

# CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**November 29, 2020**

**Holy Eucharist 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.

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| PRELUDE | Savior of the nations, come! BWV 659 | J.S. Bach    |
| INTROIT | Watchman, tell us of the night       | Joseph Parry |

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 fortell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

*All stand.*

HYMN 58

tune: St. Thomas

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.  
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. —

A - - - - - men.

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And with thy Spirit.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9 *All sit.*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
 so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
 as when fire kindles brushwood  
 and the fire causes water to boil--  
 to make your name known to your adversaries,  
 so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
 From ages past no one has heard,  
 no ear has perceived,  
 no eye has seen any God besides you,  
 who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 (read responsively)

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**4 O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

17 And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN 637 *All stand.*

tune: Lyons

*Descant*

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, \_\_\_\_\_ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); desc. Lois Fyfe (b. 1927)  
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## HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
 and the moon will not give its light,  
 and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
 and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Clergy:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

NICENE CREED *All stand.*

*All:* **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds,  
God of God, light of light,  
very God of very God.  
Begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
through him all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the  
Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to  
the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord,  
and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;**

**who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *All sit or kneel.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andrew, Allen and Mary, our Bishops, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President, Joe, our President Elect, Andrew, our Governor, and all those who serve with them, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We continue to lift up all those affected by the coronavirus both here and abroad, and we remember those on our parish prayer list: Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Carla, Frank, Al, Jim, Joan, Roger, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Rosalyn, Miriam, Charles, Rose Ann, Brian, Wendell, Lorna, Kashmere, Holly, Juliana, Alysse, Bob and Meredith; 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 James Delno Hooper Reefer, 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.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*All:* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the Glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

THE PEACE *All stand.*

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

*All:* **And with thy spirit.**

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

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*Each week, an offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit [www.churchoftheincarnation.org](http://www.churchoftheincarnation.org).  
Thank you for your generosity.*

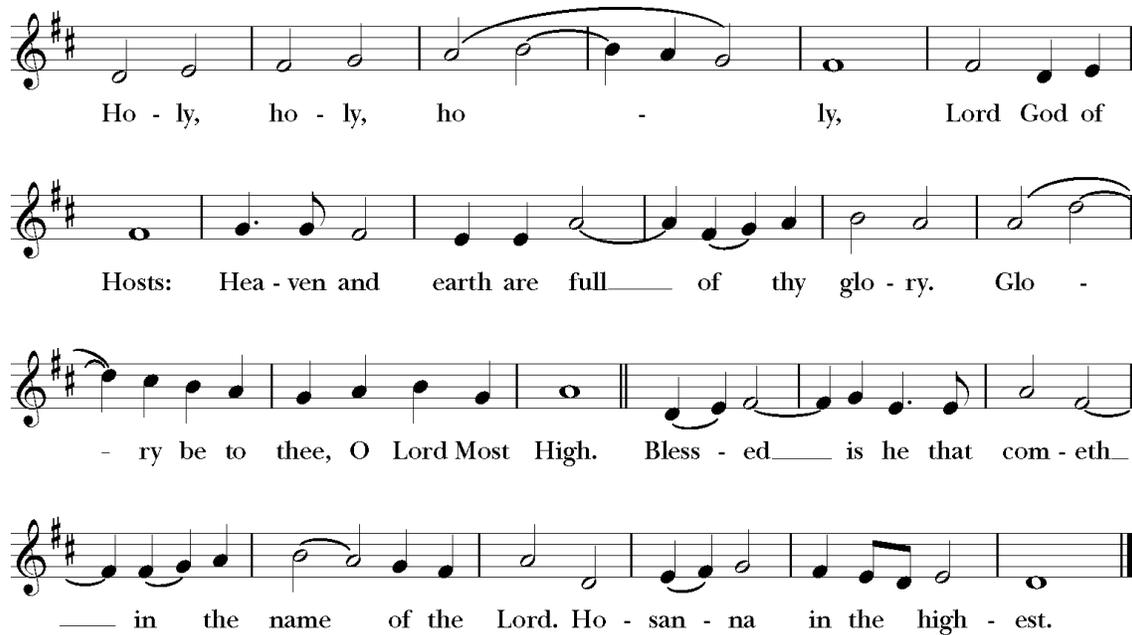
SOLO

from Cantata 140

Bach

Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;  
For her Lord comes down all glorious, the Strong in grace, in Truth victorious,  
Her Star is risen, her Light is come!  
Ah, come, thou blessed Lord, O Jesu, Son of God, Alleluia!  
We follow thee till the halls we see where thou hast bid us sup with thee.





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *All sit or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our

souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

*Celebrant:*     Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:*        **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI

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O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered in person and online. All those who are unable to be present are able to receive a Spiritual Communion, as the Prayer Book directs on page 457: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious**

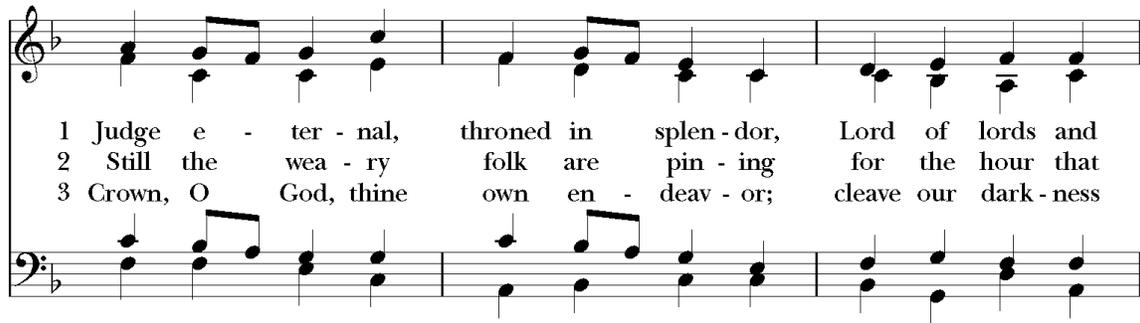
**Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

BLESSING

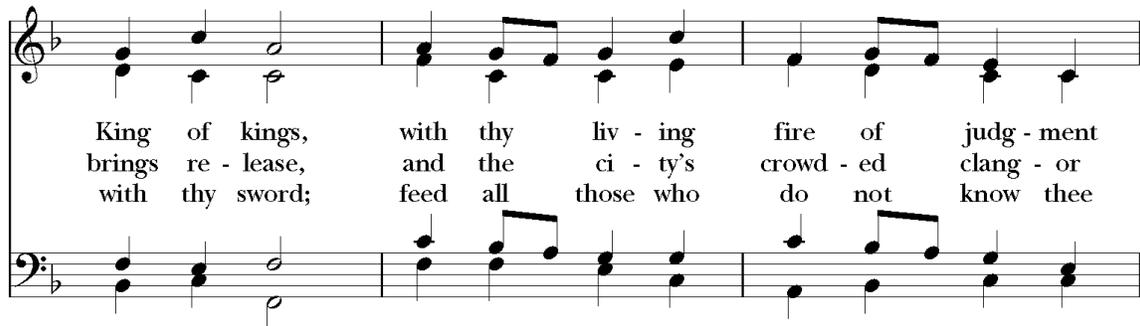
*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 596 *All stand.*

tune: Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens



1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and  
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that  
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness



King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment  
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or  
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee



purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its  
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads  
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy



wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.  
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.  
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu- vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Now thank we all our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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*

Lenore Ritter, *Lay Reader and Prayer Leader*  
Alex Guerrero, *Tenor*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the life of James Delno Hooper Reefer.

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Reception of Communion**

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. **Amen.**



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