

# CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 6, 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.

PRELUDE	Benedictus from <i>Mass for the Parishes</i>	François Couperin
INTROIT	Watchman, tell us of the night	Joseph Parry

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascend.  
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

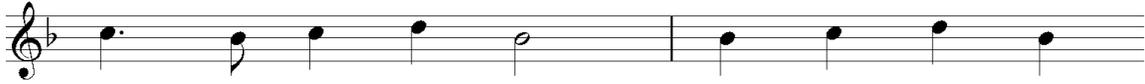
*All stand.*

HYMN 54

tune: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
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*Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Melchoir Vulpus (1560?-1616)

## 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.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11 *All sit.*

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”  
And I said, “What shall I cry?”  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13 (read responsively)

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

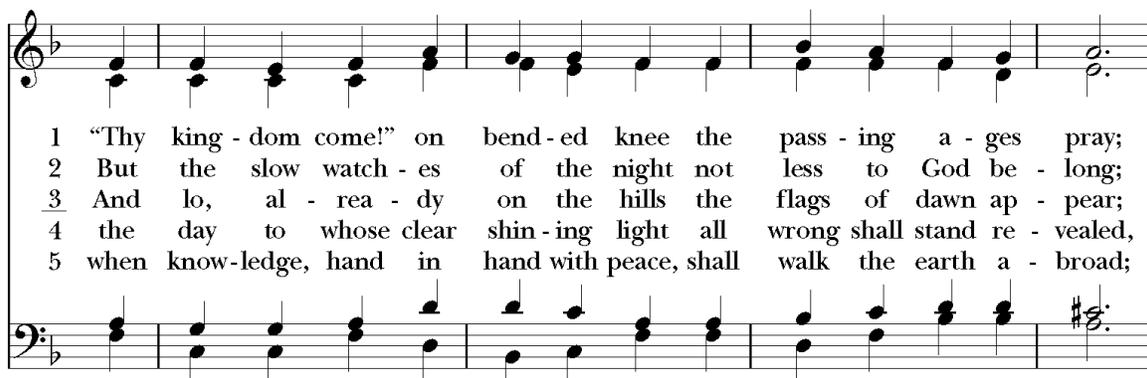
Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

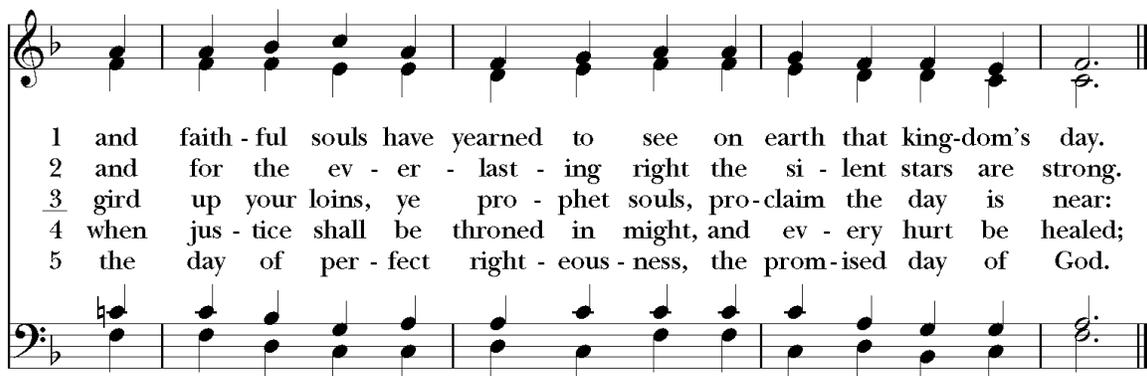
Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

HYMN 615 *All stand.*

tune: St. Flavian



1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.  
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near;  
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*Clergy:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Richard S.J. Pike

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, 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 John Dwight Evans, Jr., Anthony Mitch and Rose Ann Winbush, 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 *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel,  
“God with us.”

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid, say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God. O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

HYMN 56 (stanza 6) *All stand.*

tune: Veni, veni, Emmanuel

**O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

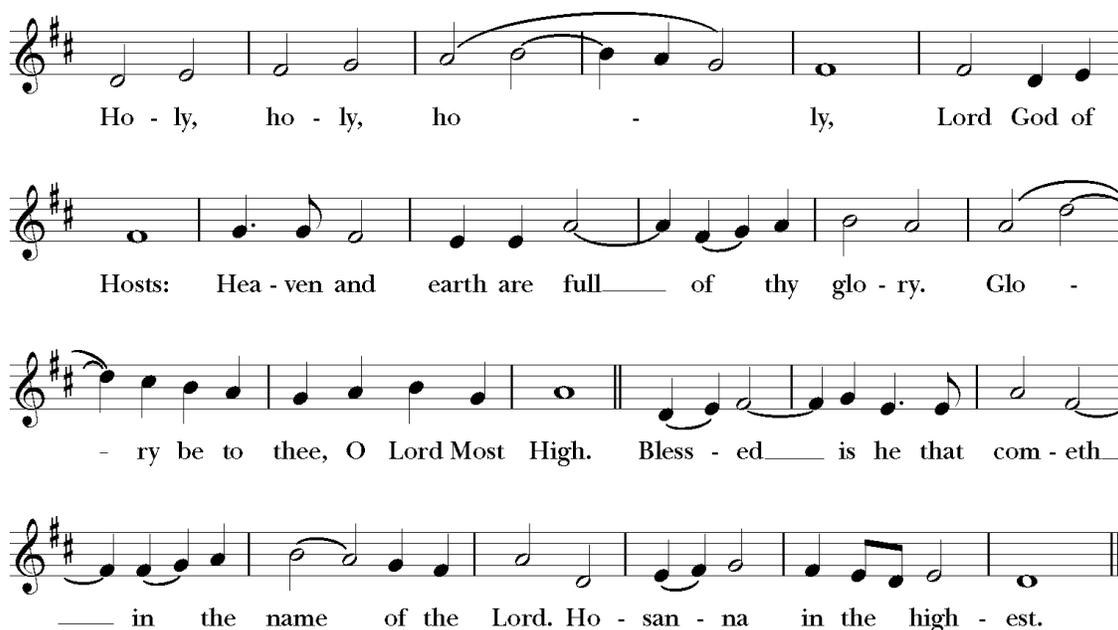
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and the People, respectively. The third and fourth staves are for the Celebrant and the People, respectively. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do."

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

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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 65 *All stand.*

tune: Bereden väg för Herran



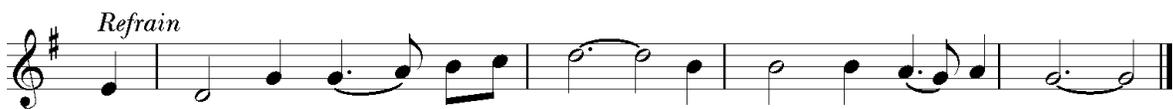
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



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

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

Allegro vivace, from *Water Music*

Handel

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*

Florin Georgescu, *Lay Reader and Prayer Leader*  
Janara Kellerman, *Alto*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
and in thanksgiving for the life of John Dwight Evans, Jr.

### **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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