

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 8, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

The 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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” *Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.*

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

—Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

During the hymn, the Tilson Family places the empty manger in the stable.

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, I send my messenger,

People: And he shall prepare your way before your face, 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 “Magnificat”

The choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat:

Pro - claim the great - ness of God; re - joi - ce in God my
Sav - ior! Re - joi - ce in God my Sav - ior!

The choir sings:

1. For he has favored his lowly one, and all shall call me blessed.
The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Antiphon

2. He favors those who fear his name, in every generation;
He has shown the might and strength of his arm, and scattered the proud of heart.

Antiphon

The choir sings: Proclaim the greatness of God! Rejoice!

—Setting: James Chepponis, para. of Luke 1:46–55.
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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 Baruch (5:1-9).

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH *Everyone sings.*

Antiphon

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come
to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us
from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.

4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his
ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father

A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:3–11).

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” *Standing; 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 heark - 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 Luke (3:1–6).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

A time for silent reflection follows the 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: In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

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. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

People: For they are from everlasting.

Leader: For the nation and all those who lead, that they may be guided by God's spirit of wisdom and understanding. In the tender compassion of our God,

People: The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Leader: For the world, that the way of the Lord might be prepared for all to follow. In the tender compassion of our God,

People: The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Leader: For the lowly and hungry throughout the world, that they may be assured of God's promise of mercy. In the tender compassion of our God,

People: The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Leader: For those in our community marking celebrations, especially birthdays and anniversaries; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends; and for our parishioners who have asked our prayers;; that the gift of this community may sustain us all. We pray for:

ED Archer

MARGE Hudson

JANE Reed

CHIP Beets

ANGELA Lister

NICK Richards

JOANNE Calhoun

FRANCIS Lloyd

TOM Schlitt

GAIL Cox

ANN McClain

DENISE & ROGER Tibedo

LOIS & RON Dearolf

DALE Oakley

JENIFER van Tol

JUDY Dernbach

PAT Pagni

SAM Venable

DANA & DEWELL Downey

KENT Parish

and

DOUG Emblar

BELLE Parman

ALICE & FRED Wegmann

THE GREELEY FAMILY

ALLAN Philp

Leader: In the tender compassion of our God,

People: The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

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. In the tender compassion of our God,

People: The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Silence is kept for a space.

Celebrant: 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; 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 genette,” 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.

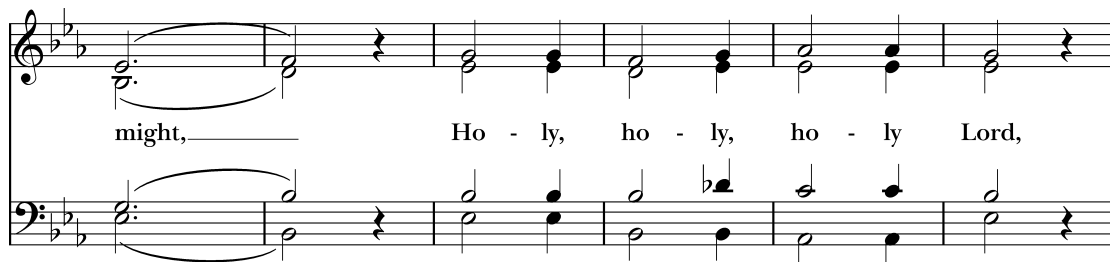
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

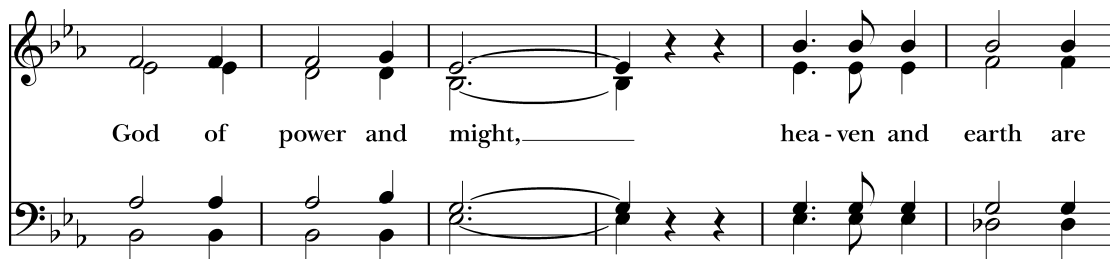
Everyone sings:



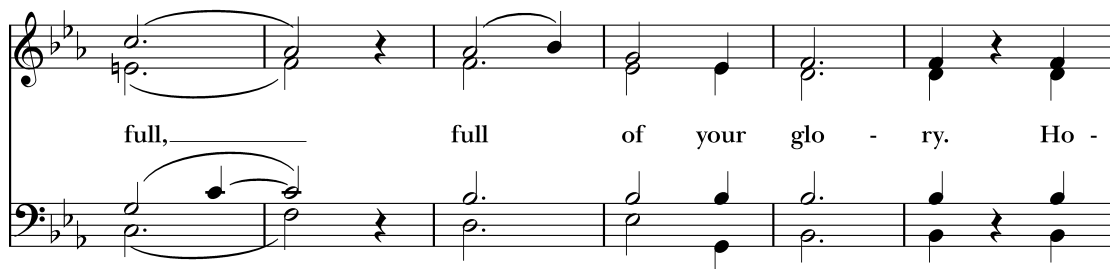
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



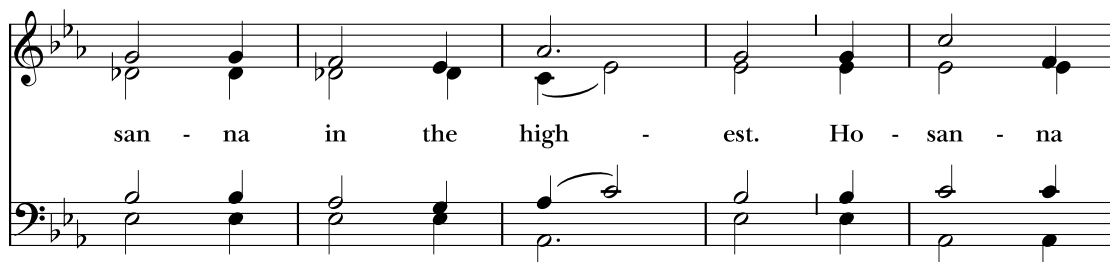
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, 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.

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes' (first system), 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na' (second system), and 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' (third system). The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

—Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

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."

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

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

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

—Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

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

HYMN "Day by day" *Everyone sings.*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly, fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

— Words: Att. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)
Music: *Summer*, Arthur Henry Biggs (1906-1954)

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: CJohann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.
 Music: *Psalms* 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514–1572)

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

Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



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.
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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Remain standing.*

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. We who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

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 “Prepare the way, O Zion” *Everyone sings.*



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.



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

—Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)
Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697;
harm. *Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan*, 1939, alt.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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