



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 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

*Sortie sur O Come Divine Messiah*

C. Franck (1822-1890)

GREETING

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN

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 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*A reading from the second book of Samuel*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from

the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26 *Misericordias Domini*

Chant: John Goss (1800-1880)

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant;  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast  
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him,  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him,  
and he shall be victorious through my name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend  
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'"

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

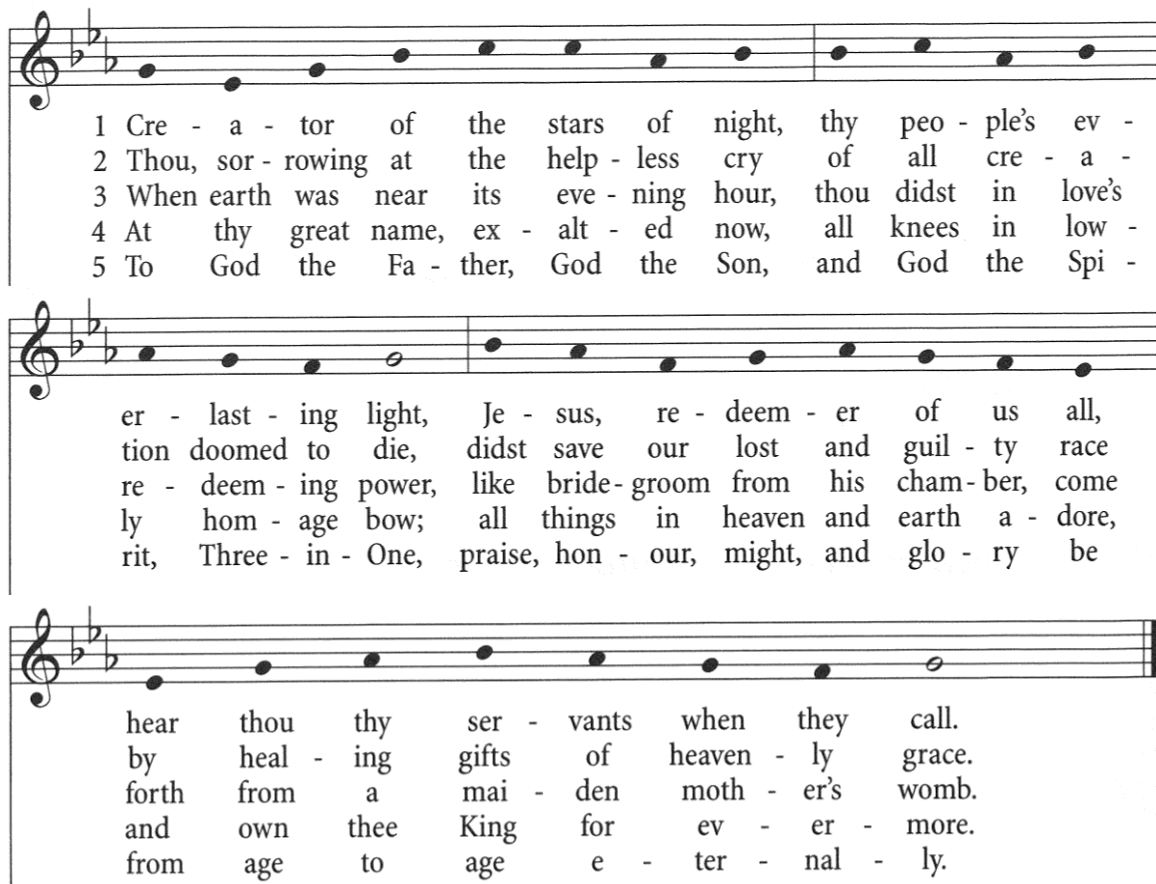
Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

## CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, thy peo - ple's ev -  
 2 Thou, sor - rowing at the help - less cry of all cre - a -  
 3 When earth was near its eve - ning hour, thou didst in love's  
 4 At thy great name, ex - alt - ed now, all knees in low -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi -

er - last - ing light, Je - sus, re - deem - er of us all,  
 tion doomed to die, didst save our lost and guil - ty race  
 re - deem - ing power, like bride - groom from his cham - ber, come  
 ly hom - age bow; all things in heaven and earth a - dore,  
 rit, Three - in - One, praise, hon - our, might, and glo - ry be

hear thou thy ser - vants when they call.  
 by heal - ing gifts of heaven - ly grace.  
 forth from a mai - den moth - er's womb.  
 and own thee King for ev - er - more.  
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung by all, three times*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. James Hwang

## 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 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 National Indigenous Archbishop; John, our Bishop; and the people and clergy of this parish. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John the Apostle, Port Moody; St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge; St. John the Divine, Squamish. We pray also for our companion diocese, the Diocese of Northern Philippines; and for our parishes of St. Luke, Butbut Proper, and St. James, Luccong. 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.**

*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

## VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

1 O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence  
 2 O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, whom priest and pro - phet  
 3 You come in peace and meek - ness and low - ly will your  
*Ve - nez, di - vin Mes - si - e, nous rendre es - poir et*

waits the day when hope shall sing its tri - umph and  
 long fore - told, come, break the cap - tives' fet - ters, re -  
 cra - dle be; all clothed in hu - man weak - ness shall  
*nous sau - ver! Vous ê - tes no - tre vi - e! Ve -*

sad - ness flee a - way. Dear Sa - viour,  
 deem the long - lost fold. 1 O *Fils de*  
 we your God - head see. 2 A *Beth - lé -*  
*nez, ve - nez, ve - nez! 3 Vous ê - tes*

haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the  
*Dieu, ne tar - dez pas; par vo - tre*  
*em, les cieux chan - taient que le me -*  
*né pour les pé - cheurs. Que vo - tre*



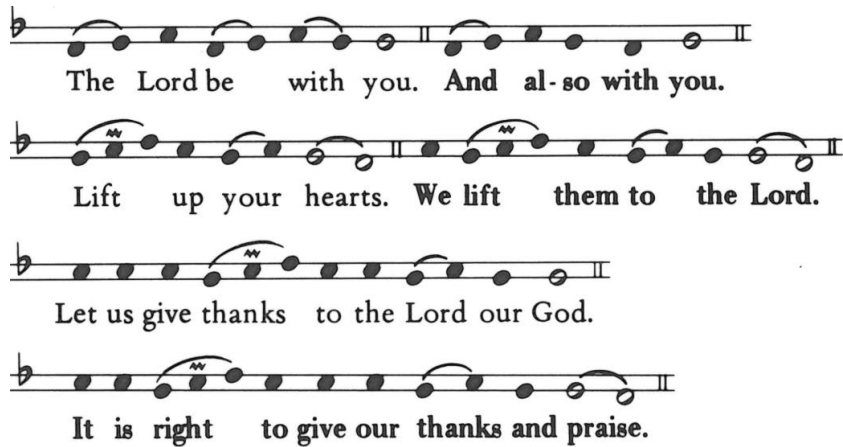
night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of  
 corps don- nez la joie à no- tre monde en dé- sar-  
 illeur de vos bien- faits c'é- tait le don de vo- tre  
 grâce, ô Dieu Sau- veur, dis- sipe en nous la nuit, la  
 grace. \* O come, Div- ine Mes- si- ah; the  
 roi. Re- dî- tes- nous en- co- re de  
 paix. Le mon- de la dé- dai- gne: par-  
 peur! Sei- gneur, que votre en- fan- ce nous  
 world in si- lence waits the day when hope shall sing its  
 quel a- mour vous nous ai- mez; tant d'hom- mes vous i-  
 tout les coeurs sont di- vi- sés! Qu'ar- ri- ve vo- tre  
 fas- se vi- vre en la clar- té. Soy- ez la dé- li-  
 tri- umph and sad- ness flee a- way.  
 gno- rent! Ve- nez, ve- nez, ve- nez!  
 rè- gne! Ve- nez, ve- nez, ve- nez!  
 vran- ce! Ve- nez, ve- nez, ve- nez!

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

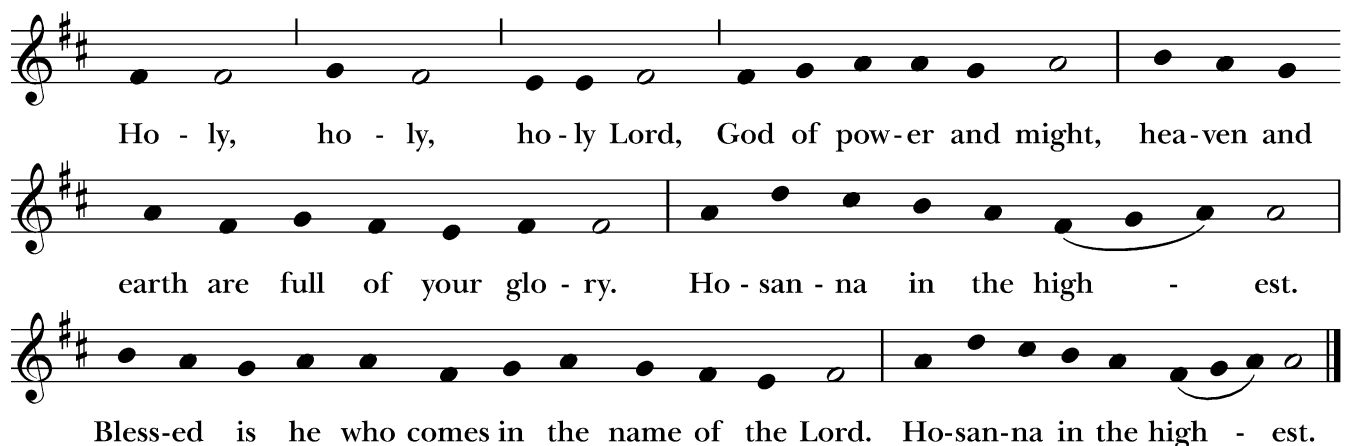
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

### THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *New Plainsong*

David Hurd (b. 1950)



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.**

## 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.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Est is ein Ros entsprungen* M. Praetorius (1571-1621)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this 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.

THE NOTICES

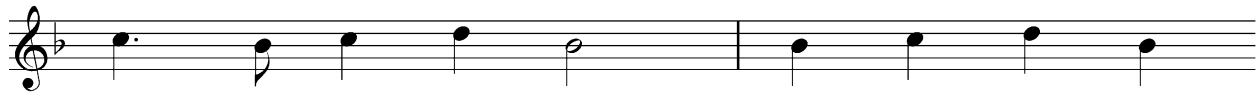
THE BLESSING

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY Variation on Noël Huron

D Bedard (b1950)

## ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

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