

# **St. Mary the Virgin**

## **Anglican Catholic Parish**

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### **The Third Sunday in Advent**

12 December 2021

#### **Choral Mass**

#### **Lighting of the Third (Rose) Candle of the Advent Wreath**

##### **The Litany or General Supplication**

BCP 54

Litanist: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;

People: Have mercy upon us.

Litanist: Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Litanist: From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist: From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist: By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
 People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist: By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
 People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
 People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee so to rule the heart of thy servant, The President of the United States, that he may above all things seek thy honour and glory;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land, by water, or by air, all women in child-birth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;  
 People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
 People: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
 Litanist: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;  
 People: Grant us thy peace.  
 Litanist: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;  
 People: Have mercy upon us.  
 Litanist: O Christ, hear us.  
 People: O Christ, hear us.  
 Litanist: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Litanist: Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 People: Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Litanist: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

Litanist: O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.  
People: Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

Litanist: Let us pray.  
O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire  
of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all  
our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that  
those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by  
thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no  
persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All: O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Litanist: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble  
works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

All: O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

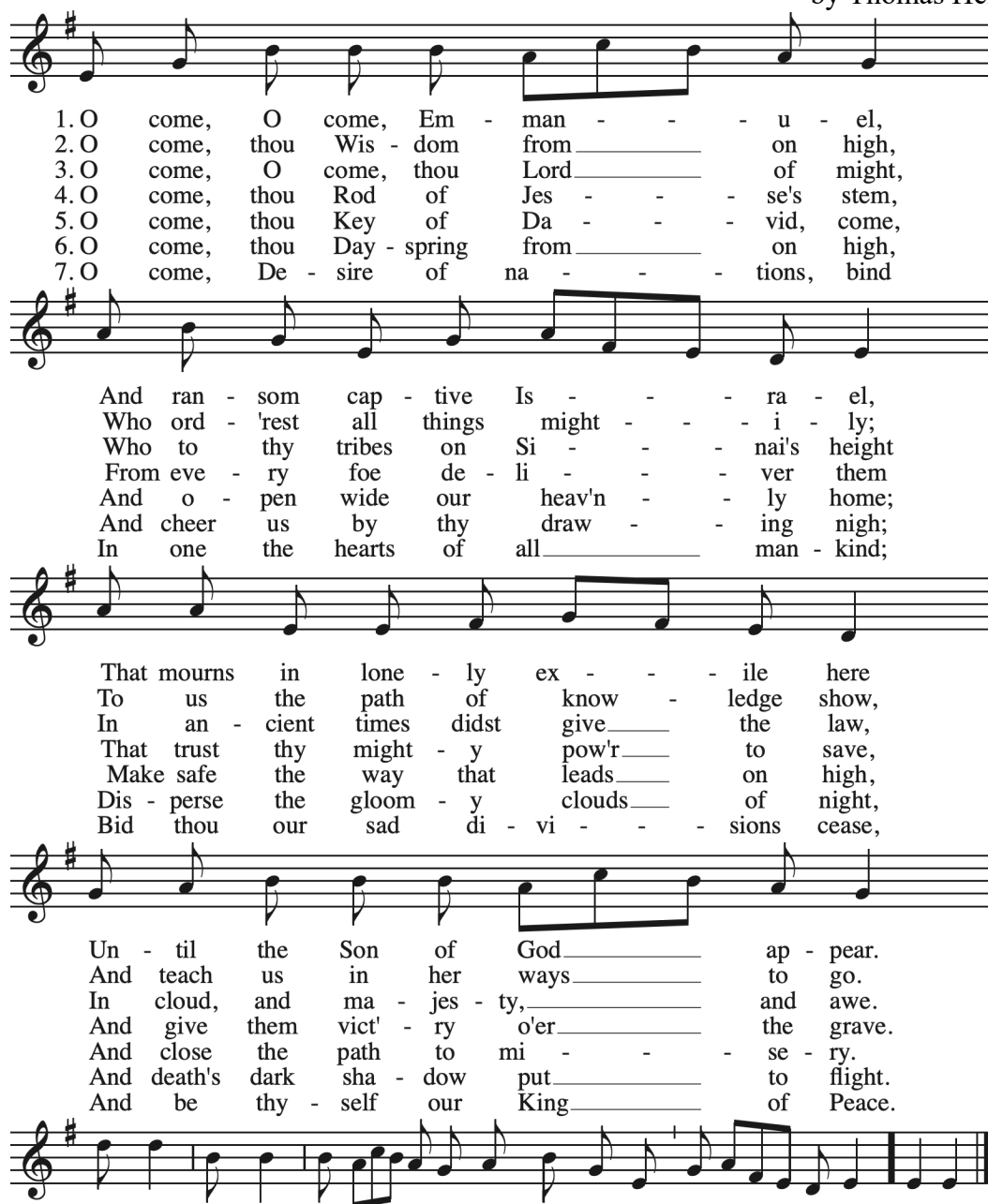
Litanist: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Litanist: From our enemies defend us, O Christ.  
People: Graciously look upon our afflictions.  
Litanist: With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.  
People: Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.  
Litanist: Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.  
People: O Son of David, have mercy upon us.  
Litanist: Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.  
People: Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Litanist: O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;  
People: As we do put our trust in thee.

Litanist: Let us pray.  
We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the  
glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and  
grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy,  
and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory;  
through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Processional**  
Veni Emmanuel

Hymn 2  
Melody adapted from plainsong, Mode I,  
by Thomas Helmore, 1854



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high,  
 3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
 4. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come,  
 6. O come, thou Day - spring from on high,  
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
 Who ord - 'rest all things might - i - ly;  
 Who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height  
 From eve - ry foe de - li - ver them  
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;  
 And cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;  
 In one the hearts of all man - kind;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 To us the path of know - ledge show,  
 In an - cient times didst give the law,  
 That trust thy might - y pow'r to save,  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 Bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 And teach us in her ways to go.  
 In cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 And give them vict' - ry o'er the grave.  
 And close the path to mi - se - ry.  
 And death's dark sha - dow put to flight.  
 And be thy - self our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra-el! Amen.

*Hymnal Version*, based on Latin, c. 9<sup>th</sup> cent.; St. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, pub. Cologne, 1710

**Collect for Purity**  
**Introit**  
**Summary of the Law**

BCP 67

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**Kyrie Eleison**

Hymn 702  
John Merbecke, 1549



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

### Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent

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O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

### Collect for the Advent Season

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ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour 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, now and ever. *Amen.*

### The Lesson

#### *Isaiah 11:1-5*

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

### Benedictus

*St. Luke i. 68.*

Hymn 640/BCP 14



BLESSED be the Lord God of | Israel; \* for he hath visited and redeemed • his **people**;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, \* in the house of his | servant **David**;  
As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets, \* which have | been • since the | world began;  
That we should be saved | from our enemies, \* and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**, \* and to remember his | holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather | Abraham, \* that | he would **give** us;  
That we being delivered out of the | hand of • our enemies \* might | serve him • **without** fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \* all the | days of **our** life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet | of the Highest: \* for thou shalt go before the face of the |  
Lord • to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation | unto • his people \* for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy | of our God; \* whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit•ed us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the | shadow • of death,  
\* and to guide our feet | into • the way of peace.

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

## The Epistle

### *I Corinthians 4:1-5*

Brethren: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

## Gradual and Alleluia

## The Gospel

### *St. Matthew 11:2-10*

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: [Now] When John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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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 his 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; By whom all things were made: Who for us men 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 worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one 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.*

**Sermon Hymn**  
Merton

Hymn 9  
William Henry Monk, 1850



1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh," it  
2. Wa - ken'd by the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth - bound  
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par - don  
4. So when next he comes with glo - ry, And the world is  
5. Ho - nor, glor - ry, might, and bless - ing To the Fa - ther



seems to say; "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
soul a - rise; Christ, her sun, all sloth dis - pell - ing,  
down from heav'n; Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
wrapped in fear, May he with his mer - cy shield us,  
and the Son, With the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit



O ye chil - dren of the day."  
Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
One and all to be for - giv'n  
And with words of love draw near.  
While un - end - ing a - ges run. A - men.

Latin, c. 6<sup>th</sup> cent.; Tr. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.

**Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

**Offertory Verse and Sentences**



**Offertory Hymn**  
Winchester New

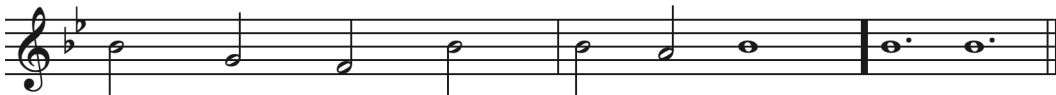
Hymn 10  
Adapted from  
*Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - noun - ces that the  
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; Make straight the way of  
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our re - fuge, and our  
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, And bid the fall - en  
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, Whose ad - vent doth thy



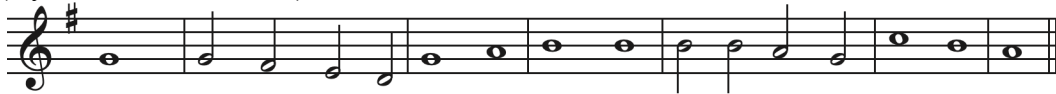
Lord is night; A - wake and heark - en, for he brings Glad  
God with - in, And let each heart pre - pare a home Where  
great re - ward; With - out thy grace we waste a - way Like  
sin - ner stand; Shine forth, and let thy light re - store Earth's  
peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore And



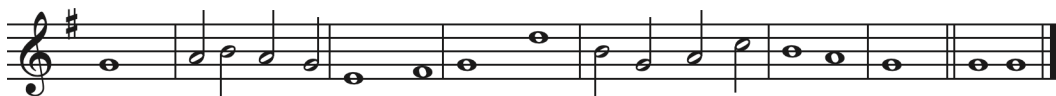
ti - dings of the King of kings. A - men.  
such a might - y guest may come.  
flowers that wi - ther and de - cay.  
own true love - li - ness once more.  
Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

Charles Coffin, 1736; Tr. John Chandler, 1837

**Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

**Bidding Prayers**

**Orate, Fratres**

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

**Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church**

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**General Confession**

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our

Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Absolution

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## The Comfortable Words

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## Sursum Corda

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*Priest* The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts

*All* We lift them up unto the Lord

*Priest* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*All* It is meet and right so to do

## Preface for Trinity

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## Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 796

John Merbecke, 1549

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,

Heav'n 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

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## Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:*

- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.  
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

*Please replace your mask as you return to your seat.*

*As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.*

*For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.*

*In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*

*Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

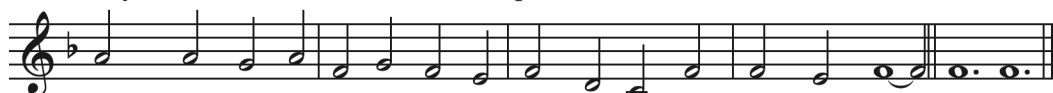
Stuttgart

Hymn 1

Adapted from a melody by  
Christian Friedrich Witt, Gotha, 1715



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, Born a child, and yet a king,
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit Rule in all our hearts a - lone:



From our fears and sins re-lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.— A-men.  
Dear de - sire of ev' - ry na - tion, Joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.  
Born to reign in us for ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
By thine all - suf - fi - cient me - rit Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1744

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. 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 honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**Communion Verse & Post-Communion Prayers****Dismissal****Episcopal Blessing**

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord  
People: From this time forth forever more.  
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord  
People: Who hath made heaven and earth.  
Bishop: 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Retiring Processional:**  
Greenland

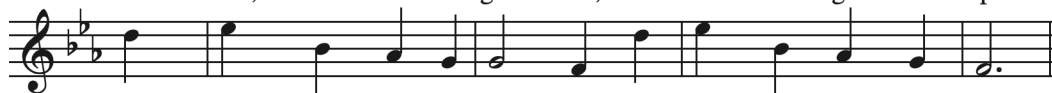
Hymn 4  
Johann Michael Haydn, 1819



1. Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers! And let your lights ap - pear;  
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; Re - plen - ish them with oil;  
3. O wise and ho - ly vir - gins, Now raise your voi - ces higher,  
4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.  
Un - til in songs of tri - umph Ye meet the an - gel choir.  
A - rise, thou Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, And soon he will draw nigh;  
The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! At mid - night comes the cry. A-men.  
Go meet him as he com - eth, With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry! The Bride-groom is at hand.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with thee!

Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; Tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt.

**Announcements**

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Litanist	Ken Kubo, Candidate for Holy Orders
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Lector	
Organist	Patrick Dempsey
Choir	Beth Kubo
Acolyte	Tony Shehata
Altar Guild	Nancy Jones
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

The Weekday Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10:00 (Ember Day).

Happy Birthday:

Karen Dempsey (14 December)

Today, being Rose Sunday, Altar Flowers are permitted to be used. The Vestry meets today after the Coffee Fellowship.

During Announcements this morning we will conduct a show of hands amongst those present to determine whether we shall have a Christmas Eve Mass (including whether it should be celebrated in late afternoon or late evening). Also, whether there will be a Mass on Christmas Day.as well.

Gretchen Martin is again planning to host the annual Christmas gathering. She requests that all who plan to attend need to sign up in the Parish Hall a.s.a.p. For all who sign up, all reservations made must be firm. Cut Off Deadline for making your reservations is next week, December 19th. Remember also to bring a wrapped gift for the Gift Exchange. The item should be something you yourself would be delighted to receive.

If your intention is to submit a Pledge Card for 2022, but forgot to do so, you may return it by mail, or place it in the Alms Basin next Sunday or before the end of 2021. The use of a Pledge Card is strictly voluntary. The Pledge cards are held in strictest confidence, and known only to God, you, and the Parish Treasurer.