

# CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**November 8, 2020**

### **Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 a.m.**

Our worship is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively.

PRELUDE	Prelude on Old 25th	Charles Wood
INTROIT	Ancient of Days	Alec Wyton

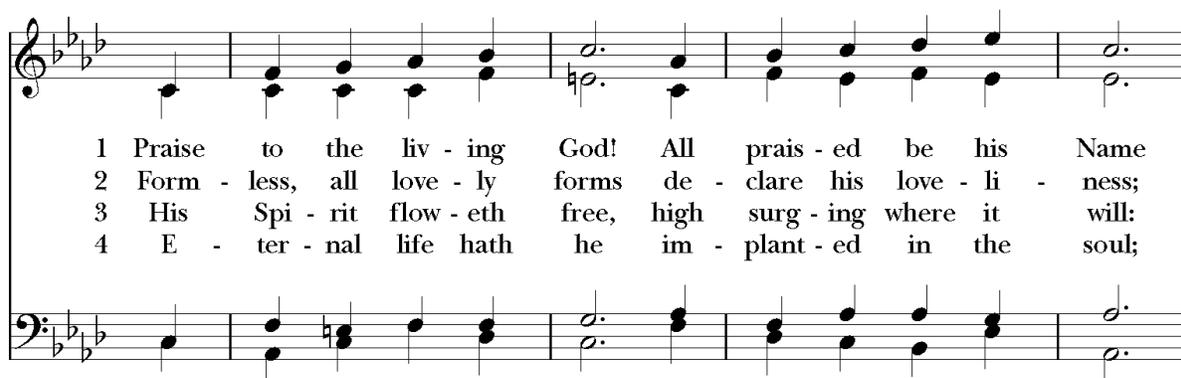
Ancient of Days, who sittest throned in glory,  
To thee all knees are bent, all voices pray;  
Thy love has blessed the wide world's wondrous story  
With light and life since Eden's dawning day.

O Triune God, with heart and voice adoring,  
Praise we the goodness that doth crown our days;  
Pray we that thou wilt hear us, still imploring  
The love and favor, kept to us always.

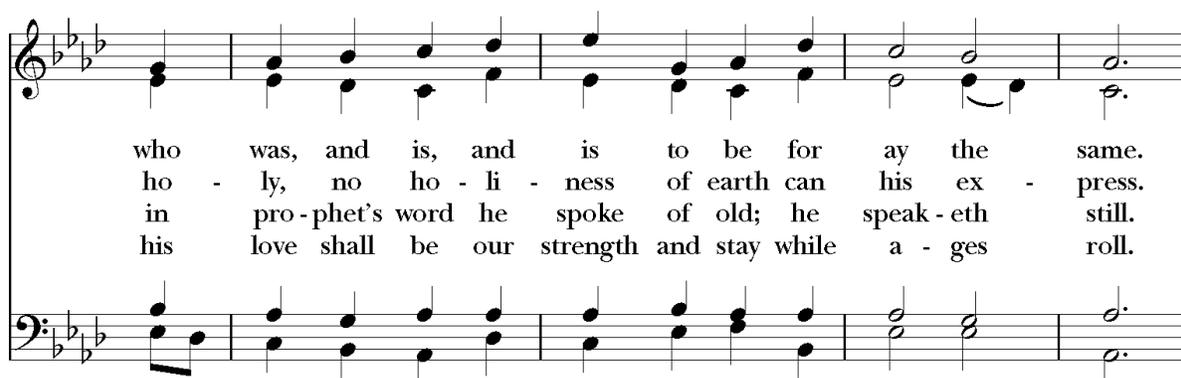
*All stand.*

HYMN 372

tune: Leoni



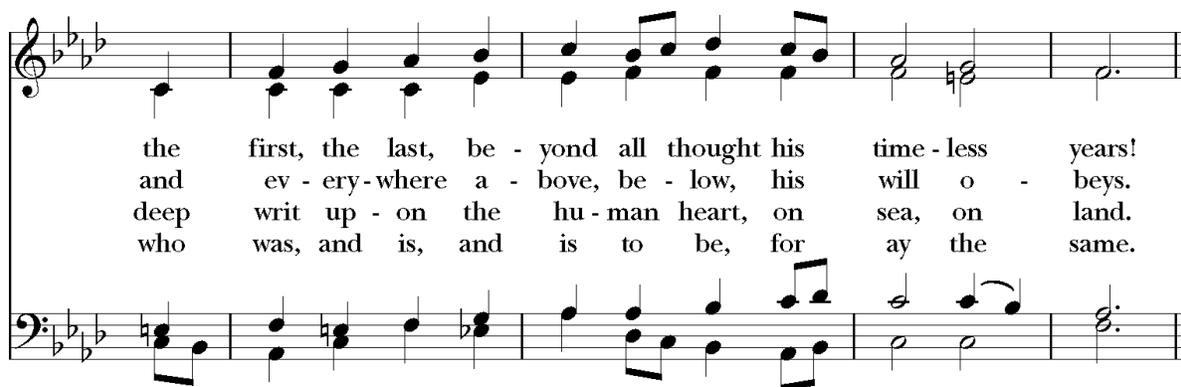
1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Officiant:* Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*All kneel or sit. Silence may be kept.*

*All:* **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER *All stand.*

*Officiant*  

 O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.

*People*  

 And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People*  

 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

*Except during Lent, may be added:*

Al - le - lu - ia.

## VENITE (sung by all)

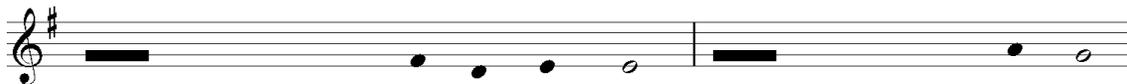
An antiphon may be sung before and after this setting.



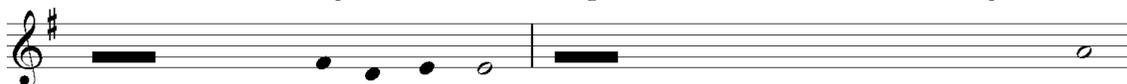
1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our



sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God,



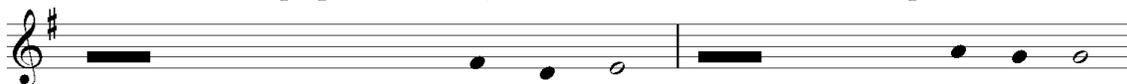
and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,



and the strength of the hills is his al - so. 5. The sea is his and he made it,



and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down



and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship



the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.



9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*



the world and the peo - ples with his truth. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to



the Ho - ly Spi - rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

PSALM 78:1-7 (read responsively)

1 Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us,  
we will not hide from their children.

**4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,  
and the wonderful works he has done.**

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel,  
which he commanded them to teach their children;

**6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn;  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

7 So that they might put their trust in God,  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 *All sit.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve

foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE (sung by the soloist)

Thomas Morley

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13

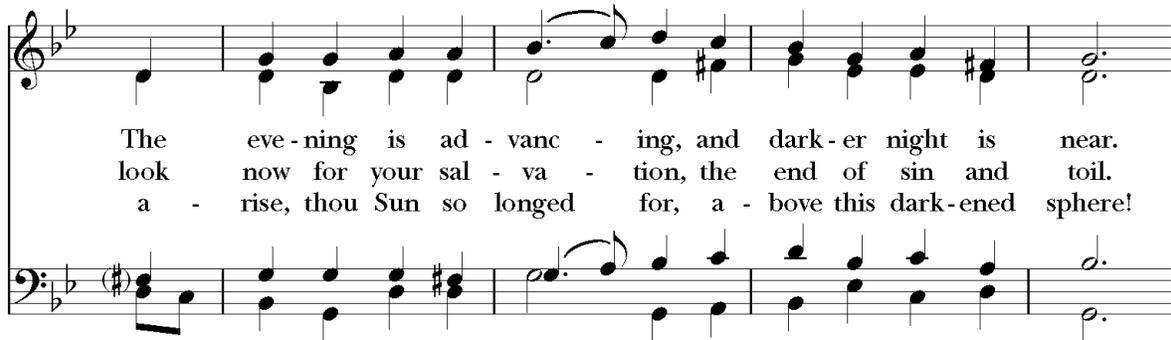
Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

HYMN 68 *All stand.*

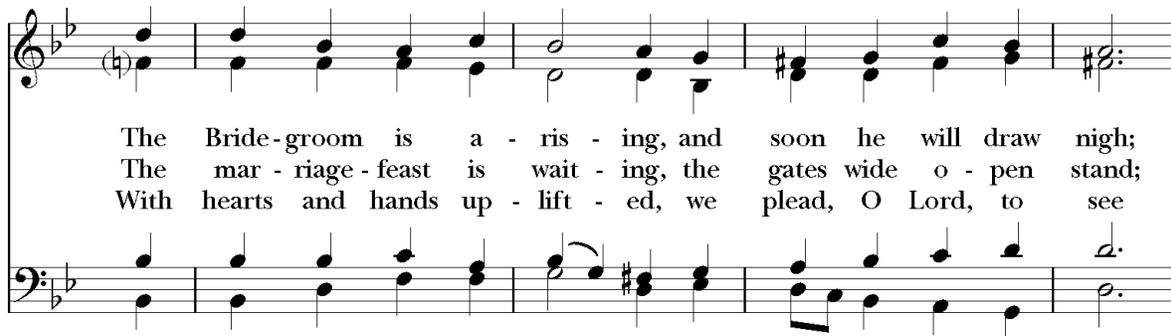
tune: Llangloffan



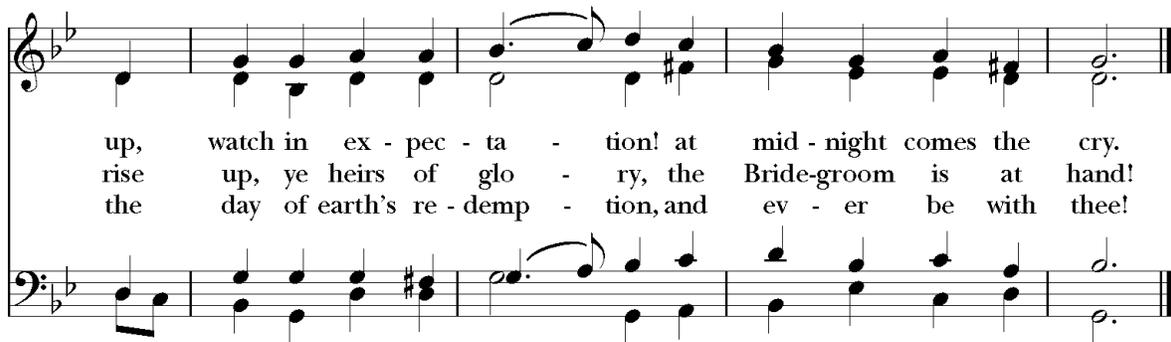
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.  
 Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghbys yng Nghymru*, 1865

SERMON

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

APOSTLES' CREED *All stand.*

*All:*           **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
                    maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
                    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
                    born of the Virgin Mary,  
                    suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
                    was crucified, dead and buried.  
                    He descended into hell.  
                    The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
                    and sitteth on the right hand of God  
                    the Father almighty.  
                    From thence he shall come to judge  
                    the quick 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

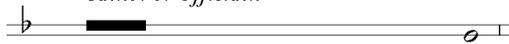
*Officiant:*       The Lord be with you.

*People:*         **And with thy spirit.**

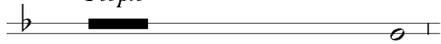
*Officiant:*       Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit.*

*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.**

*Cantor or Officiant*

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*People*

R. And grant us thy salva-tion.



V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness;



R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in thee can we live in safe-ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un-der thy care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus-tice and truth.



V. Let thy way be known up-on earth;



R. Thy saving health among all na-tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta-ken a-way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spi-rit.

## THE COLLECTS

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of all who suffer, we lift up those on our parish prayer list: Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Maya, Carla, Frank, Al, Jim, Joan, Roger, Cherri, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Joe, Tony, Rose Ann, Charles, Wendell, Rosalyn, Miriam, Brian and Lorna; and those we name now in silence or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Shirley Prence White, Chester Girard Atkinson Zucker, and all those who have died in service to our country; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*All:*           **Almighty God, Father of all mercies;  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we may show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

#### THE GRACE

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE *All stand.*

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

#### STEWARDSHIP VIDEO MONTAGE

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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#### SOLO

The eternal gifts of Christ the King

Italian, 1582  
arr. Bairstow

The eternal gifts of Christ the King, the apostles' glorious deeds, we sing;  
And while due hymns of praise we pay, our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints, the unconquered hope that never faints,  
The love of Christ that knows not shame, the prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone; in these the will of God the Son;  
In these exults the Holy Ghost; through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of thy love, that, with this glorious band above,  
Hereafter, of thine endless grace, thy servants also may have place. Amen.

#### HYMN 380 (stanza 3) *All stand.*

tune: Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

*Officiant:* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in

the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 462 Vv.1,2,4,5

tune: York

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;  
 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;  
 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;  
 4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame  
 5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:

1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.  
 2 and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.  
 3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.  
 4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.  
 5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.

Music: York, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; adapt. *The Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1621; harm. John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647)

## DISMISSAL

*Officiant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Basse et Dessus de Trompette Louis-Nicolas Cle'rambault

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Interim Priest in Charge*The Rev. Richard S.J. Pike, *Interim Associate*David Ralph, *Interim Director of Music*Dr. Uche Akwuba II, *Master of Ceremonies*Jacquelyn Carson, *Head Usher*Enrico Shillingford, *Sacristan*Edmund Harrison, *Lay Reader and Prayer Leader*Janara Kellerman, *Alto*

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