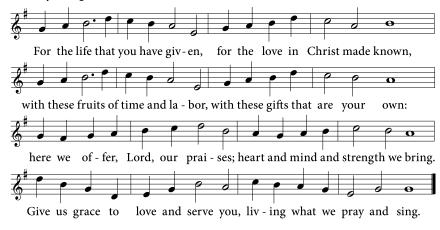
Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (respo	nsively)
Psalm 85:	1–2, 8–13 Old Testament, page 514
First Lesson	
Isaiah 40:	1–11
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.
*Gloria Patri	(sung) The Hymnal, 581
Glory be	to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was	in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world wit	hout end. Amen. Amen.
Second Less	on
Mark 1:1-	-8 New Testament, page 32
Minister:	The Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	

Responding to the Word

Offering

Offertory Anthem "This Is the Record of John" by Orlando Gibbons *Offertory Response



Sealing the Word

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: *The Lord be with you*.

People: And also with you.

Minister: *Lift up your hearts*.

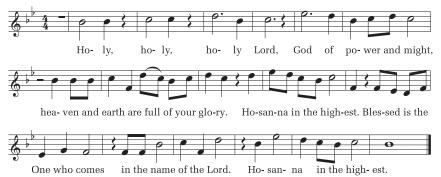
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy who forever sing to the glory of your name:



The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Communion

Communion Anthems

O Magnum Mysterium	Tomás Luis de Victoria
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Edward C. Bairstow

Psalm 23 (recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer after Communion

and Dedication of Our Homebound Elements (unison)

Gracious God, you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

As the bread and cup go out from this time of worship

into times of worship at bedsides and in homes,

we pray for those who will receive these elements of grace.

May they also feel the way you tie us all together in you.

May all of our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata from "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry".....Bruce Neswick

Worship Leaders

9:30 John W. Vest, Laura Sterkel, Joyce Shin, Shannon J. Kershner11:00 Hardy H. Kim, Laura Sterkel, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

Lighting the Advent Wreath

9:30 The Kulich Family11:00 The Grady Family

The Music Today

The Morning Choir John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

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