



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022 • 10:00 AM

*Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy!
Wherever you are on your spiritual
journey, and whether you are joining us
in the church building or via the
livestream, we are glad you are here!*

*If you are new here and would like to
learn more, please introduce yourself to
the clergy after the service. If you would
like to be added to our mailing list so
that we may keep you informed of
upcoming events, please contact the
church office.*

*Infants and children (and their
accompanying noises) enliven our
services. Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys
are available in the children's area, just
to the left of the front pews.*

*We acknowledge with respect that we
worship on the traditional, ancestral, and
unceded territory of the Coast Salish
Peoples, and we pray that we may live
more deeply into the calls to action from
Canada's Truth and Reconciliation
Commission.*

*A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep
silence for prayer and preparation.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

PRELUDE Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BuxWV 211 D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)
(Now Come, Saviour of the Nations)

GREETING

INTROIT *Advent Prose*

RORATE CAELI

**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour forth righteousness.**

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a
desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers
praised thee.

**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour forth righteousness.**

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:
our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face
from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour forth righteousness.**

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me
there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour forth righteousness.**

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not for I will
save thee: for I am the Lord thy god, the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.

**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour forth righteousness.**

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN IN PROCESSION · 108

MERTON

1 Hark, a her - ald voice is soun - ding: "Christ is
2 Wa - kened by the sol - emn warn - ing, let the
3 Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with
4 that when next he comes with glo - ry, and the
5 Hon - our, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the

nigh," it seems to say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ our sun, all
par - don down from heaven; let us all, with
world is wrapped in fear, with his mer - cy
Fa - ther and the Son, with the ev - er -

dreams of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
deep re - pen - tance, pray that we may be for - given,
he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.
last - ing Spir - it, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE TRISAGION *Sung three times*

A. Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily composed of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare
your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and
stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that
when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with
confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S FOCUS

The Rev. Terry Shields Dirbas

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, judicium*

The Choir sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



In his time the right - eous shall flour - ish.

- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ² That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Refrain

- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- ¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Refrain

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

PSALM 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

J. Berthier/Taizé

The Cantor sings the Refrain; then all repeat.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Refrain*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Terry Shields Dirbas

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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

As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will baptize us with Spirit and fire, saying, "Amen. Come Lord Jesus."
Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us. We pray for all those who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Give us open hearts and open minds, that we might continue to grow in our knowledge and love of you.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all people. As we await the fulfillment of that hope in the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ, grant

us a deeper awareness of your steadfast presence with us, in good times and bad, in darkness and in light.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

For Linda, our Primate; Sidney, the National Interim Indigenous Bishop; John, our Bishop; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all the holy people of God. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Deanery of Kingsway. We ask your blessing on our shared ministry, that together we may work to build your kingdom here on earth.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority. May they lead with compassion, seeking the common good, and promoting the dignity of all people, that your children throughout the world may know the blessings of justice, freedom, and peace.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

For travelers; for the sick and the suffering; for the hungry and the oppressed; and for those in prison; especially those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed, especially those whom we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

O Root of Jesse, who rises as a signal among all peoples, in whose presence rulers stand silent and nations bow in worship, come and deliver us without delay. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



1 On Jor - dan's bank, the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge,
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in. Pre - pare we in our
 and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 fal - len sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 doth thy peo - ple free, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 hearts a home, where such a might - y guest may come.
 waste a - way, like flowers that wi - ther and de - cay.
 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day, as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

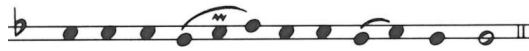
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

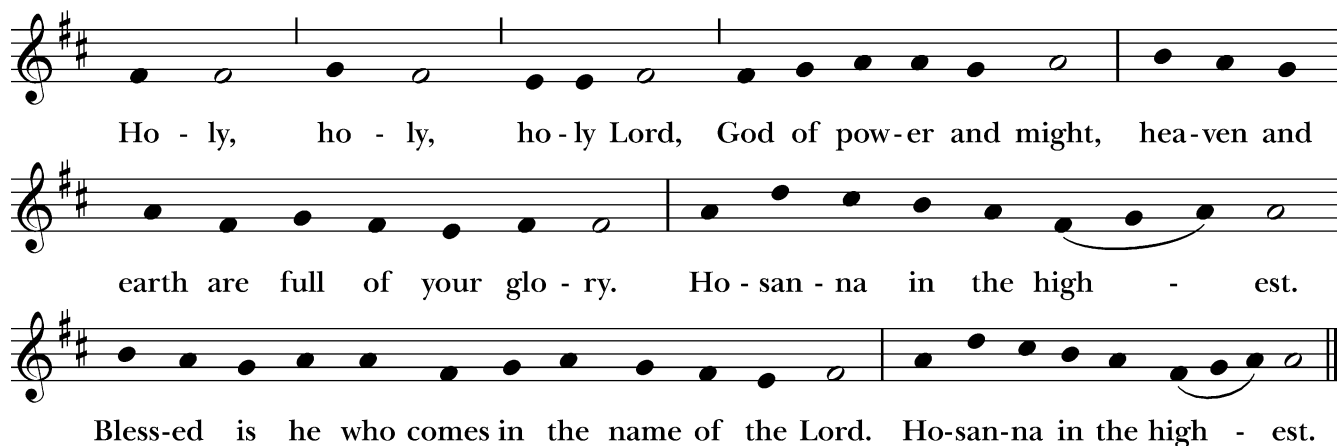


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

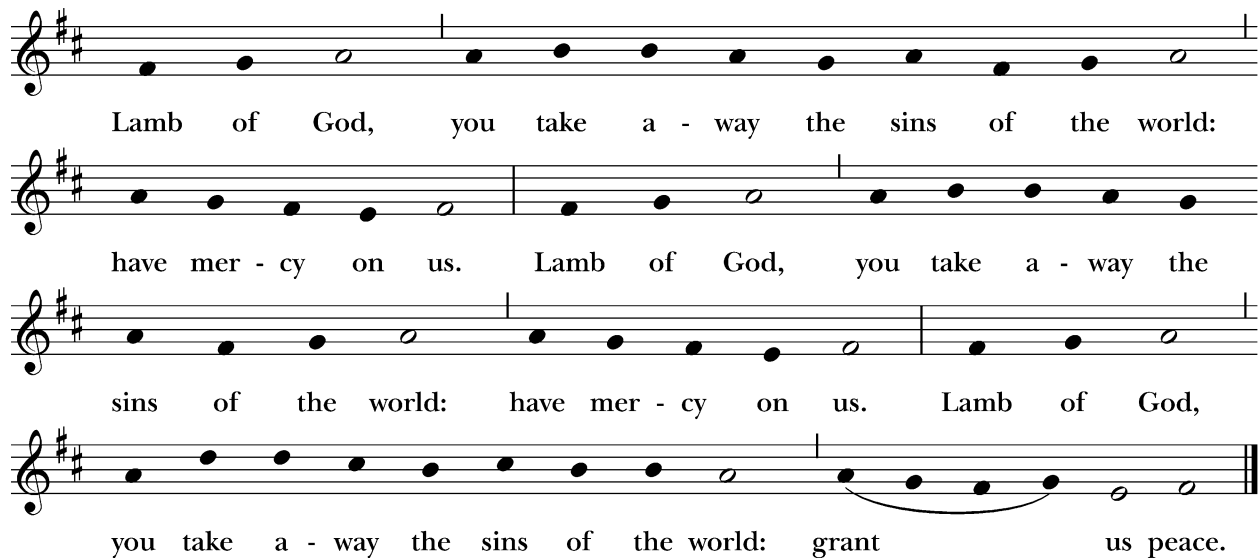
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM *New Plainsong*

David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

AT THE COMMUNION: ANTHEM

How Beautiful upon the Mountains

J. Stainer (1840-1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE NOTICES

Please stand as you are able.

THE BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the
darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

PURPOSE

1 God is work - ing his pur - pose out as
 2 From ut - most east to ut - most west, wher -
 3 March we forth in the strength of God, with the
 4 All we can do is noth - ing worth un -

May be sung in a canon

1 God is work - ing his
 2 From ut - most east to
 3 March we forth in the
 4 All we can do is

year suc - ceeds to year: God is work - ing his
 ev - er foot hath trod, by the mouth of man - y
 ban - ner of Christ un - furled, that the light of the glo - rious
 less God bless - es the deed; vain - ly we hope for the

pur - pose out as year suc - ceeds to year:
 ut - most west, wher - ev - er foot hath trod, by the
 strength of God, with the ban - ner of Christ un - furled, that the
 noth - ing worth un - less God bless - es the deed;

pur - pose out, and the time is draw - ing near;
 mes - sen - gers goes forth the voice of God;
 gos - pel of truth may shine through - out the world;
 har - vest - tide till God gives life to the seed; yet

God is work - ing his pur - pose out, and the time is draw - ing
 mouth of man - y mes - sen - gers goes forth the voice of
 light of the glo - rious gos - pel of truth may shine through - out the
 vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide till God gives life to the

near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall sure - ly
 give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, ye isles, give — ear to
 fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their — cap - tives
 near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall sure - ly

near; — near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall
 God; — give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, ye isles, give —
 world: — fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their —
 seed; yet near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall

be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 me, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 free, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
 be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of God as the

sure - ly be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of
 ear to me, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of
 cap - tives free, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of
 sure - ly be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of

wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 wa - ters cov - er the (sea.) sea. —

1-3 Final Ending

God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 God as the wa - ters (cov - er the sea.) cov - er the sea. —

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter BWV 650

(Come thou, Jesu, from heaven to earth) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church. We hope you will join us for coffee and refreshments in the Trendell Lounge after the service.

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Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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