



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023 • 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

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.**

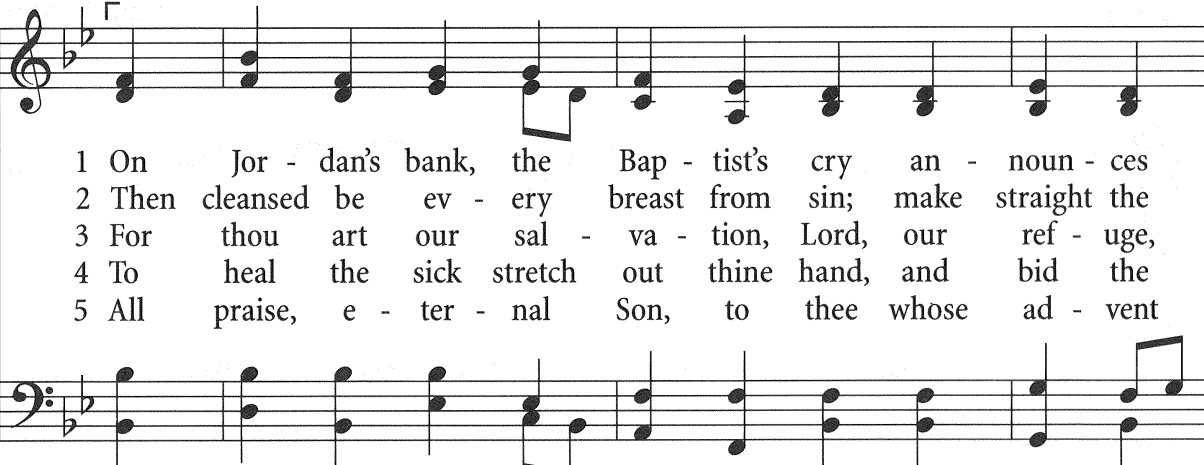
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy god, the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.

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

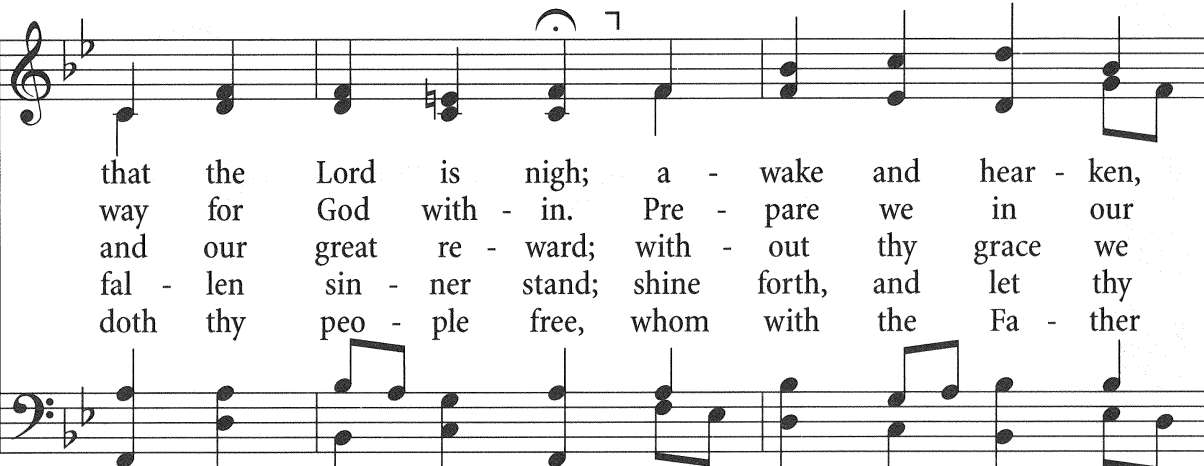
THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN

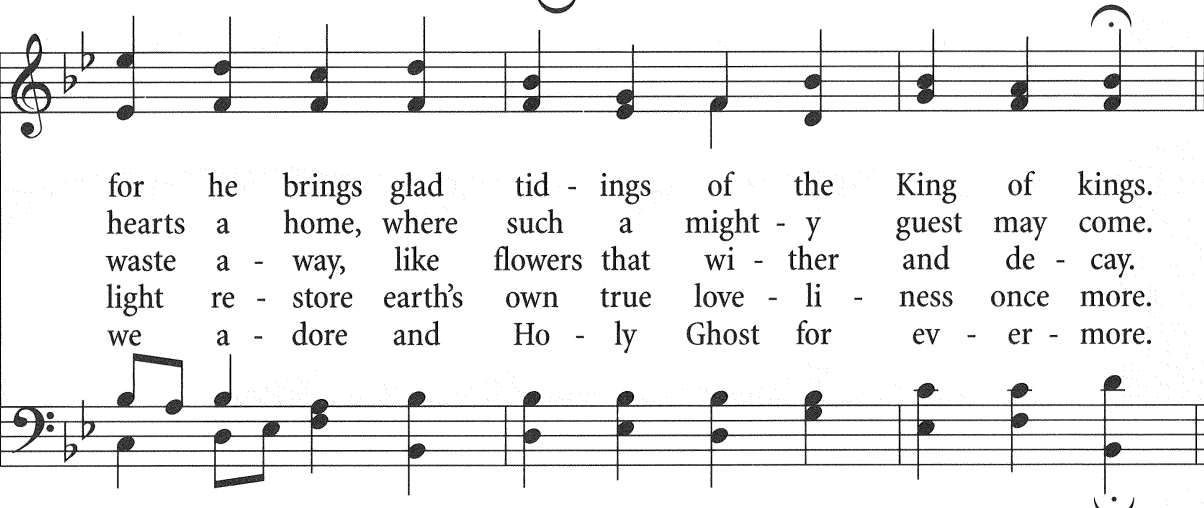
WINCHESTER NEW



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 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 by all, 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 vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). 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 two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Thanks be to God.

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

A reading from the second letter of Peter

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 *Sung by all, three times*

J. Berthier/Taizé

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Hames

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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, our Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; and John, our bishop; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Church of Pakistan (United); in our own diocese, for the Urban Aboriginal Ministry and the Coming Home Society; for our companion diocese, the Diocese of Northern Philippines; for our companion parishes of St. Luke, Butbut Proper and St. James, Luccong; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

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.



OFFERTORY HYMN

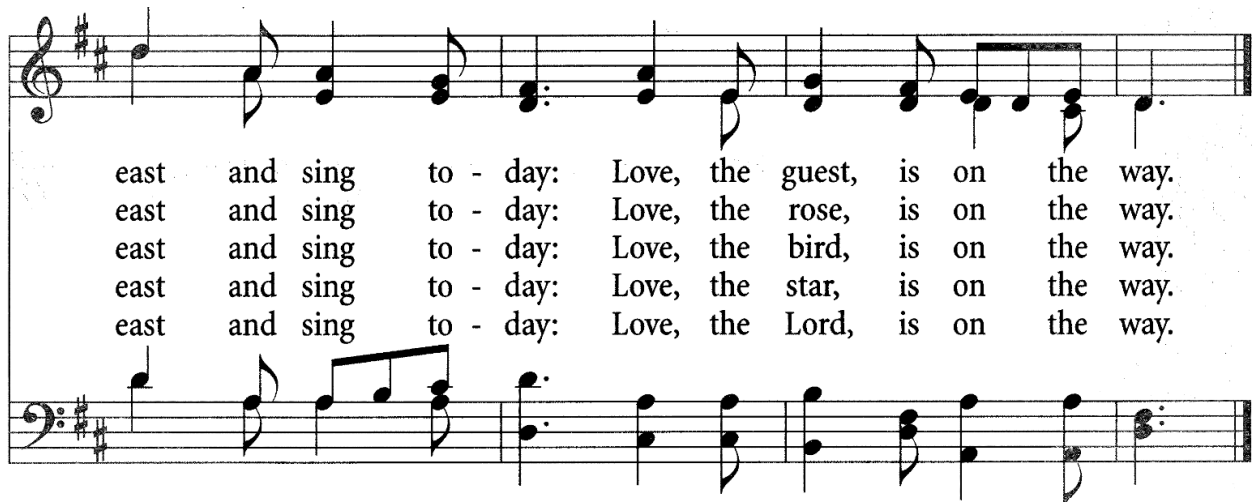
BESANÇON

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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



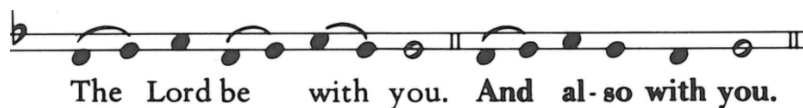
east and sing to - day: Love, the guest, is on the way.
 east and sing to - day: Love, the rose, is on the way.
 east and sing to - day: Love, the bird, is on the way.
 east and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.
 east and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God 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.**

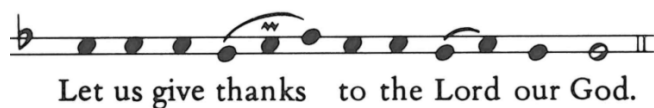
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



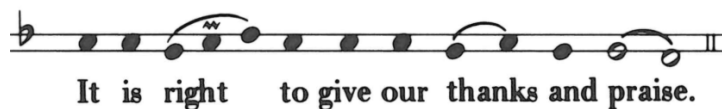
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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

And now, as our Saviour 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.

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 the 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.**

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 DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

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

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