



ST. THOMAS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

First Coming

He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace.

He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.

He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.

He did not wait till hearts were pure.
In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin
and doubt.

To a world like ours, of anguished shame
he came, and his Light would not go out.

He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.

In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Madeleine L'Engle

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Access the Childcare Room from the north lobby, nearest the main parking area, just past the elevator.
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VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211

Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

The pealing of the bells calls us to prayer.

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The first Advent candle is lit.

Celebrant Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace.

All **Amen.**



At the sound of the bell, all rise as able and sing.

OPENING HYMN

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

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Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

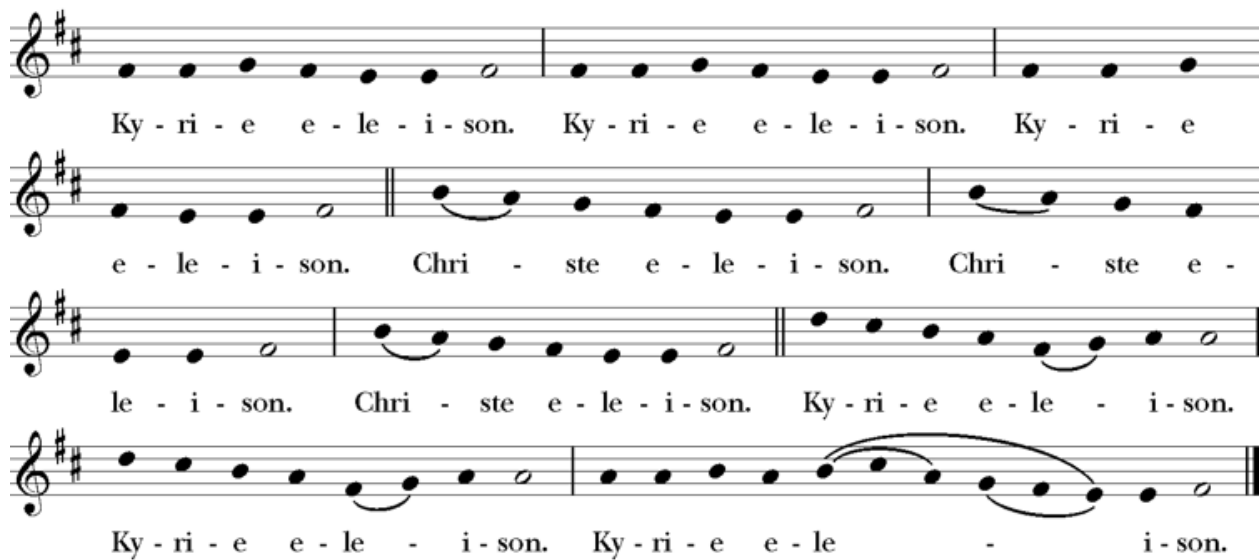
COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

All Amen.

KYRIE

All sing.



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (11:1-10).

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Deus, iudicium*Sung by the choir.*

- 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.
- 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.



THE SECOND READING

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (13:11-14).

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

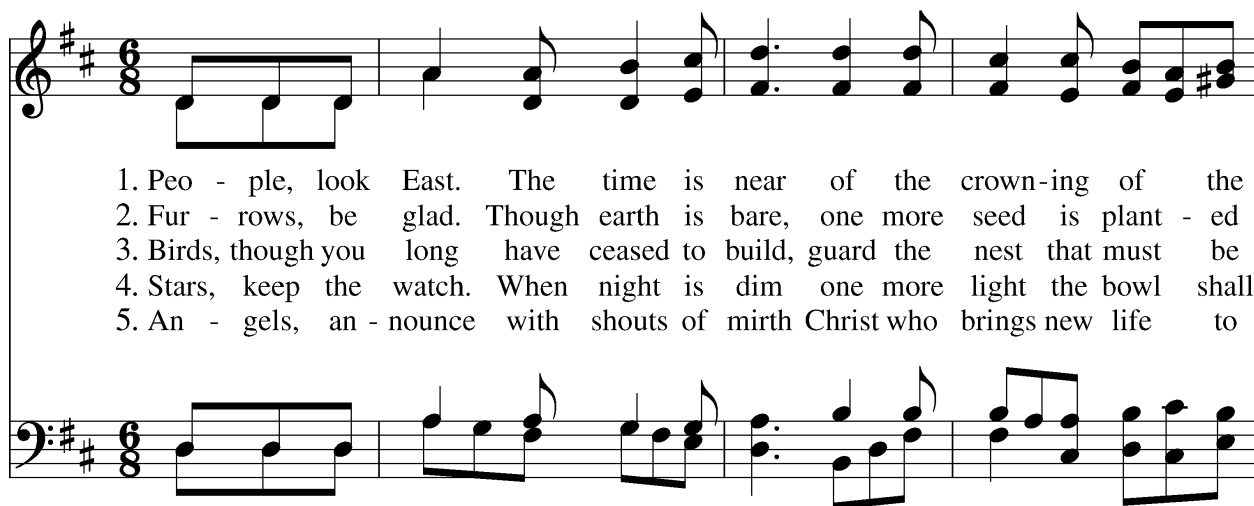
All **Thanks be to God.**



THE SEQUENCE HYMN

People, look east

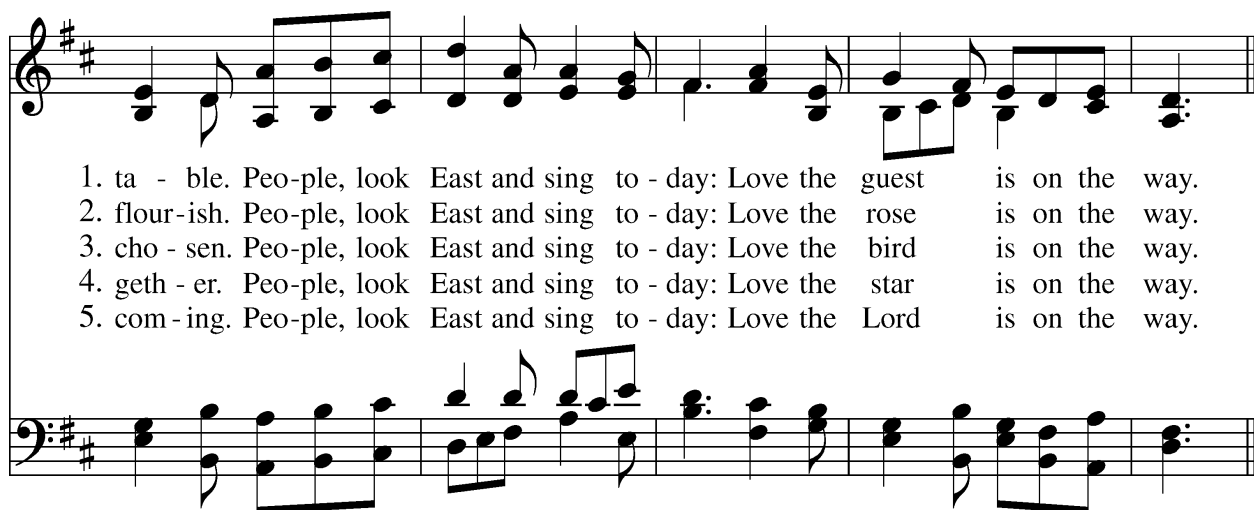
All rise as able and sing.



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

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THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1-12).
All **Glory to you, Lord 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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Edmund Harris

All may be seated.

Silence follows the sermon.

All stand as able and say together.

THE NICENE CREED

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor As salvation draws near, let us be awake, alert, and watchful for the One who has come and will come into our lives.

For the Church in every place and context: in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Good Shepherd, Vancouver and St. Luke's/San Lucas, Vancouver. May we live as children of light and show God's love to those around us.

Hear us as we cry:

All Lord, be with us.

Intercessor For this parish family, St. Thomas Church, that in our worship and work we may live together in joyful hope and expectation.

Hear us as we cry:

All Lord, be with us.

Intercessor For peace in all troubled places, that God will teach the hearts of all the human family to turn swords into plows and resources for war into healing and development.
Hear us as we cry:

All Lord, be with us.

Intercessor For all who are burdened by the cares of life, that they may always be ready to welcome Christ wherever he reveals himself.
Hear us as we cry:

All Lord, be with us.

Intercessor For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, remembering especially:

All Dorothy, Christine, Donna, Barbara, Janet & Tom, Fr. George, Luigi, Jerry, Ben & Beth, Jennifer, Marsha, Hannah, Donna, John, Joseph, Carol, Erik, George, Cam, Sarah, Mary Ann, Nancy, Martha, and Catherine & Jim.

Intercessor May they find God's care and compassion as others reach out to them.
Hear us as we cry:

All Lord, be with us.

Intercessor For all who are burdened by the cares of life, that they may always be ready to welcome Christ wherever he reveals himself.
Hear us as we cry:

All Lord, be with us.

Intercessor For all those who have died, remembering especially:

All Bryan Elliott, Jean Johnson, Jean Haehl, Jane Leffingwell, and Christiane Gee Porter.

Intercessor May they rest in peace, and know the fulness of God's presence.
Hear us as we cry:

All Lord, be with us.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is held.

Hear us as we cry:

All Lord, be with us.

Celebrant O Incarnate One for whom we long, hear our prayers and keep us ever watchful, that when Christ our Savior comes, we may welcome him with joy and gladness. This we ask in his most holy Name.

All Amen.

The Church of Bangladesh is a united Protestant church rooted in Anglican and Presbyterian traditions. Formally constituted on 30 April 1974 after Bangladesh's independence, it grew out of earlier Anglican mission work and the Church of Pakistan. The church now comprises three dioceses — Dhaka, Kushtia and Barisal — with about 115 parishes and roughly 22,000–23,000 members. Governed by a synod with a mixed episcopal–presbyterian polity, its Moderator (usually the Archbishop of Dhaka) leads the denomination. The Church of Bangladesh is a member of the Anglican Communion and the World Communion of Reformed Churches and ministers among many ethnic groups (Garo, Santal, Marma, Chakma).

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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 neighbors 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The ministers and the people greet one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *As stewards of all that God has given us, we share the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, or at stthomasmedina.org/giving.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM*Watchman, tell us of the night*

Alan Hovhaness

Watchman, tell us of the night,
 what its signs of promise are.
 Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height:
 see that glory-beaming star.

Watchman, does its beauteous ray
 Aught of joy or hope foretell?
 Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
 promised day of Israel.

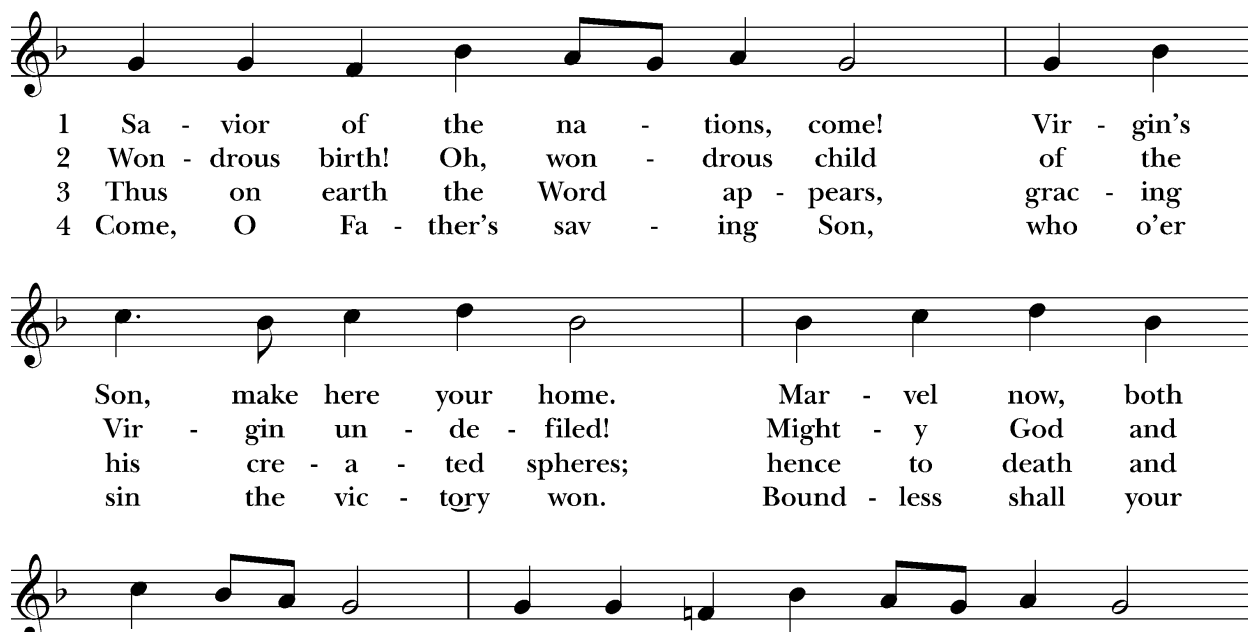
Watchman, tell us of the night;
 higher yet that star ascends.
 Traveler, blessedness and light,
 peace and truth its course portends.

Watchman, will its beams alone
 gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Traveler, ages are its own;
 see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
 for the morning seems to dawn.
 Traveler, darkness takes its flight;
 doubt and terror are withdrawn.

Watchman, let thy wand'rings cease;
 hie thee to thy quiet home.
 Traveler, lo! The Prince of Peace,
 Lo, the Son of God is come!

text: John Browning

*All rise as able and sing.***THE PRESENTATION HYMN***Savior of the nations, come*


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.

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Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

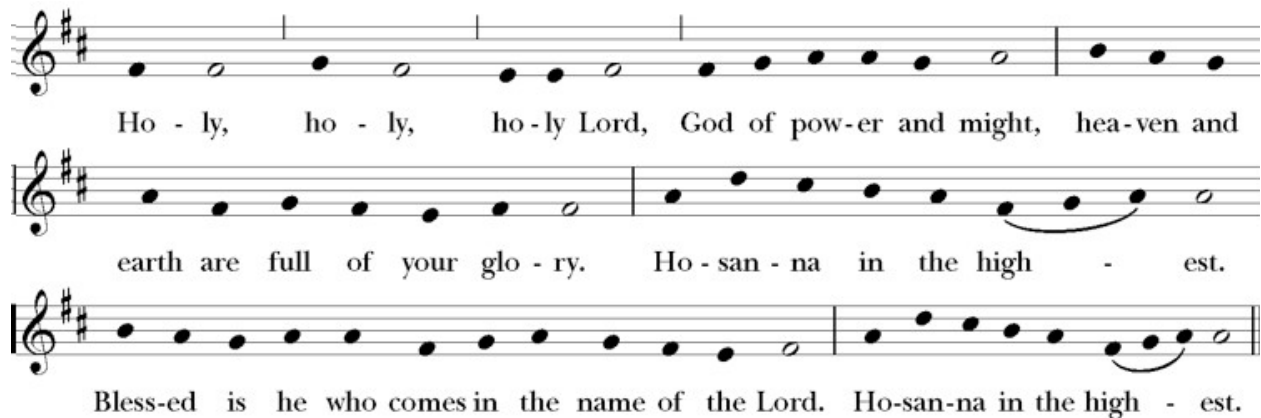
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear 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:



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Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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."

Celebrant 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.”

All Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The bread is broken.

All sing.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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.

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

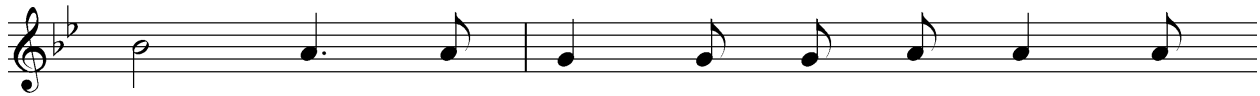
All may be seated for the time of Communion.

*Ushers will guide each row to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is **not** available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*



COMMUNION HYMN

What is the crying at Jordan?



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who
 2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -
 3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to
 4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in



hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the
 pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in
 see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -
 joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -



sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.
 dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.
 mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.
 self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

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 Music: St. Mark's, Berkeley, Irish melody from Danta De: Hymns to God, Ancient and Modern*

COMMUNION HYMN

Once he came in blessing



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

*Hymnal 1982, 53 ©; Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: Gottes Sohn ist kommen, melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534)*

All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

***All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING ** *When appropriate.*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

***All* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant 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.

***All* Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion

All sing.



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 Sa - vior'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.

Refrain



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

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Music: Bereden väg för Herren, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Johann Pachelbel



SERVING THIS DAY

The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) R. Costello

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