



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 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 *Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter* BWV650 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
("Come thou, Jesu, from heaven to earth")

GREETING

INTROIT *Rejoice in the Lord Always* Anon., 16th century

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN IN PROCESSION · 88

STUTTGART

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; born a
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, rule in
set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
child and yet a King; born to reign in
all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -

sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 us for - ev - er: now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

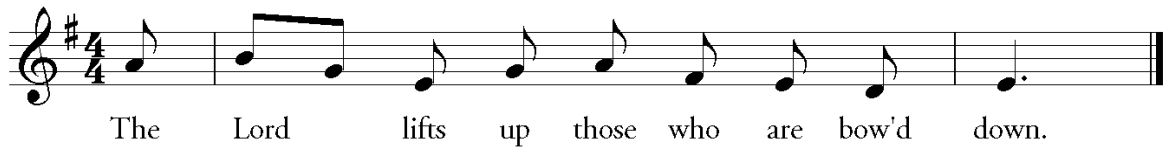
A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*

The Choir sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



- ⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- ⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;
- ⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger. *Refrain*
- ⁷ The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- ⁸ The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ⁹ The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah! *Refrain*

A reading from the letter of James

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

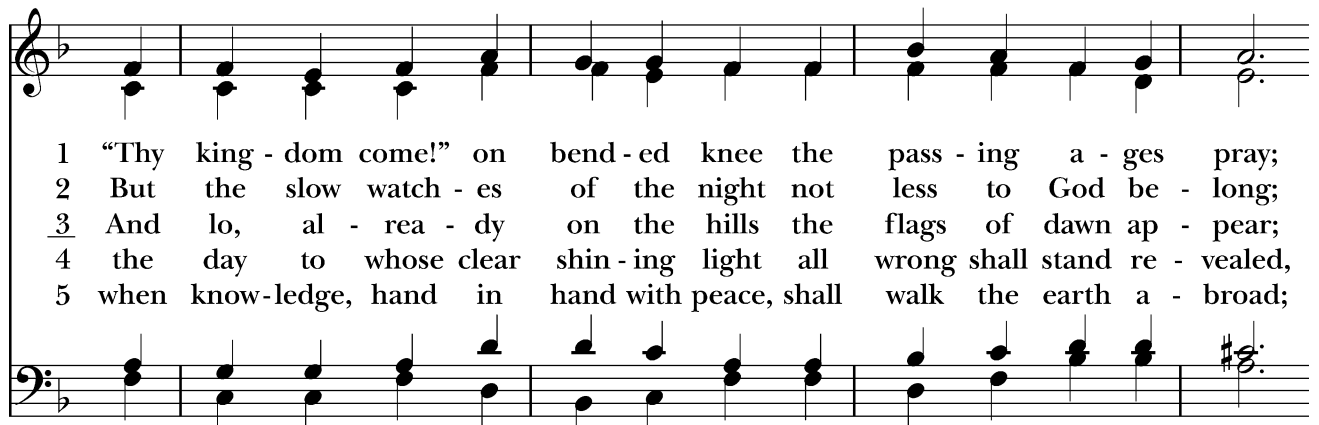
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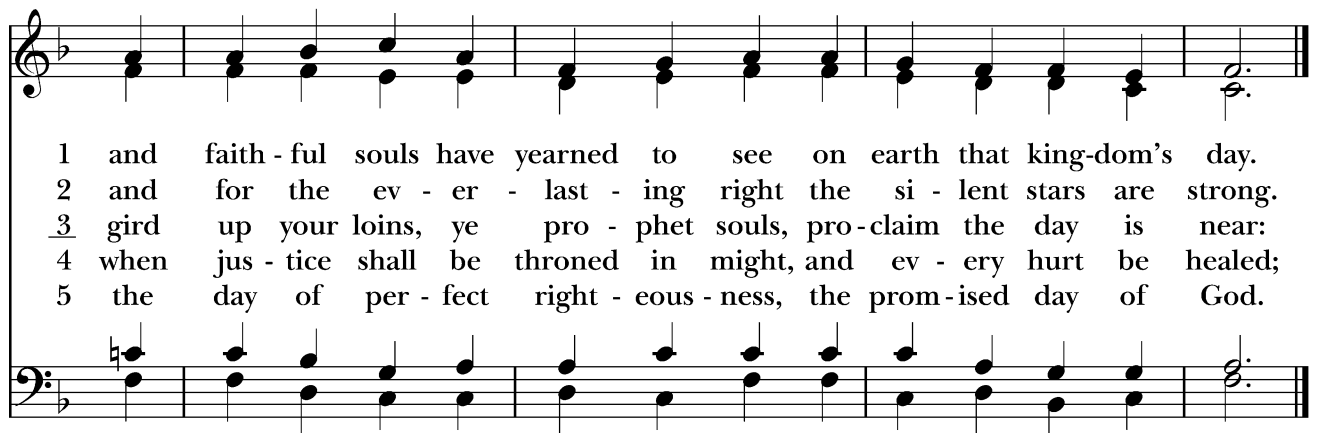
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HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

ST. FLAVIAN



1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

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 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Refrain*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

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.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. James Hwang

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.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we wait with joy for the glory of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God, who opens the eyes of the blind.

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your Church, remembering especially Linda, our Primate; Chris, the newly-appointed National Indigenous Archbishop; John, our Bishop; and the people and clergy of this parish. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Deanery of Royal City/South Surrey and the Deanery of Point Grey. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

Come and redeem us for our life together.

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

Come save us, and do not delay.

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

Come and set the captives free.

O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence

Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: We pray for all those whose world has been darkened by grief and loss, and we ask that you comfort them in their sorrow. And we pray for the departed, that you would shine your eternal light on all those who have died, especially those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Saviour, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life; especially those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence

Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

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

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; this we ask through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **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.**

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.



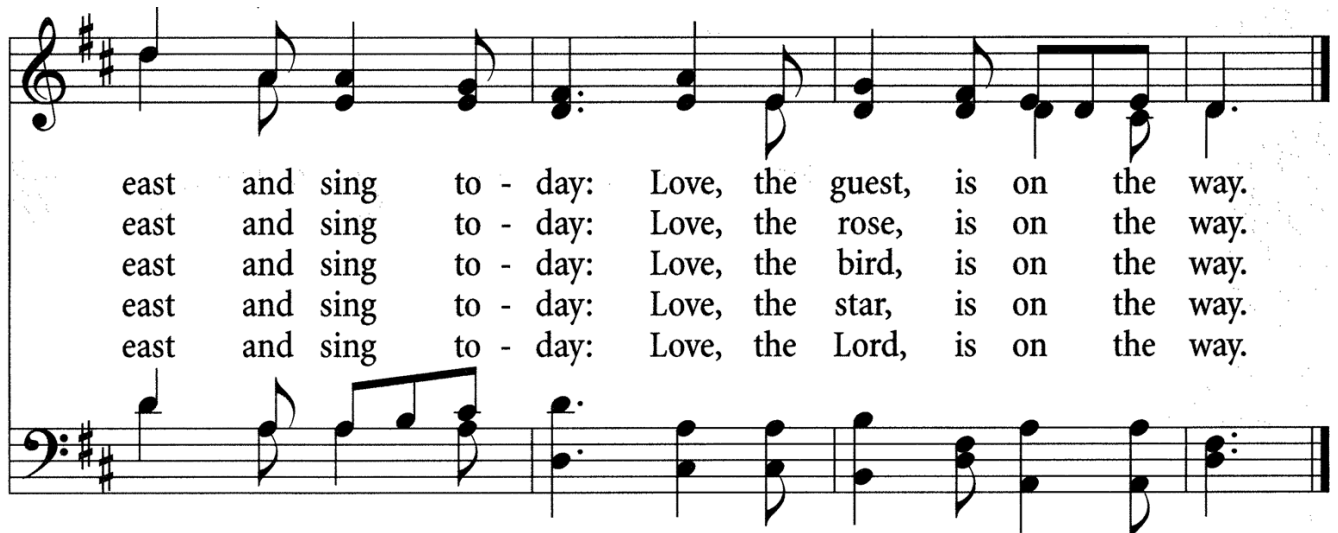
OFFERTORY HYMN

BESANÇON

1 Peo - ple, look east! The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad! Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled; e - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 humm - ing with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



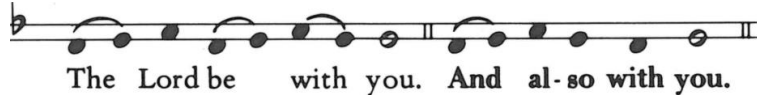
east and sing to - day: Love, the guest, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the rose, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the bird, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

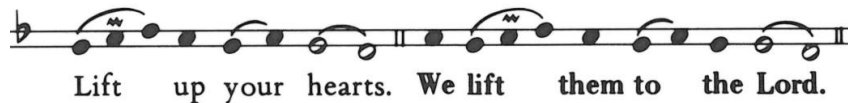
THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation, and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

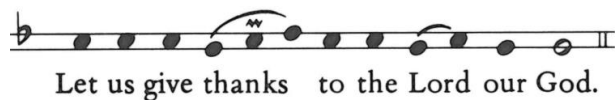
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



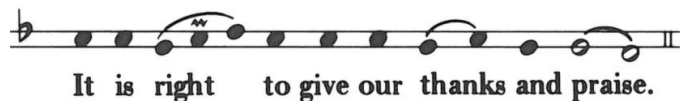
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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

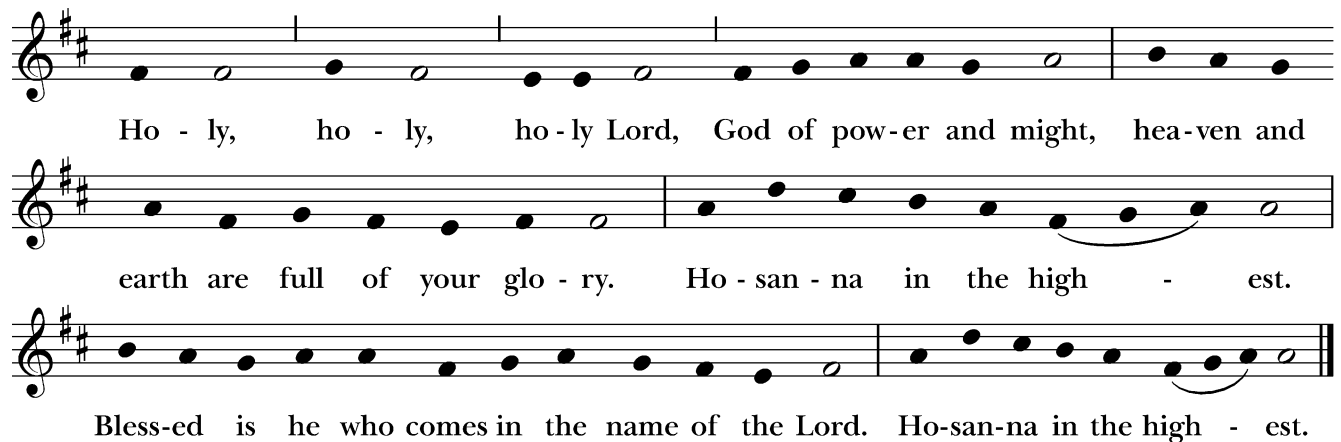


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. 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 the sacrament brought to you.

AT THE COMMUNION: ANTHEM

O Thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

*O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High,
eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in
faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven
with rays Divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about thy throne, set
in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace
to each, Thy power to prove.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel
eternal day in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls erewhile
unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
may this Eucharist free us from our sins,
fill us with unending joy,
and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord now and for ever **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

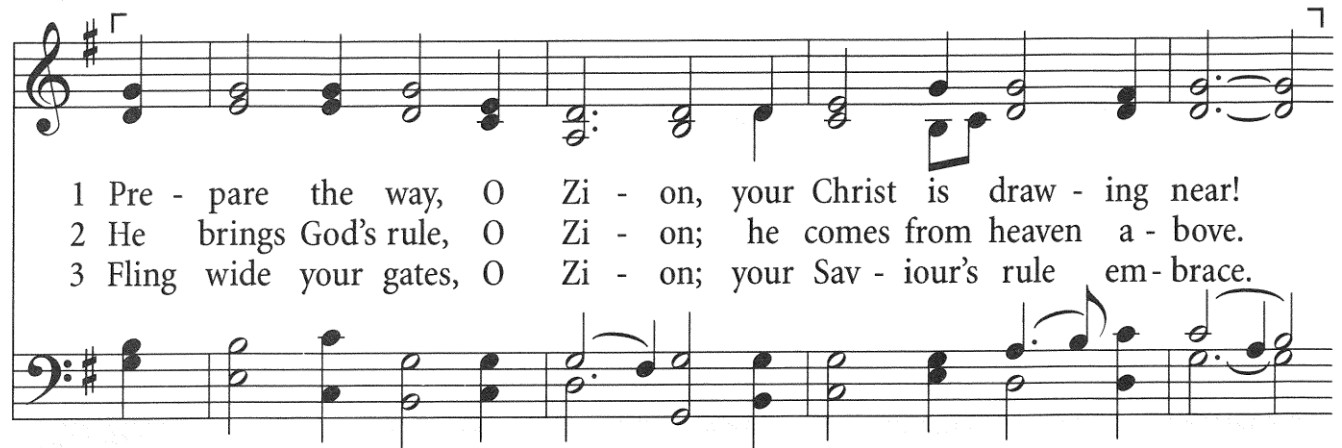
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THE BLESSING

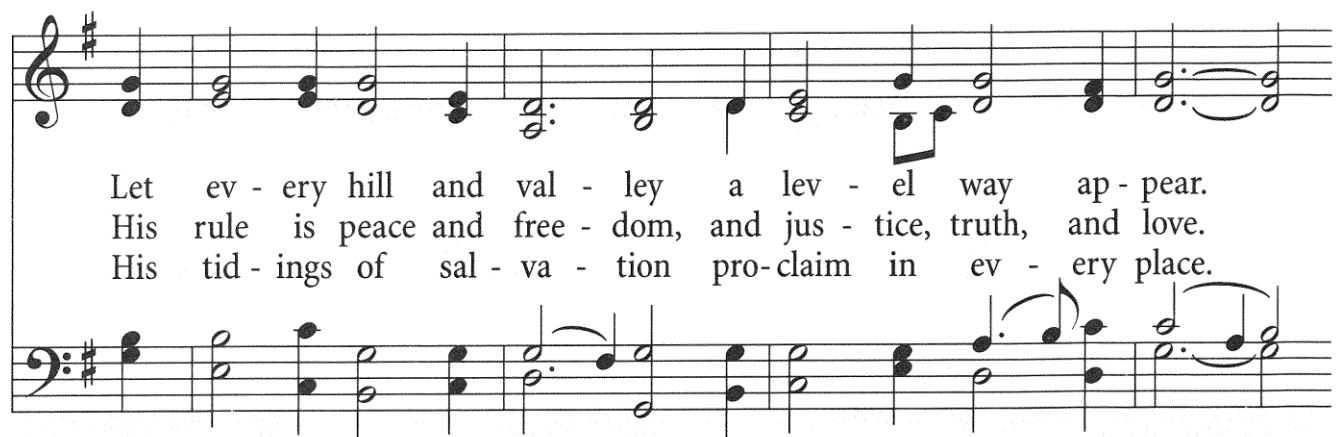
May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - iour's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet one who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Sortie sur Noël O Come Divine Messiah*

(Franck's 200th birthday Dec 10)

César Franck (1822-1890)

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.

ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

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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