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The Sixth Day of Christmas

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Burke. Grace and peace to you all in this Holy Season!

Thought for Meditation:

*And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never
been!* Rainer Maria Rilke

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: O Come All Ye Faithful, #60 VU, v.1

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come, ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem:
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN #35 VU Good Christian Friends Rejoice

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end,
we balance on the cusp of our days,

People: teetering between old and new, between coming and going,

between sojourning and homecoming.

Leader: To you, O God, we give all our yesterdays; Hallow and protect them in Your keeping.

People: To you, O God, we dedicate all our tomorrows; Guide us to Your light.

Leader: To you, O God, we offer this day, this worship;

People: Bless it, and bless us who worship you, now and forever.

Leader: This we ask in the name of Jesus, who grew in grace and wisdom, and who taught his friends to pray together, saying:

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Psalm 90; Ecclesiastes 3

ANTHEM: *Ave Maria* Rebecca Minor

SERMON: *The Seasons of Life...OR ...Get Over Yourself!*

***HYMN #73** The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#55 VU verse 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 36 VU Angels, From The Realms Of Glory**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: (#69 VU verse 3)**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.**

**Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**