

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

GROW IN FAITH. LIVE IN HOPE. SHARE GOD'S LOVE.

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 4, 2022 + 10:30 A.M.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP IN GOD'S NAME**

### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O God of the still-small voice of peace,  
help me to quiet my mind, my spirit, and my life,  
that I may become a dwelling place,  
and may know, embrace, and embody  
your in-breaking Word, Jesus the Christ.  
Amen.

### CARILLON PRELUDE

**VOLUNTARY** *Played by Andy LeGrand, guitar.*

Haven

—Andy LeGrand (b.)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**HYMN** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blest:



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

—Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.  
Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

**ACCLAMATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living God:

People: You come to your people and set them free.

Celebrant: Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him,

People: And on that day there will be a great light, hallelujah.

Celebrant: Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive; and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet we trust that God is never absent from us. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

## SONG OF PRAISE “The Magnificat: Glorify the Lord” *Remain standing.*

*The Choir sings the verses; everyone sings the refrain.*

1. My soul magnifies the Lord my God; my spirit sings in God who is my Savior.  
In favor God has looked upon his lowly one. Every age shall call me blessed.

### *Refrain*

I will glo - ri - fy \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

I will glo - ri - fy \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Glo - ri - fy, \_\_\_\_\_ glo - ri - fy, \_\_\_\_\_

glo - ri - fy \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

2. The Almighty one for me has done great things and holy, holy is God's name.  
Mercy thus is shown where God's fear is known for all time in every generation.

### *Refrain*

3. The Lord has shown his strength and scattered thus the proud,  
Cast the mighty from their thrones.  
The hungry he has filled, the fearful hearts has stilled,  
Sends the rich and wealthy ones away. (*no Refrain*)
4. He has come to heal and help you, Israel, remembering a promise told of old,  
A promise that was made to our people as they prayed,  
Abraham and his children evermore.

### *Refrain*

—Setting: Liam Lawton, “The Magnificat: Glorify the Lord”  
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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Remain standing; silence is kept.*

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. *Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

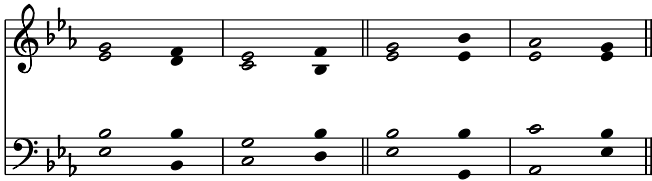
A reading from the Book of Isaiah (II:I-10).

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 *Everyone sings.*



—Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945);  
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- 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.

## SECOND LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (15:4–13).

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,  
straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
bid the fal - len sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.

—Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

**GOSPEL** *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1–12).

People: 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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Ann Backus for Children’s Chapel. They will return at the Peace.*

**SERMON**



**CREED** *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be lieve\_ in God al might - y, Au - thor of\_\_\_ all things that be.  
2 We be lieve\_ that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
3 We be lieve\_ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all\_\_\_ the saints with - in



Mak - er of\_\_\_ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of\_\_\_ the sky and sea.  
tak - en from\_ the cross, was bur - ied. True\_ Life there\_ had tru - ly died.  
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where\_ for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be lieve\_ in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us\_\_\_ both Lord and Christ,  
We be lieve\_ that on the third\_ day, Christ was raised\_ up from the grave,  
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born\_ to bring\_ a - bun - dant life.  
then as - cen - ded to God's right\_ hand. He\_\_\_ will come\_ a - gain to save.  
gives the life\_\_\_ that's ev - er - last - ing. This\_ the faith\_ that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.  
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Music: *Greensleeves*, traditional English melody, adapted

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Remain standing.*

Leader: As we yearn for the coming of Christ and the time when all of creation will be made new, let us pray, saying: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the Church throughout the world, that the work of her people might be a sign of God's hope to a broken world. Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the nation and all those who lead, that they may be guided by God's spirit of wisdom and understanding. Restore us, O God of hosts;  
 People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the world, that the way of the Lord might be prepared for all to follow. Restore us, O God of hosts;  
 People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the lowly and hungry throughout the world, that they may be assured of God's promise of mercy. Restore us, O God of hosts;  
 People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For those in our community marking celebrations, especially those celebrating birthdays; and those facing adversity: those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless, the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts; that the gift of this community may sustain us all. We pray for...

<b>BEN</b> Alford	<b>BONNIE</b> Honaker	<b>LIZ</b> Rea
<b>ED</b> Archer	<b>MARGE</b> Hudson	<b>NANCYE</b> Reeder
<b>ANNE</b> Bender	<b>PATRICK &amp; SUSAN</b>	<b>THE RICHARDS FAMI-</b>
<b>CLAUDIA</b> Bender	Hundley	<b>LY</b>
<b>BEVERLY</b> Burns	<b>MELISSA</b> Shaw Kincaid	<b>SHAROLYN</b> Sprigg
<b>PETER</b> Calvert	<b>CAROLE</b> Kollmer	<b>THE STAPLETON FAM-</b>
<b>YVONNE</b> Coulson	<b>ANN</b> McClain	<b>ILY</b>
<b>GAIL</b> Cox	<b>DON</b> McConnell	<b>CINDY</b> Strange
<b>MARY</b> Davis	<b>NATALIE</b> McNutt	<b>ROGER</b> Tivedo
<b>DANA &amp; DEWELL</b>	<b>FISHER</b> Patrick	<b>ALICE &amp; FRED</b> Wegmann
Downey	<b>MEGAN</b> Quigley	<b>MICHELLE</b> Welsh
<b>DOUG</b> Emblar	<b>MARILYN</b> Randall	<b>and</b>
<b>TERRY</b> Finnerty	<b>KRISSA</b> Randolph	<b>FEROL</b> Yearout

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts;  
 People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For all those who already rest in the eternal light of Christ, that we may one day join them in that place where the wolf and the lamb lie down together. Restore us, O God of hosts;  
 People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*Silence is kept for a space.*

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

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

*All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.*

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. *Amen.*

**PEACE** *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Seated.*

# HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

## ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Come Quickly, Lord Jesus

O come now Lord Jesus, our Dayspring, our Cheer,  
And lift up our spirits by your Advent here.  
The herald is calling, his cry we obey,  
In deserts and valleys, "Prepare God a way."

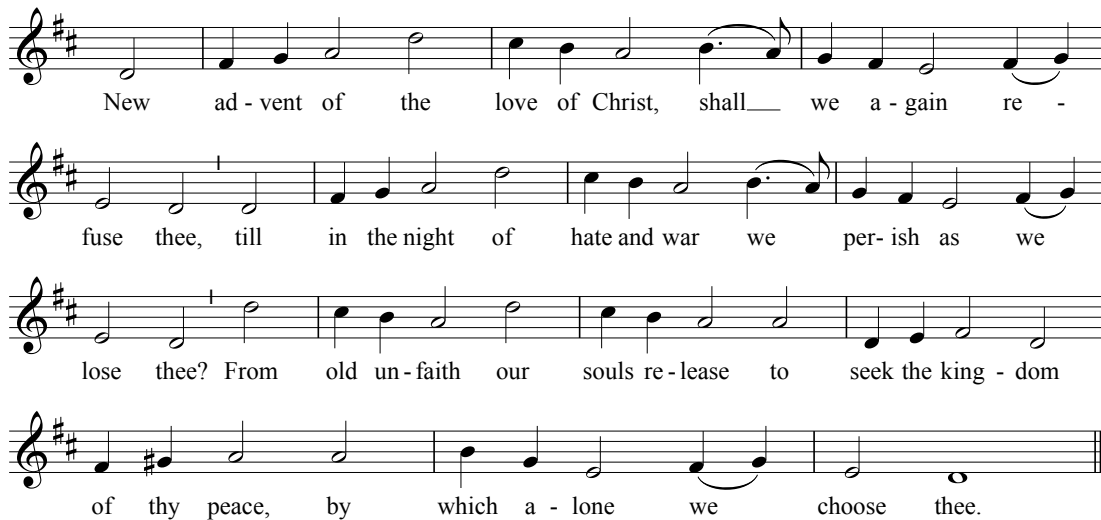
O come, Root of Jesse, O come now and free  
Your people, Your children, from death's tyranny.  
The poor and the needy who suffer great wrong  
Give strength and give justice and bid them be strong.

O come Key of David, our hearts open wide.  
Our path, guard with safety and lead us on high.  
Make straight what was crooked and rough places plain,  
Make hard hearts be humble for God's holy reign.

Come quickly Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,  
Creator, Redeemer, the people's true light,  
Let all things on earth and in heaven adore,  
And own you as Savior and King evermore.

—Words and Music: Mark Schweizer (b. 1956),  
Text based on the Advent "O" *Antiphons*

**HYMN** “New advent of the love of Christ” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war we per - ish as we  
lose thee? From old un - faith our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.

—Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882–1969), alt..

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une Pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng die Heubartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God 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:

Everyone sings:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and God of might,  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, 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, ho-san-na in the high - est.

—Setting: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, based on *Veni Emmanuel*  
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*The people stand or kneel.*

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.”

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.”

Celebrant: Therefore according to his command, O Father,

All: 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 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.

*Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.*

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "give us your peace, give us your peace." The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

—Setting: Agnus Dei, from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828)  
arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010). Adaptation copyright © 1985



## INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

## DURING COMMUNION

**VOLUNTARY** *Played by Andy LeGrand, guitar.*

By Candlelight

—Andrew York (b. 1958)

HYMN “Comfort, comfort ye my people” *Everyone sings.*



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.

—Words: C.Johann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.  
 Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514–1572)

## ADVENT DOXOLOGY “All praise, eternal Son, to thee”

*Standing, all who are able; everyone sings this Advent praise, to the familiar tune.*

All praise, e - ter - nal Son to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple  
free, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; whom with the Fa - ther we a -  
dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

—Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. C.W. Douglas (1867–1944),  
after John Chandler, (1806–1876); alt.; with Alleluias

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**BLESSING** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us  
in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free  
from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you  
steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

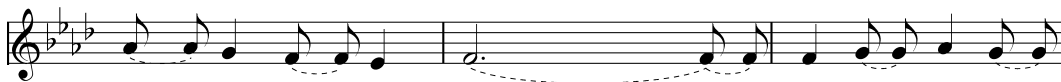
May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second  
Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

HYMN "God is working his purpose out" *Everyone sings.*



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



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



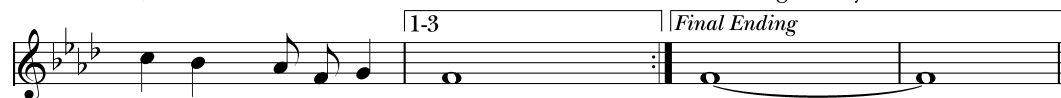
pur - pose out, and the time is draw - ing near;  
 mes - sen - gers goes forth the voice of God;  
 gos - pel of truth may shine through - out the world:  
 har - vest - tide till God gives life to the seed; yet



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



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



wa - ters cov - er the sea.  
 wa - ters cov - er the sea.  
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## DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hymntune Improvisation



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