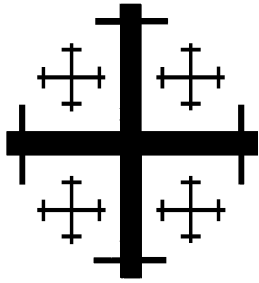


Advent II

10 December 2023

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

ADVENT II John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages

us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

Prelude *Partita on tune 'Chesterfield'*
"Hark the Glad Sound", Theme, II, III
Paul Bowman

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**

P It is time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near! Let us make confession to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Faithful God,

C we confess that in thought, word, and deed, we have turned away from you. We have not eagerly expected your coming. We have been slow to serve you and our neighbor. Restore us, O God of might. Let your face shine upon us, filling our hearts with your light and love. Amen.

P Lay aside the works of the night; put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins. Almighty God grant us forgiveness, keep us in the grace of Christ Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit fill us ✠ with joy and hope. **C Amen**

Entrance – ELW 436

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

ALL *Capo 1* D E[♭] Bm Cm Em Fm A B[♭] Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A[♭]maj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B[♭](sus2)

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son O - ky-ri-e e - le-i-son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) B[♭](sus2) D(sus4) E[♭](sus4) Bm Cm

For peace in our hearts, the sal - va - tion of our souls,

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E[♭] Bm Cm Em Fm A B[♭] Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A[♭]maj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B[♭](sus2)

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son O - ky-ri-e e - le-i-son.

CANTOR D E[♭] F#m Gm G A[♭] A B[♭]

For peace throughout the world; the well be - ing of God's church,

and the un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E[♭] Bm Cm Em Fm A B[♭] Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A[♭]maj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B[♭](sus2)

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son O - ky-ri-e e - le-i-son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) B[♭](sus2) D E[♭] G A[♭]

For this ho - ly house and for all who ga - ther here to

lift up their hearts in wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E[♭] Bm Cm Em Fm A B[♭] Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A[♭]maj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B[♭](sus2)

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son O - ky-ri-e e - le-i-son

CANTOR D E[♭] F#m Gm Em Fm G A[♭] A B[♭] D E[♭]

Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us grac - ious Lord.

ALL D E[♭] Em Fm A B[♭] D(sus4) E[♭](sus4)

A men.

Canticle of Praise

1. Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. A - gain we
 2. Is hea - ven's mo - ment far or near? And when will
 pray, "Your will be done." May Ad - vent blue to us for -
 Je - sus re - ap - pear? The com - ing dawn is our de -
 tell the ec - ho of Em - man u - el.
 light in this, the dark - est hour of night.

3. We could in - side the church re - main, like dry ground
 watch - ing for the rain. We could de - cide to sit and
 wa - it, as Je - sus we an - ti - ci - pate.

4. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is
 both not yet and now, Our faith in - forms what we shall
 do. May Christ re - turn and find us
 true. May Christ re - turn and find us true.

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Blessing & Lighting the Advent Wreath

*We sing the verse below before **and** after the blessing.*



Light two can-dles to watch for Mes- si - ah; let the light ban- ish dark -- ness
He - shall feed the flock like a shep- herd gent - ly lead - them home- ward

P We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Please be seated for today's readings.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak 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.

³A voice cries out:

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

⁴Every 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.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get 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!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain Cantor/Choir sing refrain, all echo & sing ff. verses

PSALM 85

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and contains the lyrics: "We hear the promise of peace when our hearts turn to". Above the staff are guitar chords: G, Em, Am, D. The second staff continues the lyrics: "God. Lord, show us your salvation". Above the staff are guitar chords: G, G+maj7, Csus2, C, Gsus4, Gmaj7. The name "Viktor Andersson" is written at the end of the first staff.

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1. Truly salvation is very near; God's glory may dwell in our land! Mercy and truth have met this day and virtue and peace have kissed. **REFRAIN**
2. Truth is springing from the earth and justice looks down from the heavn's. Lord you grant us prosperity, so our land will yield its increase. **REFRAIN**
3. Righteousness goes before you Lord and peace is the path for your feet. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish;

^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

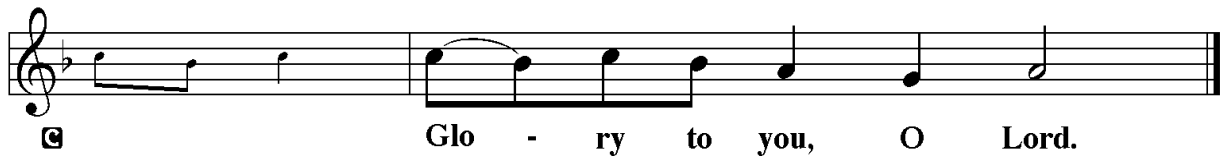
Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Advent Verse & Gospel Acclamations

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful.

slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.



¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

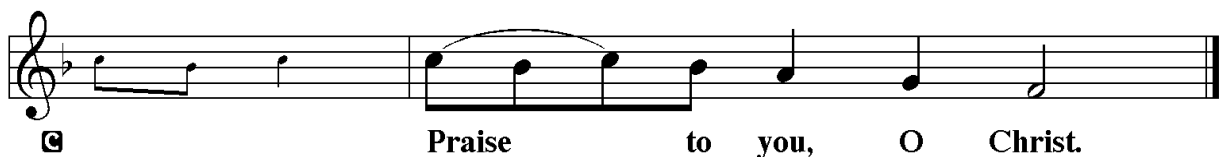
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

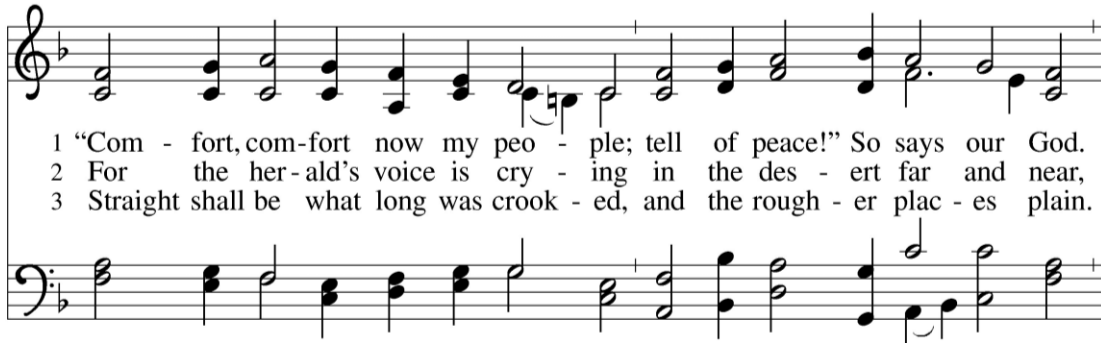


Sermon

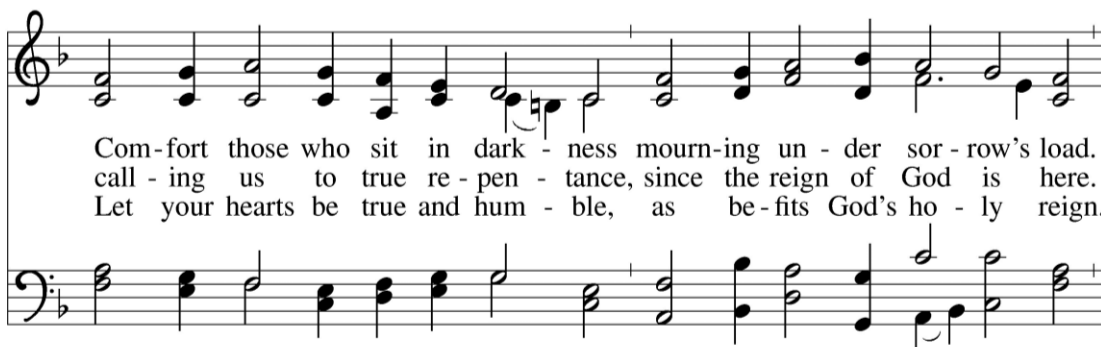
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Hymn of the Day – ELW 256

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



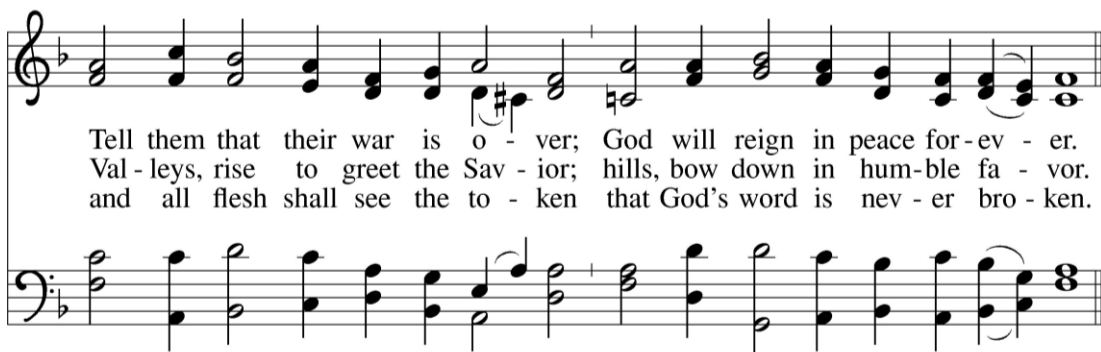
1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God

ALL 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

Prayers of the Faithful

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offertory

[8] *Oh Come Emmanuel* Arr. David Nevue

[11] *O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide*

Michael Helman (2004) Köln (1623)

tr. Martin L. Seltz (1909-1967)



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Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,



☐ What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing



and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right our duty and our joy... with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation

We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e-brate your ris - ing; we
break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

C **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, forever and ever. Amen**

Agnus Dei [*Latin, Lamb of God*]

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Holy Communion

Songs that may be sung distribution of the Sacrament

Lost in the Night ELW 243

1. Lost in the night- do the peo- ple yet lan- guish,
2. Must we be vain- ly a- wait- ing the mor- row?
3. Sor- row - ing wan- d'ers, in dark- ness yet dwell - ing;
4. Light o'er the land of the need- y is beam- ing;

3

long- ing for morn- ing the dark- ness to van- quish,
Shall those who have light no light let us bor- row,
dawned has the day of a ra- diance ex- cel - ing,
riv- ers of life through its des- erts are stream - ing,

5

plain- tive- ly sigh- ing with hearts full of an- guish.
giv - ing no heed to our bur- den of sor- row?
death's deep - est shad- ows for- ev- er dis- pel - ling.
bring- ing all peo- ples a Sav- ior re- deem- ing,

7

Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?
Christ is com - ing soon! Christ is com - ing soon!
Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!

Love Divine ELW 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
C **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle

Inspired by an Easter homily
 of St. Augustine

The monks of Weston Priory
 Vermont

With bro - ken bread in our hands, your
 word a fire in our hearts, we now pro - claim our own
 myst - 'ry: in this jour - ney from death in -
 to your new life, we are your bread, we your bo - dy.

- A** Let us pray... Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C Amen

Recessional – ELW 239

Hark, the Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Chesterfield Partita V* Paul Bowman

Upcoming Commemorations

Lucy, martyr, died 304
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591
Thursday, December 14, 2023

John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

Las Posadas (LLC)
Saturday, December 16, 2023

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

* ALL are welcome. COME and make a JOYFUL NOISE *



Sunday, Dec. 17 • 5pm
SHAW'S GRILL
 1051 W Magnolia, Fort Worth

Kyrie Pub Church hosts its 11th Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long at Shaw's. Food, drinks, candles, a family friendly atmosphere.



Wednesday, Dec. 20 • 6:30pm
FLYING SAUCER
 111 E. 3rd St. Fort Worth

Join Calvary Musicians for Christmas Carols on the Flying Saucer patio in the heart of Sundance Square. Food, drink and fellowship!