

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

9:00 AM



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SAN MIGUEL Y TODOS LOS ÁNGELES

IGLESIA EPISCOPAL

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chorale Variations on *Tröstet, tröstet meine Lieben* (Comfort, comfort ye my people)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please stand as able

HYMN 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



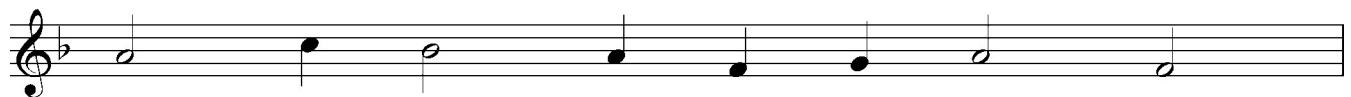
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

THE GREETING

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please say together

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

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy

Deutsche Messe

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for two voices, likely soprano and alto. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of D major (one sharp). The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.' The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

School-age children are invited to the Children's Liturgy of the Word to hear stories about the Good News of God's love. Children return to their families at the Peace.

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector A reading from the prophet Malachi.

The prophet foretells the coming of a messenger to prepare the way of the Lord.

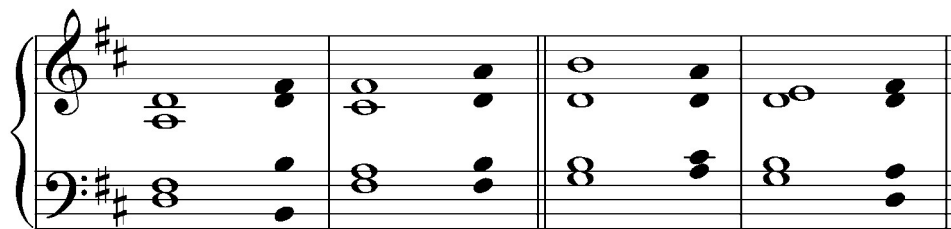
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

CANTICLE 16

The Song of Zechariah
Simplified Anglican chant setting by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



Blessed be the Lord, the God of / **Israel**; *
he has come to his people and set them / **free**.
He has raised up for us a mighty / **savior**, *
born of the house of his servant / **David**.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our / **enemies**, *
from the hands of all who / **hate us**.
He promised to show mercy to our / **fathers** *
and to remember his holy / **covenant**.
This was the oath he swore to our father / **Abraham**, *
to set us free from the hands of our / **enemies**,
Free to worship him without / **fear**, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our / **life**.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the / **Most High**, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his / **way**,
To give his people knowledge of / **salvation** *
by the forgiveness of their / **sins**.
In the tender compassion of our / **God** *
the dawn from on high shall break up-/-**on us**,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / **death**, *
and to guide our feet into the way of / **peace**.

Please remain seated

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

Lector A reading from Philippians

The writer expresses gratitude and joy for the Philippians' partnership in the gospel, and confidence that God will complete the good work begun in them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

SEQUENCE HYMN 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;
lead them, and____ bring them____ safe to his fold.

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Please remain standing as able

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

The Deacon or Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the Baptist is the prophetic voice preparing the way for the Lord, calling people to repentance and salvation for all.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

THE SERMON

Please observe a moment of quiet reflection

Please stand as able

THE NICENE CREED

Please say together

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or Priest says

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may work to renew all life and share the abundance of the earth in service to one another, and to your honor and glory. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for all on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts or with our voices.

Pause for the offering of additional prayers.

Leader In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray also for those we name in our hearts or with our voices.

Pause for the offering of additional prayers.

Leader In your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all in need of help; for you are gracious, lover of souls, and to you we give thanks, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as able

A COMMISSIONING FOR ST. MICHAEL'S VISION & STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Members of the Vision & Strategy Committee gather at the chancel

The Rector says

Siblings in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Let us now commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to be members of our Vision & Strategy Committee, to engage this parish community in the work of developing a strategic vision for our movement into God's future together.

The Rector then says to the candidates

My siblings, we are the family of God, members of the body of Christ. You have been called to ministry among this congregation. In all that you do, you are to be guided by love, led by the Spirit, and attentive to the voices of all. You will equip the diverse people of St. Michael's to live fully in loving community.

Do you now in the presence of all here gathered, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Answer **I do.**

Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence and seek to encourage the continuous flow of the cycle of blessings?

Answer **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to establish and maintain gracious environments that will ensure maximum participation of group members?

Answer **I will, with God's help.**

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and for the benefit of all members of this congregation?

Answer **I will, with God's help.**

The Rector then asks the congregation

You who are gathered here, will you uphold these people in this ministry?

All **We will.**

The Team responds to the congregation

Will you pray for us?

All **We will, with God's help.**

Will you respond graciously to our requests, as you are able?

All **We will, with God's help.**

Will you participate in the activities we facilitate for you and support them with your currency of relationship, truth and wellness?

All **We will, with God's help.**

The Rector then says

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission Victor, Helen, Palmira, Barbara, Lorenzo, Lynda, Gladys, Matt, Adrian, Shawna, Karol, Mandy and Ana as the Vision & Strategy Committee for this Parish. **Amen.**

The Rector then says

Let us pray together.

Gracious and sustaining Spirit, you bring us together and inspire us to grow; give us courage and humility in community: to let go and open ourselves to transformation and to respond to the evolving needs of our parish, our many diverse people, and our local and global neighbors. May your joy and hope shine through our work and reside in us and in the spaces we create, through Jesus Christ our ever-present companion. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Presider says

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet each other with a sign of peace

Please be seated

A WORD OF WELCOME

A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND MILESTONES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Presider says the Offertory Bidding

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prepare the Way

Dala Melody

adap. and arr. Margareta Jalkeus (b. 1966)

Prepare the way, O Zion; ye awful deeps rise high;
sink low ye lofty mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory, Foretold in sacred story.
O blest is he that came in God's the Father's name.

O Zion, he approaches, your Lord and King for aye;
Strew palms where He advances; spread garments in His way.
God's promise faileth never, Hosanna sound for ever.
O blest is He that came in God the Father's name.

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 2

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

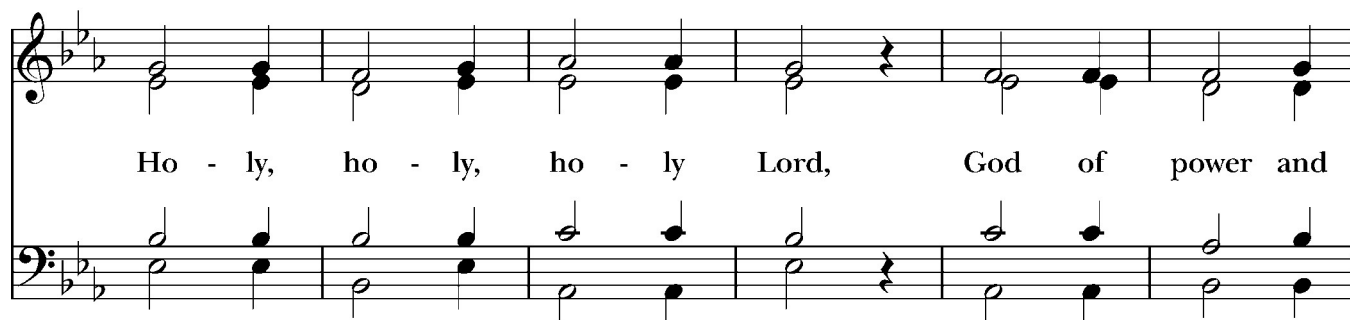
The Presider continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

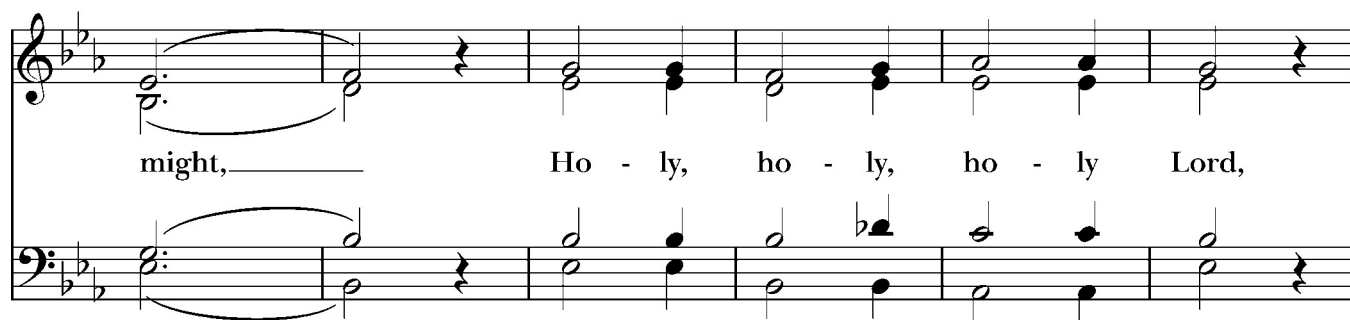
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Deutsche Messe



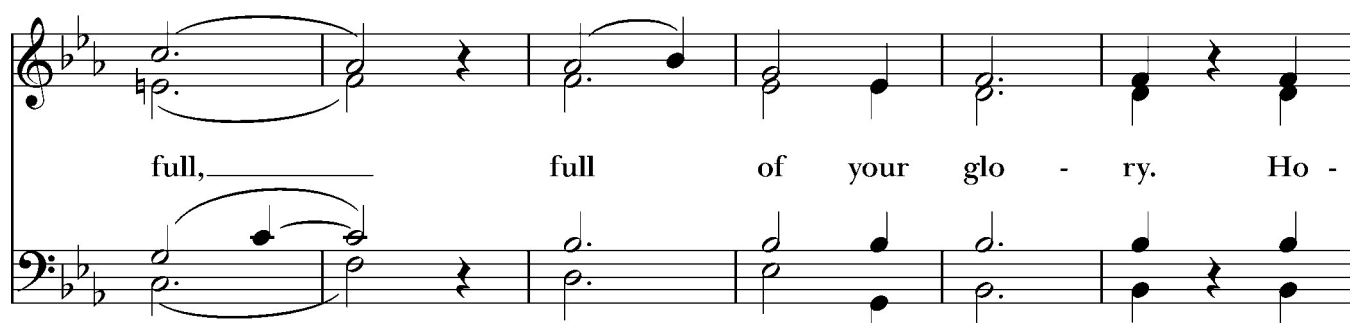
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



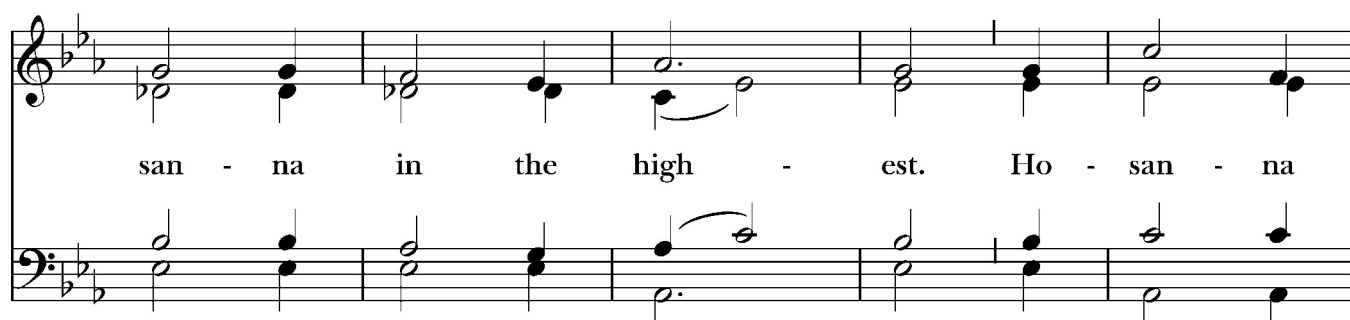
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



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



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes held over from one measure to the next.

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Presider says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

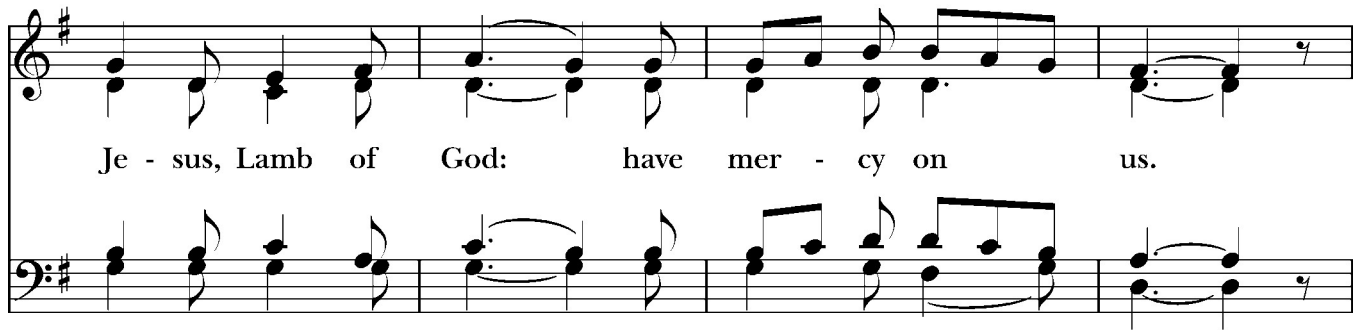
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

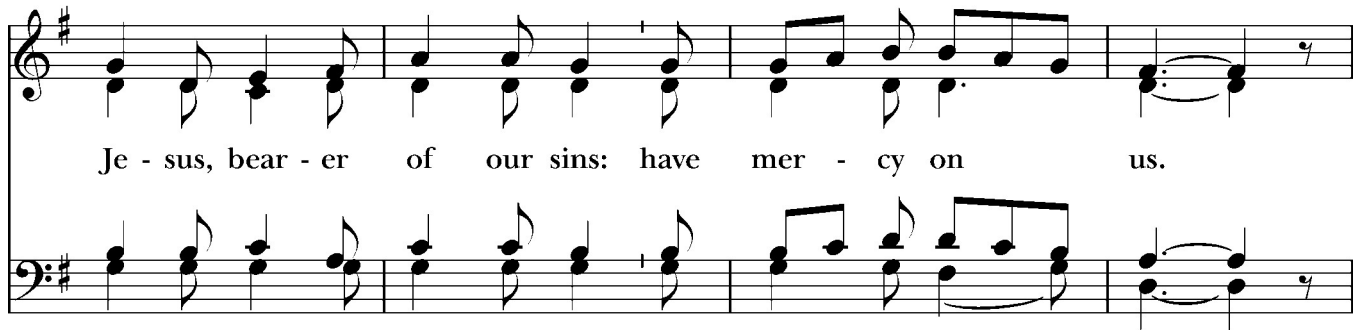
The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

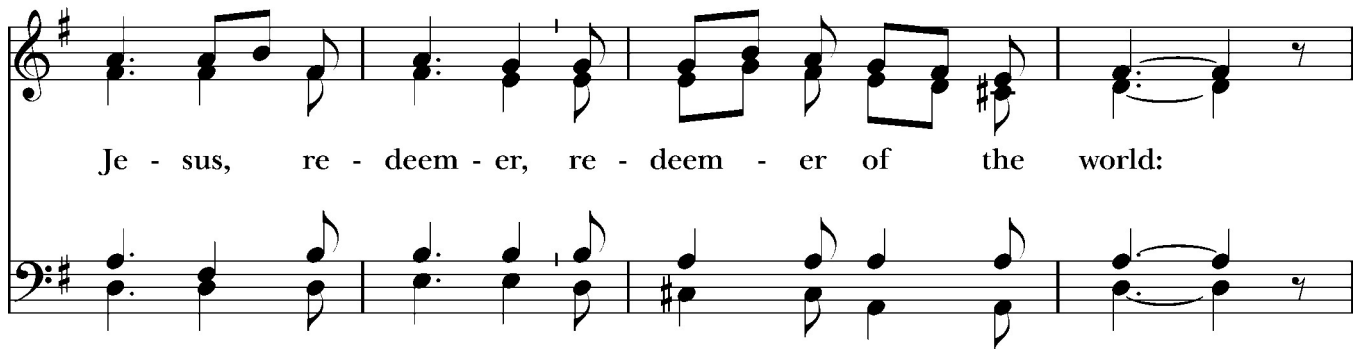
Deutsche Messe



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



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



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



give us your peace, give us your peace.

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THE INVITATION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to move forward to stand or kneel at the altar.

To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches.

To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other.

To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth.

If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by.

*Healing prayers are available in the Columbarium (left door)
during Holy Communion, and in the Chapel (right door) following the service.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

COMMUNION MOTET

Advent Message

Martin How
(1931-2022)

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Amen Come Lord Jesus.

O come quickly, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord come.

The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert, A highway for our God.

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus come.

Yea come quickly, come Lord come. Amen, Come Lord come.

HYMN

Isaiah the prophet has written of old

Samanthra

1 I - sa - iah the pro - phet has writ - ten of the old — how
 2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
 con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
 sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, The
 has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

peo - ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the
no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

know - ledge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the seas.
reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth with joy.

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Please stand as able

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider In the name of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with *N*.

All You carry the prayers of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The presider blesses the people

Please remain standing

HYMN 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran



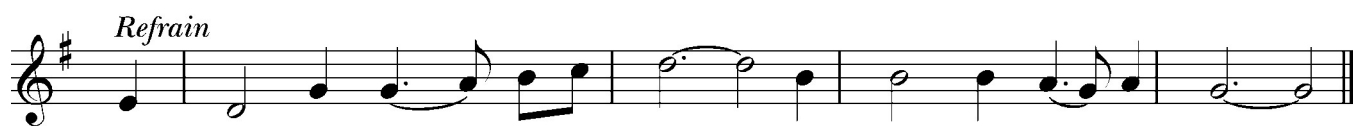
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



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.



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

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THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, saying

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (*Savior of the nations, come*), BWV 659

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Presider	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Patrick Tomter
Preacher	Matt Haines
Organist	Hannah Brewer
Choir	St. Michael's Singers
Choir Director	Brian Fairbanks
Crucifer	Lenia Salas
First Lector	Leslie Tuomi
Second Lector	Cash Henry
Prayer Leader	Kenya Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Tim Shields, Jim Robbins
Livestream Tech	Steve Walton
Ushers	Joe Afryl, Jack Harper
Bread Baker	Marie Bagwell
Altar Guild	Jennie Street, Julie Grandfield, Kirk Lambert
Coffee Hosts	Patrick McLaughlin & Family
Vestry Greeter	Kevin Warren
Eucharistic Visitor	Terrie Ingram to Georgia Leibowitz

VESTRY

Senior Warden	Thrina Parent
Junior Warden-Facilities	Carl Braginsky
Junior Warden-People	Sheri O'Brien
Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
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First Year	Joe de Luna, Elizabeth Rouffy Kevin Warren, Ann Wetherell
Second Year	Lindsay Gutiérrez, Ann Hargraves Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
Third Year	Carl Braginsky, Beth Ilem Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
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