

Advent Service of Lessons & Carols Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 5, 2021 | 9:30_{AM}



Hope

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL.
ISAIAH 9:6

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You are invited into a quiet worshipful space during the prelude.

Prelude Conditor alme siderum

Introit

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, v. 2 Atrium Singers, Congregation Riverview Chamber Players, December 2016

2. Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go Congregation Response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Bidding Prayer

Presider Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and our joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of God's whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died, and especially for God's Church in our country and in this town.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in God's name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God Jesus' pure and lowly mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace, Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen**.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Reader: Blessed are you, our God, who created light out of darkness and sent your only Son to bring the light of your love to all people. We pray for your blessing upon this wreath and upon all who kindle these lights. As we gather together in this Advent darkness to await the dawn of Christ, prepare our hearts and homes to receive our Savior.

Reader O radiant Dawn, splendor of the eternal light, sun of justice:

All Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Reader O Ruler of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart,

O Keystone of the mighty arch of humankind,

All Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust. Amen.

Meditation

Twas in the Moon of Wintertime Redeemer Adult Choir, December, 2020 BH 114

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim, and wondering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, In excelsis gloria.

2. Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found; a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round, but, as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high: Refrain

3. The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.

The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. Refrain

Collect

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God

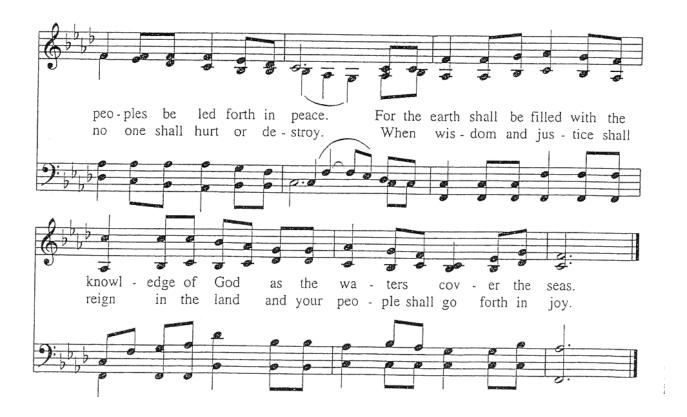
Presider Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Isaiah the Prophet has Written of Old

WLP 723





Genesis 3:1-15

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, `You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, `You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and

among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Reader The Word of the LordPeople Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Lord at First did Adam Make Traditional English/ arr. Willcocks Redeemer Adult Choir – Recorded November 2021

The Lord at first did Adam make
Out of the dust and clay,
And in his nostrils breathed life,
E'en as the Scriptures say.
And then in Eden's Paradise
He placed him to dwell,
That he within it should remain
To dress and keep it well.

Now let good Christians all begin An holy life to live, And to rejoice and merry be, For we shall saved be.

And thus within the garden he
Was set therein to stay,
And in commandment unto him
These words the Lord did say:
"The fruit which in the garden grows
To thee shall be for meat,
Except the tree in the midst thereof,
Of which thou shalt not eat.

Now let good Christians all begin An holy life to live, And to rejoice and merry be, For we shall saved be.

"For in the day thou shalt it touch, Or dost to it come nigh; If so thou do but eat thereof Then surely thou shalt die. But Adam he did take no heed Unto that only thing, But did transgress God's holy law, And so was wrapt in sin.

Now let good Christians all begin An holy life to live, And to rejoice and merry be, For we shall saved be.

Now mark the goodness of the Lord
Which he for mankind bore,
His mercy soon he did extend,
Lost man for to restore;
And then for to redeem our souls
From death and hellish thrall,
He said his own dear son should be
The Saviour of us all.

Now let good Christians all begin An holy life to live, And to rejoice and merry be, For we shall saved be.

Second Lesson:

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption

Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye, my people, v. 1 &3

BH 67



Isaiah 40:1-11

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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 forever.

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.

Reader The Word of the LordPeople Thanks be to God.

Anthem

How Shall I Fitly Meet Thee?

J.S. Bach (From the Christmas Oratorio)

Redeemer Adult Choir and Cleary String Quartet, December 2013

How shall I fitly meet Thee, and give Thee welcome due? The nations long to greet Thee, and I would greet Thee, too O Fount of Light, shine brightly upon my darkened heart That I may serve Thee rightly, and know Thee as Thou art

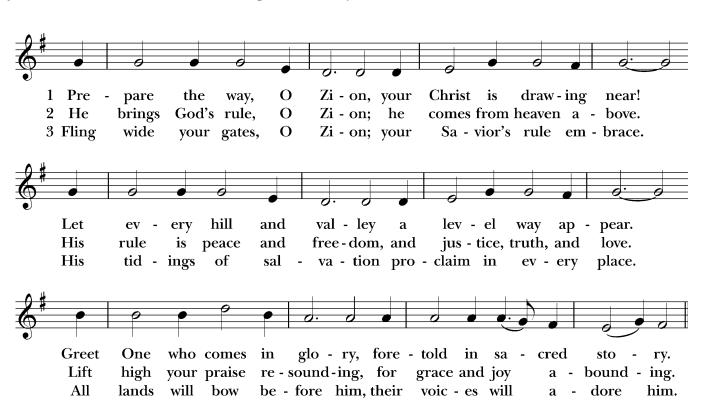
Third Lesson:

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts

Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

BH 65





Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, say the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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Anthem

E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Redeemer Adult Choir, December 2013 P.O. Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him,
who freed us from our sins, who loved us all,
And shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord;
the Lord almighty God who was and is, and is to come.
Sing holy, holy Lord.
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein.
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon.
E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come, and night shall be no more.
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Fourth Lesson:

The scribe, Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand

Hymn

O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion

LEV 2

Oh thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Oh thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up your voice with strength
Lift it up, don't be afraid
Behold your God!
Arise, and shine, for the light of the world is come.
Behold, your God!!

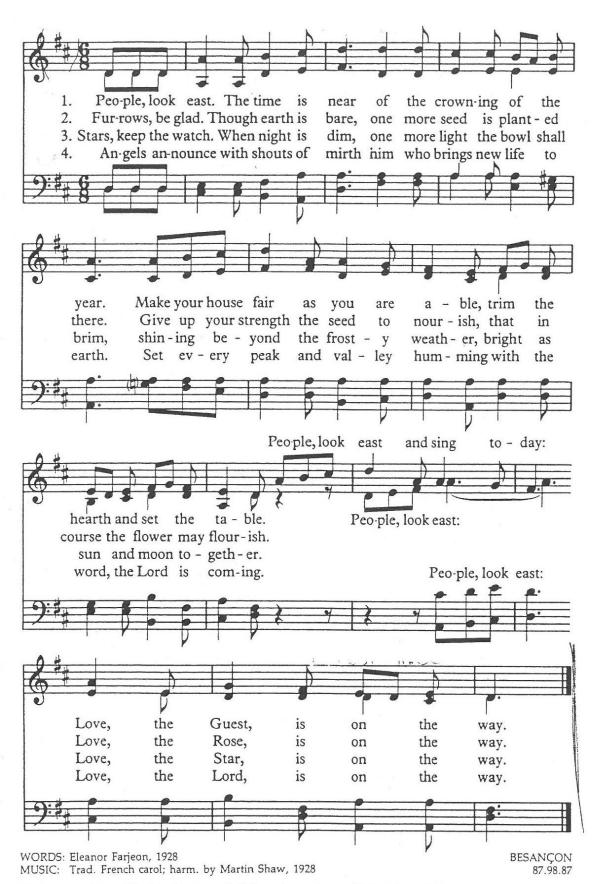
Baruch 4:36-5:9

Reader

A Reading from the Book of Baruch

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. 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 LordPeople Thanks be to God.



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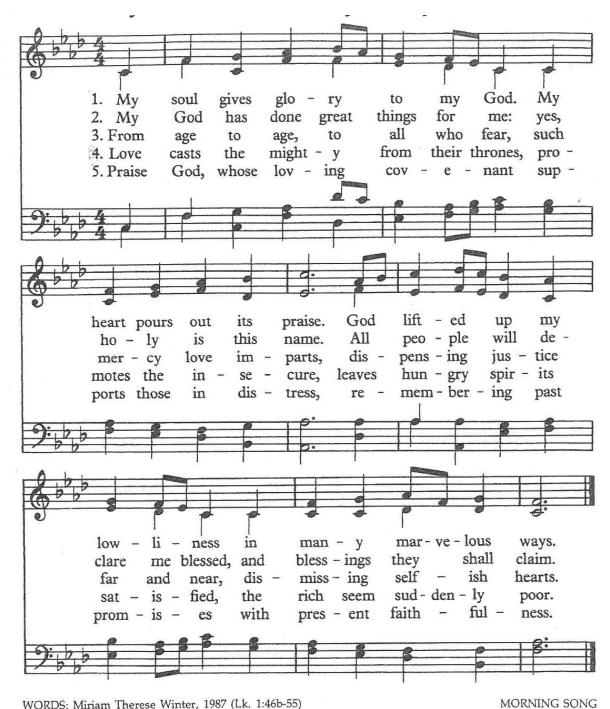
Fifth Lesson:

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High

Hymn

My Soul Gives Glory to the Lord, v. 1,2,4,5

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Luke 1:26-38

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reader The Word of the LordPeople Thanks be to God.

Collect of the Season

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom darkness and light are both alike, give us grace to cast away the bonds of sin, and to stand up for your justice and love, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Presider To crown all things there must be love,

to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Musical Offering And the glory of the Lord, from <u>The Messiah</u>

G.F. Handel

Church of Our Redeemer Adult Choir and Cleary String Quartet

December, 2013

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed. And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it

The Presentation of the Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

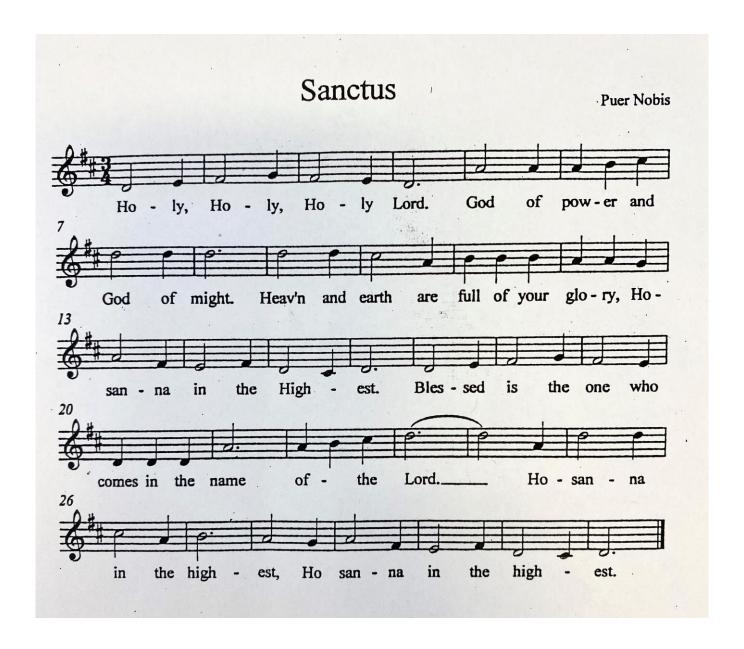
Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.

Presider The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, Holy One, to give you thanks and praise, as we remember your promises and await your coming again. It is good and right to praise you with the angels as we sing:



Presider continues:

We thank you, God, for creating us and the world we live in, for being with us even when we turn away from you, for calling us back to you, and especially for sending Jesus to us to show us your love.

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered his friends together to share a meal. As they began to eat, he took bread, and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, "This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Drink this in remembrance of me."

That night at the table, Jesus asked one thing of his friends. He asked them to remember him. And so we do this to remember. We remember:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Finally, Jesus made his friends a promise which he makes to us this day. "I will never leave you alone. I will send God's Holy Spirit to fill your hearts and minds and your hands." We ask now that the Holy Spirit of God make this bread and this cup to be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ. And we ask that you send the Holy Spirit to fill our own hearts. **AMEN.**

Presider And now as Jesus taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and people say together

BCP p. 364

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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.



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MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906

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Communion

All who desire to share in Communion are encouraged to do so. Please wear your mask and step at least 6 feet away from the clergy before removing your mask to consume the Host. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you step forward.

If you are worshipping at home and not able to come to church for Communion, you are invited to pray this prayer:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Since we cannot receive you today in our bodies, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Post-communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

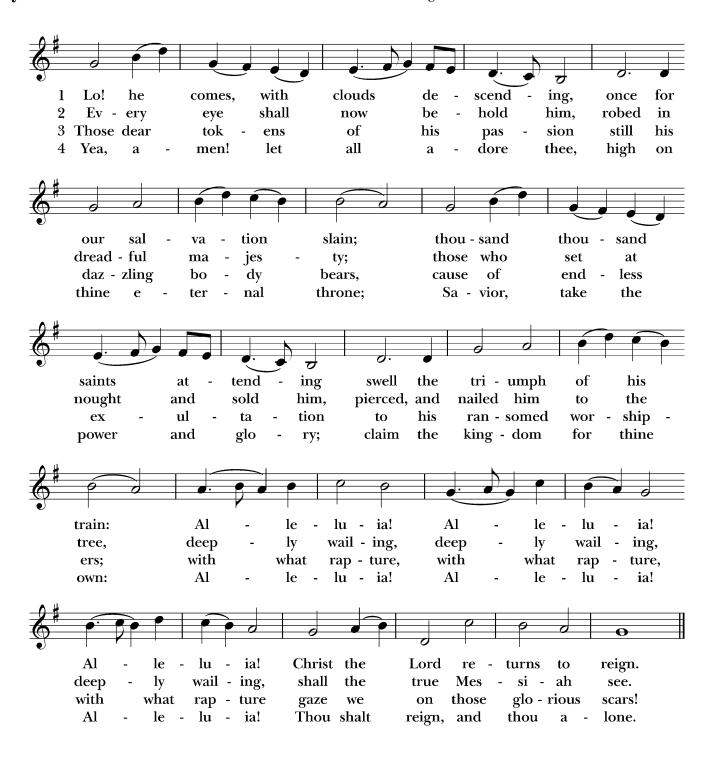
The priest blesses the people, saying,

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 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, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.



Dismissal

Presider Go in Peace. The Christ is coming.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Chorale: "Wachet auf" Sleepers, Wake! J. G. Walther

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