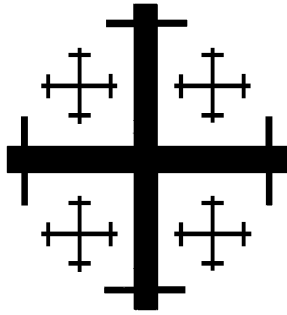


Advent II

10 December 2023

9:30 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.

Penitential Rite

Please stand and face the Baptismal Font

Emmanuel

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,
 His name is called Em - man - u - el;
 God with us, re - vealed in us;
 His name is called Em - man - u - el.

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L “...do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. So then, dear friends, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him” (2 Peter 3:8,9.14). Let us confess the ways in which we try God’s patience and resolve to live God-pleasing lives.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L We pray...

C Restore us, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us. Show us your unfailing love and grant us your salvation. I will listen to you, Lord God, because you promise peace to those who are faithful. Let me not return to foolish ways (Psalm 85:4,8).

L “Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. your hard service has been completed, your sin has been paid for....” Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The LORD will indeed give what is good... (Isaiah 40:1; Psalm 85:11-12a).

Reprise *Emmanuel*

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 Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A>(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

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

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2) D(sus4) Eb(sus4) Bm Cm

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

Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A>(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

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

CANTOR D Eb Fm Gm G Ab A Bb

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

Em Fm A Bb Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

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

ALL D Fb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A>(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

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

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2) D Eb G A>

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

Em Fm 3 A Bb Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

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

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A>(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

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

CANTOR D Eb Fm Gm Em Fm G A> A Bb D Eb

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

ALL D Eb Em Fm A Bb D(sus4) Eb(sus4)

A men.

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Canticle of Praise

Stir Up Your Power and Come

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.

C **Amen**

Please sit for today's readings from scripture.

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.

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.

C Glory to you, O Lord!

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."

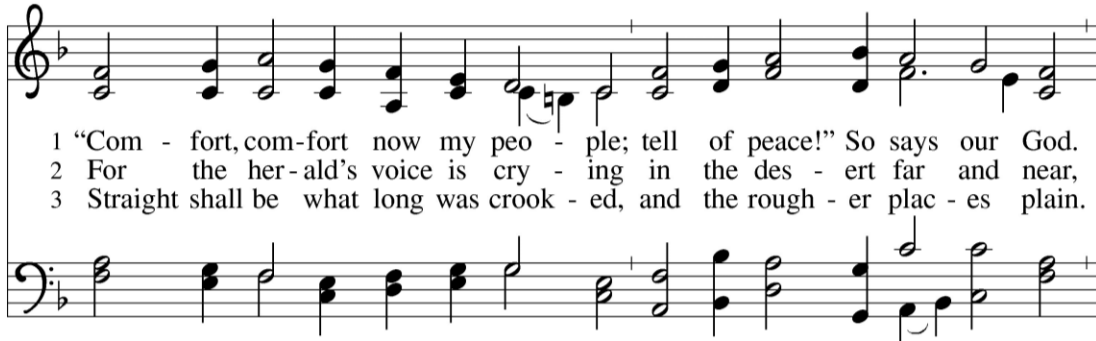
P The Gospel of Our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ!

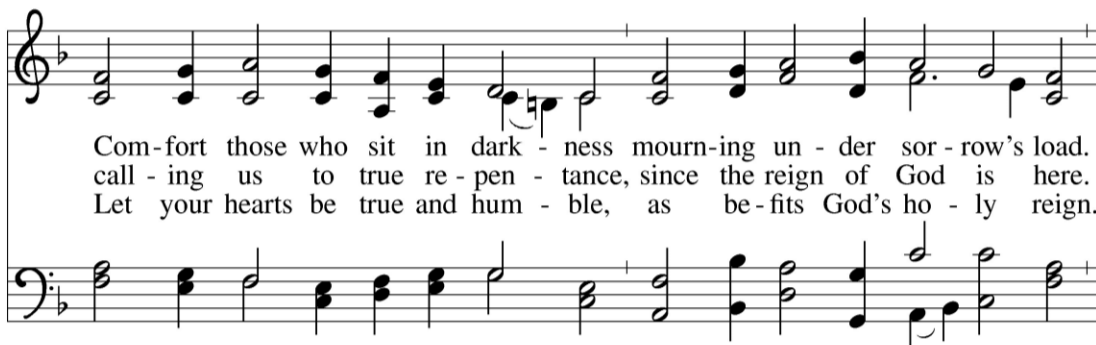
Sermon Tricia Huston, Parish Lay Academy Student

Hymn of the Day – ELW 256

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



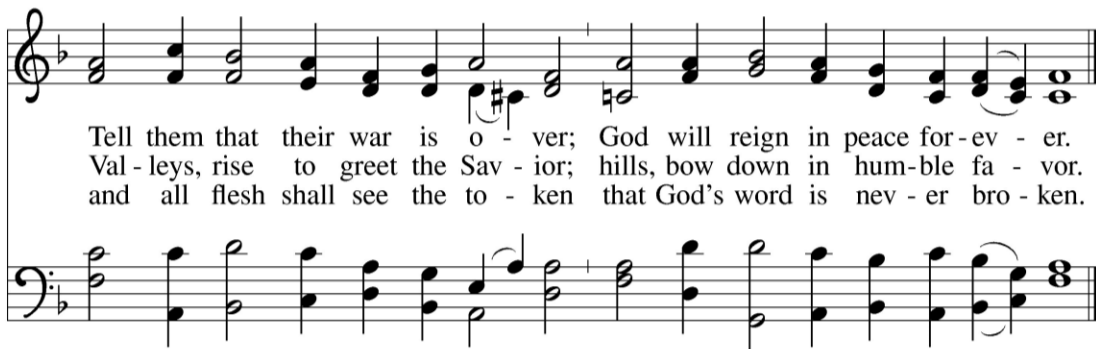
1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation

Promise

P People of God, do you promise to support Vivian Grace and pray for their new life in Christ?

C We do.

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.

Instrumental Intro

In the si-lence Lord, Hear our prayer.
In the still-ness Lord, Hear our prayer.
Our spo-ken words, our si-lent thoughts:
these we hum-bly share.
In this mo-ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

After each 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.

Thanksgiving over Water

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Renunciation of Evil

Profession of Faith

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Baptism, Anointing with Oil & Signing with the Cross of Christ

Blessing

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Prayer

Proclamation

P Through Baptism God has made [this new](#) sister [members](#) of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Offertory



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Give online through this QR code
Use smart phone camera; click link



Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C B♭ Gm
 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve
 C⁷_{sus} C⁷ F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C
 you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that
 Gm F/A C F Am⁷ Dm⁷
 I might be re - newed. So fill me and
 Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Gm/D C⁷_{sus} C⁷
 heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -
 F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Gm F/A C F
 ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, 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 and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new, when He comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

And so 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'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

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

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.



Holy Communion

In-Person: We commune at the Altar.
Ushers will guide.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to commune each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:
"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Songs that may be sung during 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- dian- ce 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!

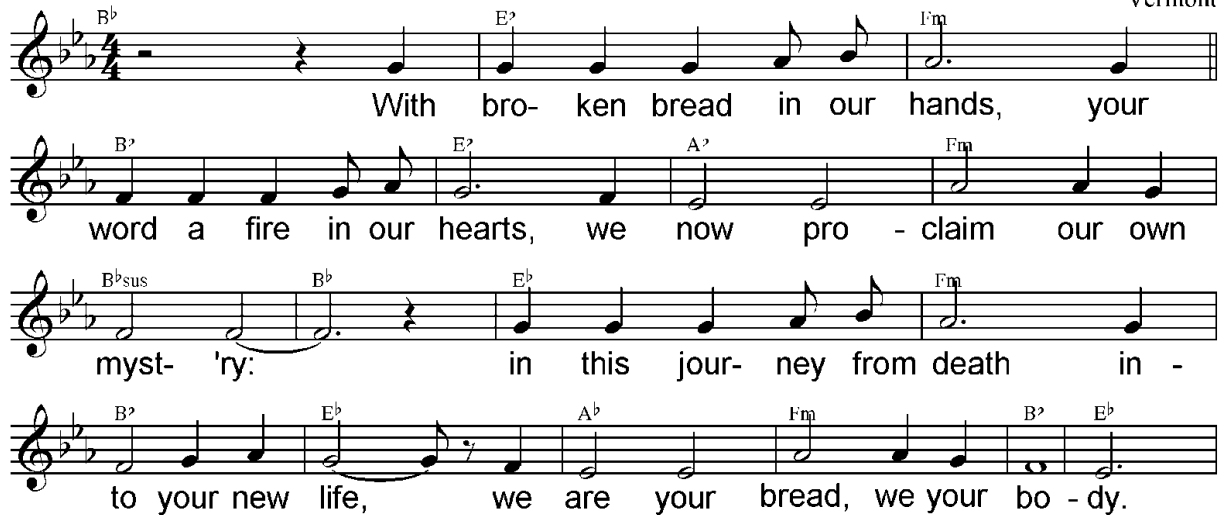
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

- 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.

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A Let us pray... Generous God,
in bread and cup you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together.
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim
your good news of liberation and release,
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Please turn in place, facing the cross carried by the crucifer.

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!**

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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Toni Tharp, *flute, vocals*
Janet Thorp, *guitar, vocals*
Jacob Groening, *trumpet, vocals*
David Lakota, *bass guitar*
Christy Gibson, Pete Moxley, *vocals*
Robert Morris, Paul Slezak *trombone*

Debbie Villavicencio, *organ*
Karen Moxley, *violin, vocals*
Dale Taylor, *guitar*
Brian Haywood, *sax, vocals*
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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!