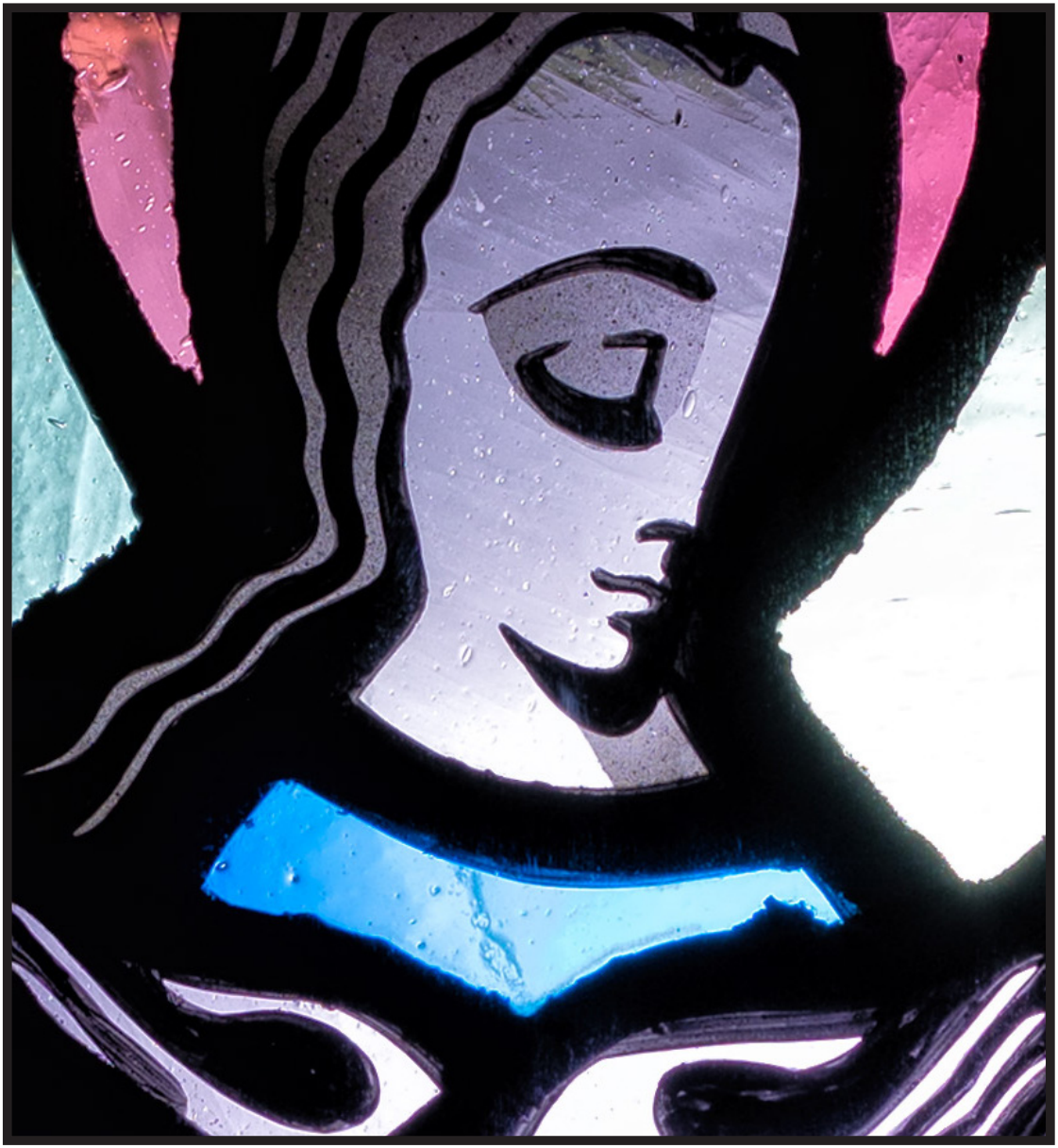

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am and 11:15 am — November 29, 2026

WELCOME

Welcome to St. John the Divine. We want to get to know you! Take your first step by completing a welcome card and placing it in the offering plate or scan this QR code to introduce yourself online.

Everything you need to join us in worship is found in this booklet. Hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher, who will be happy to help you!

FOR FAMILIES

Worshipers of all ages are encouraged to fully take part in all aspects of the service. Children's packets may be found in the narthex (lobby), children's Bibles are in the pews, and nursery care for children birth – age 2 is available next door in the administration building. Also available is a Church Family Room just off the narthex with comfortable furniture, toys, and a screen to view the service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The church altar greenery is given to the glory of God. To donate altar flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or honor of someone, scan the QR code, visit sjd.org/flowers, or contact Carolyn Baker at 713.354.2239 or cbaker@sjd.org.

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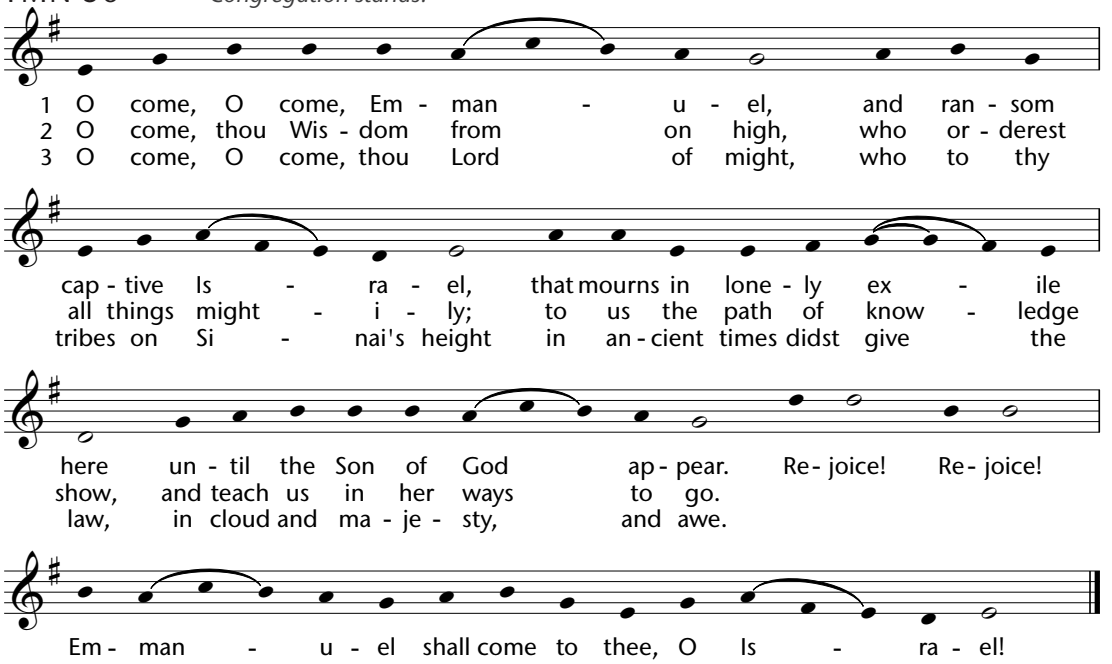
The First Sunday of Advent – Year B

PRELUDE — Charles Marie Widor *1844-1937*

Marche du veilleur de Nuit (March of the Night Watchman) from "Bach's Memento"

HYMN 56 *Congregation stands.*



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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION — Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

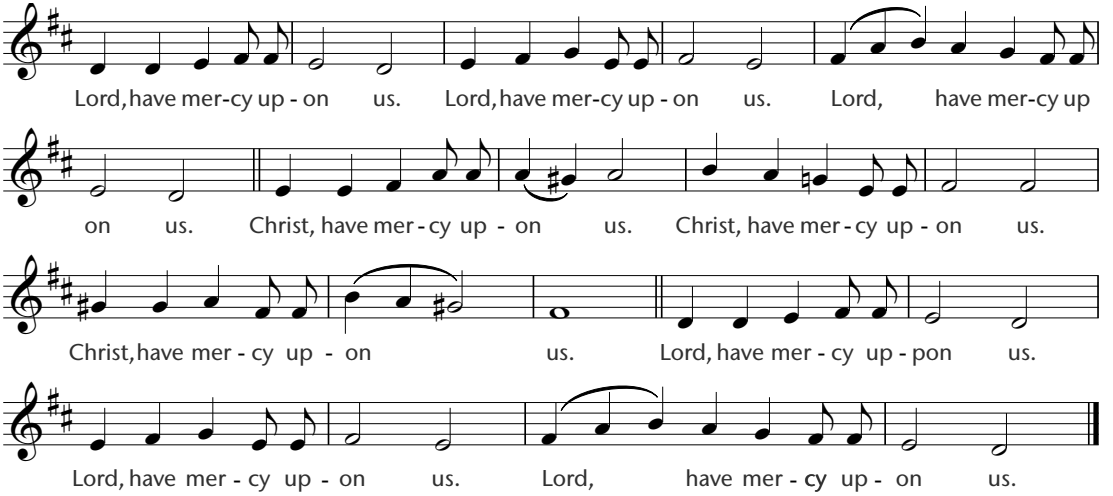
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.*

THE KYRIE S 91

Healey Willan



From: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalema,* Healey Willan (1880-1968)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, 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 for ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The Old Testament — Isaiah 64:1-9

[1] Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3] When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4] From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
[5] You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
[6] We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7] There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

[8] But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *Qui regis Israel* *setting by* H. Walford Davies *1869-1941*

(9:00 am read responsively by whole verse)

(11:15 am sung by the choir)

1 Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep :
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses :
stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God :
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O Lord God of hosts :
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears :
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours :
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts :
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

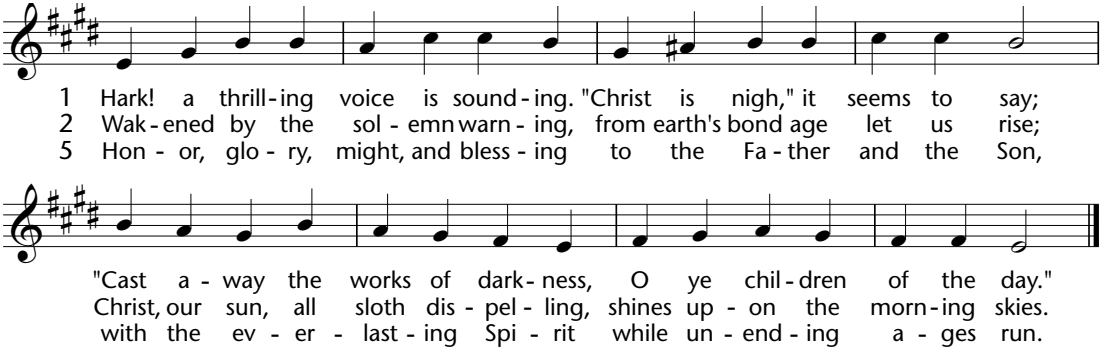
17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand :
and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

18 And so will not we go back from thee :
O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts :
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

At this time in the 9:00 am service, students in 1st to 5th grade are invited to join the Bridge Worship in the Nau Family Room. Students will rejoin the service at The Peace.

Hymn 59 *Congregation stands.*



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861; Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon
will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the
heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with
great power and glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.28 "From the fig tree learn
its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that
summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is
near, at the very gates. 30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these
things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when
the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts
his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.
35 Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come,
in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— 36 lest
he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. John D. Sundara *(9:00 am)*
The Rev. David M. Goldberg *(11:15 am)*

THE NICENE CREED *Congregation stands.* BCP 358

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.

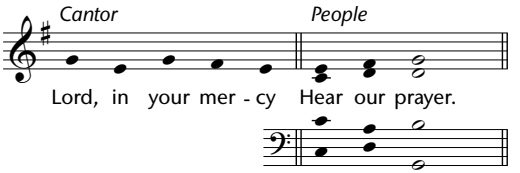
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Congregation kneels.

Leader: 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. .

Silence



Leader: 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.

Silence

Cantor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Cantor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: 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.

Silence

Cantor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: 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.

Silence

Cantor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: 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.
Silence

Cantor: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *Congregation stands.* BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

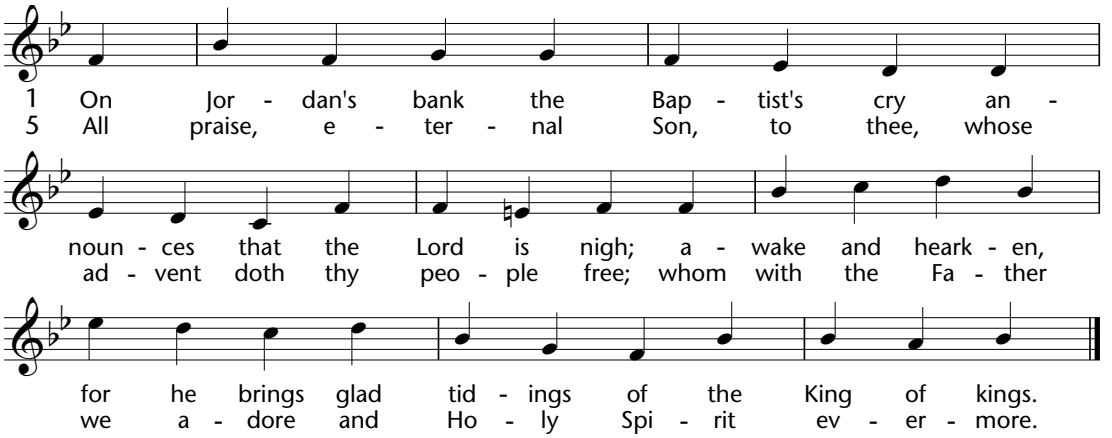
THE OFFERTORY

Anthem — Charles Wood *1866-1926*

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming ray
To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Text: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917), adapted from Richard Benson

PRESENTATION HYMN 76 *(vs. 1,5)* *Congregation stands.*



Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); Music: *Winchester New* from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

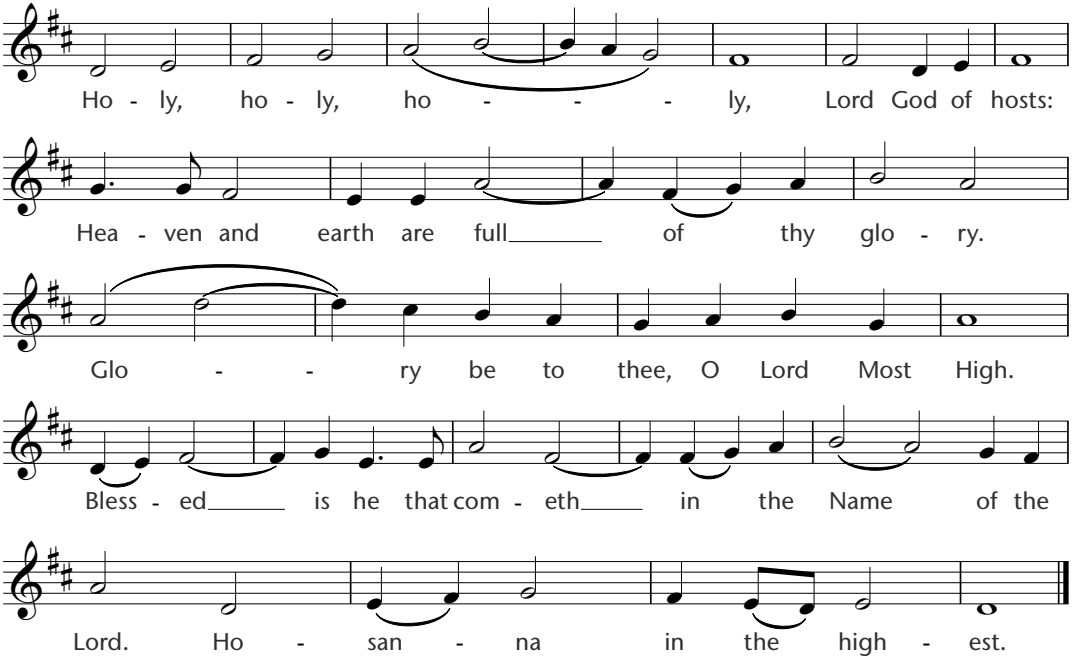
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 114 Healey Willan



Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Congregation kneels.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

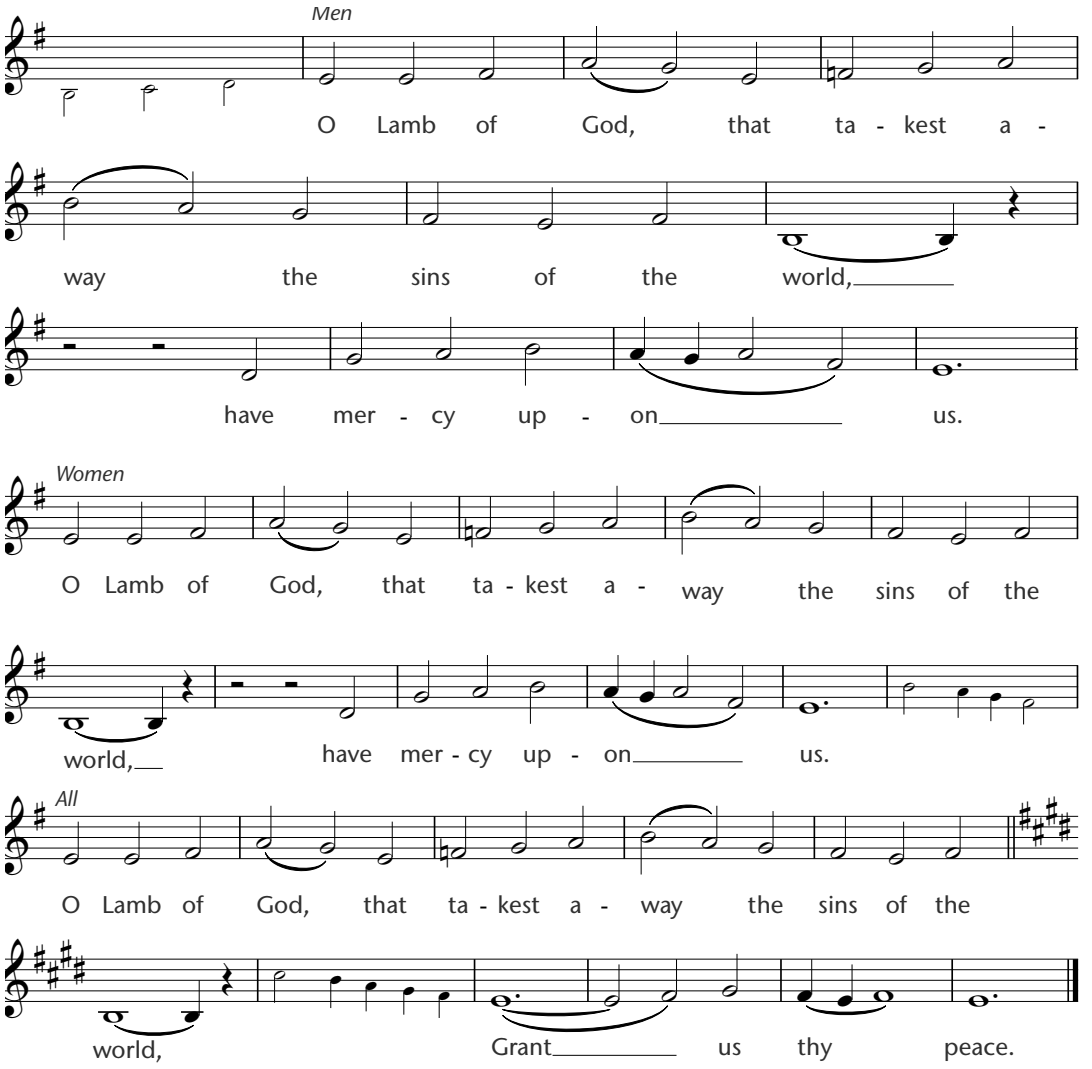
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Agnus Dei



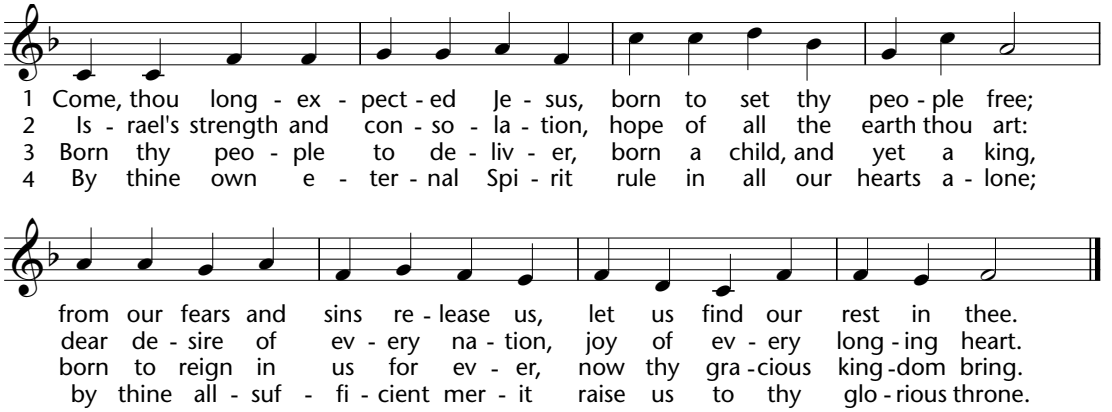
Setting: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healley Willan (1880-1968

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE MINISTRATION

- ✠ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.*
- ✠ *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- ✠ *You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.*
- ✠ *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.*
- ✠ *After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers are present in the East Bay for prayer.*

Hymn 66



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange*, 1715

Anthem — Joel Martinson *b. 1960*

Pervasive, never-absent one
whose name is Mystery,
whose close companionship we sense,
whose face we yearn to see:
come to those who seek you,
who long for the sound of your voice.
Hov'ring elusive one, come!

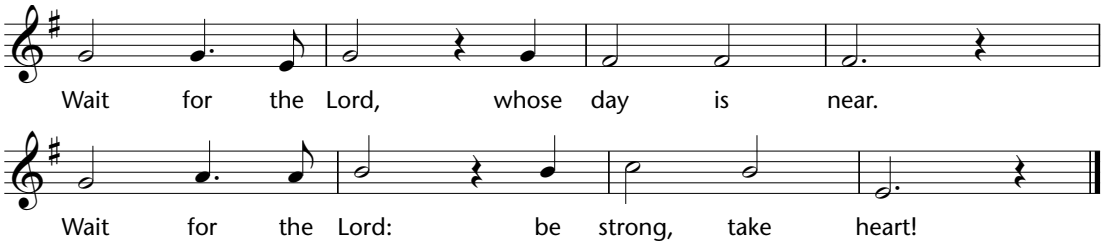
Indwelling, ever-present one
whose nearness we have known,
whose hand has soothed us in distress,
whose love precedes our own:
come to those who seek you,
who long for the sound of your voice.
Immanent advent one, come!

Unfettered spirit, living one
whose gifts are freely sown,
whose breath and grace abide in us,
in flesh and blood and bone:
come to those who seek you,
who long for the sound of your voice.
Future-transforming one, come!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, 1999

Alecia Lawyer, Oboe

Song — Jacques Berthier



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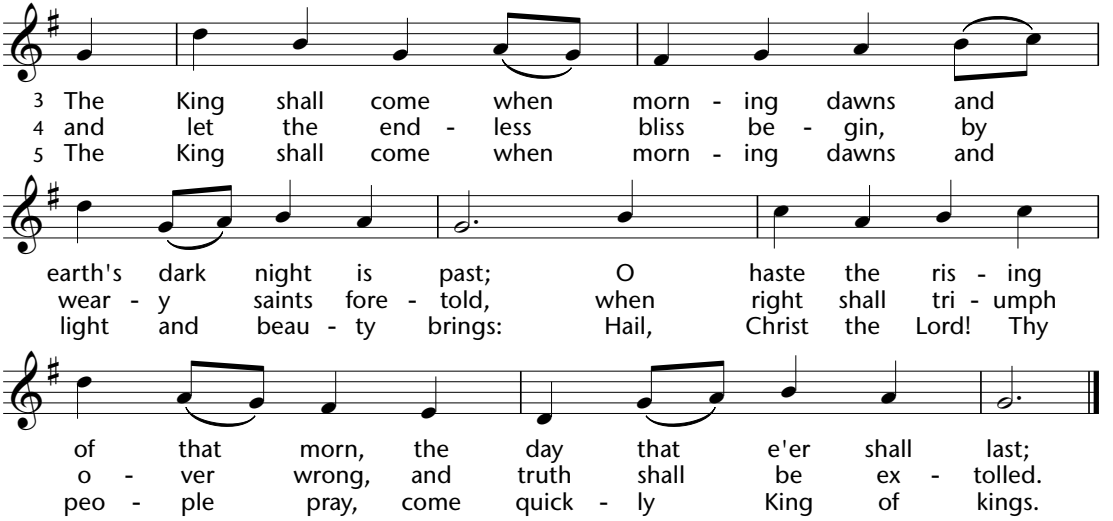
Hymn 73



THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Congregation stands.* BCP 365

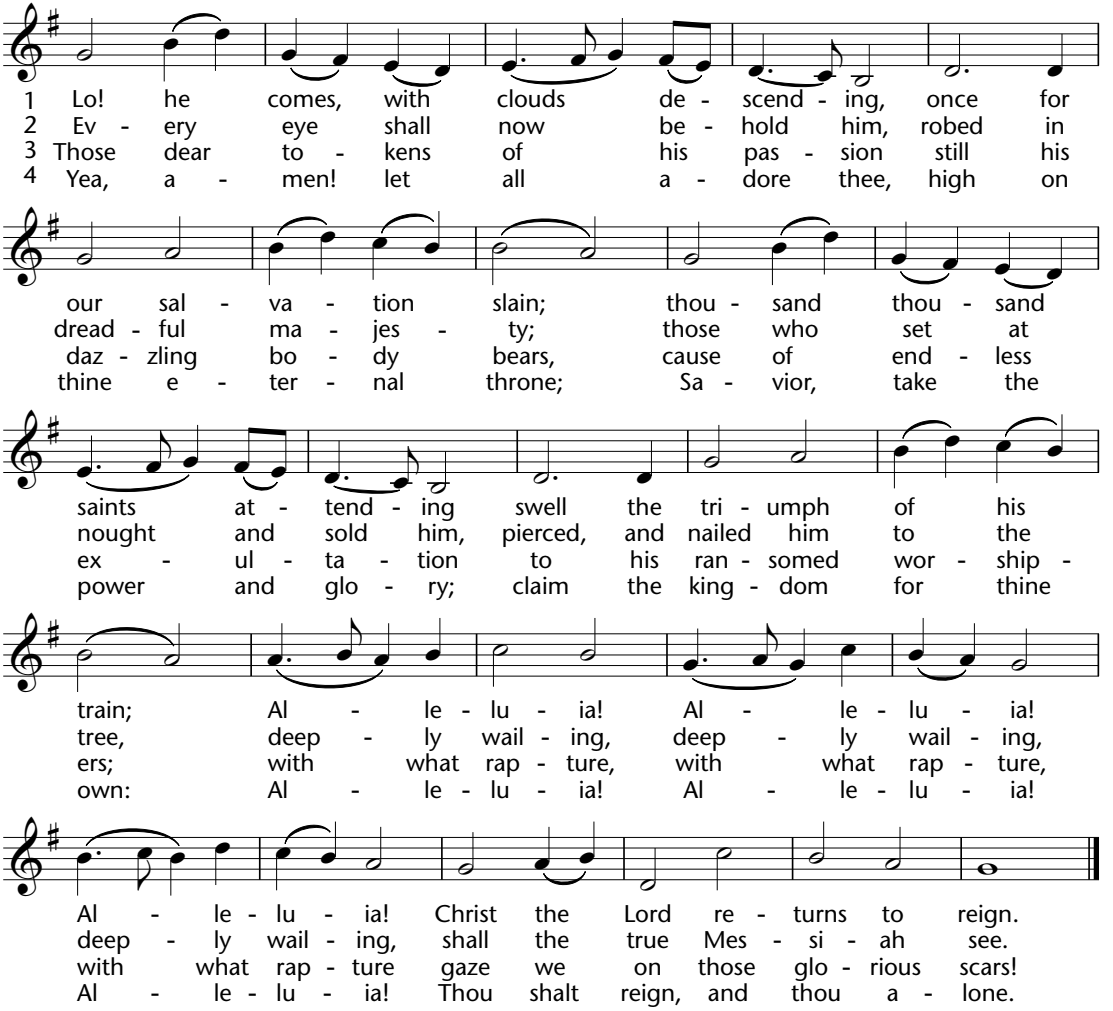
Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: 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.

THE BLESSING Book of Occasional Services 11

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 57



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778)

THE DISMISSAL *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE Sortie for Organ Joel Martinson *b. 1960*

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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The season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year and is a time of reflection and preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Our liturgies incorporate distinctive service music that reflects Advent's contemplative and expectant character. The *Kyrie* ("Lord, have mercy") is sung in place of the *Gloria*, and the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God") is included at the Fraction. The flowers traditionally displayed around the altar are replaced with simple greenery, reflecting the season's more restrained character.

The themes of this First Sunday of Advent center on the Second Advent, or return, of Christ and the call to remain alert and ready. It is a day of great expectation as we look forward to Christ's triumphant return. Our hymns include "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" and "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending."

Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833–1917) was an Anglican priest and hymnologist, perhaps best known for his collaborations with composer Sir John Stainer. At the Offertory, the SJD Chorale sings Bramley's hymn "O Thou the Central Orb," set in the grand Victorian style by composer Charles Wood. Addressing Christ as the "central orb," the anthem reflects the Advent themes of expectation and hope. Its imagery of a "wintry world," "hope soaring above," and "bright beams dispersing the gloom of sin" evokes a world awaiting Christ, the Light who dispels darkness. The prayer, "let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine," expresses our longing for Christ's light and glory to enter the world anew.

During the Ministration, we hear "Pervasive, Never-absent One," a hymn by Benedictine Sister Delores Dufner. Her evocative Advent text expresses the soul's yearning for Christ's presence. The hymn is set to music by Joel Martinson, Director of Music at The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas.

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