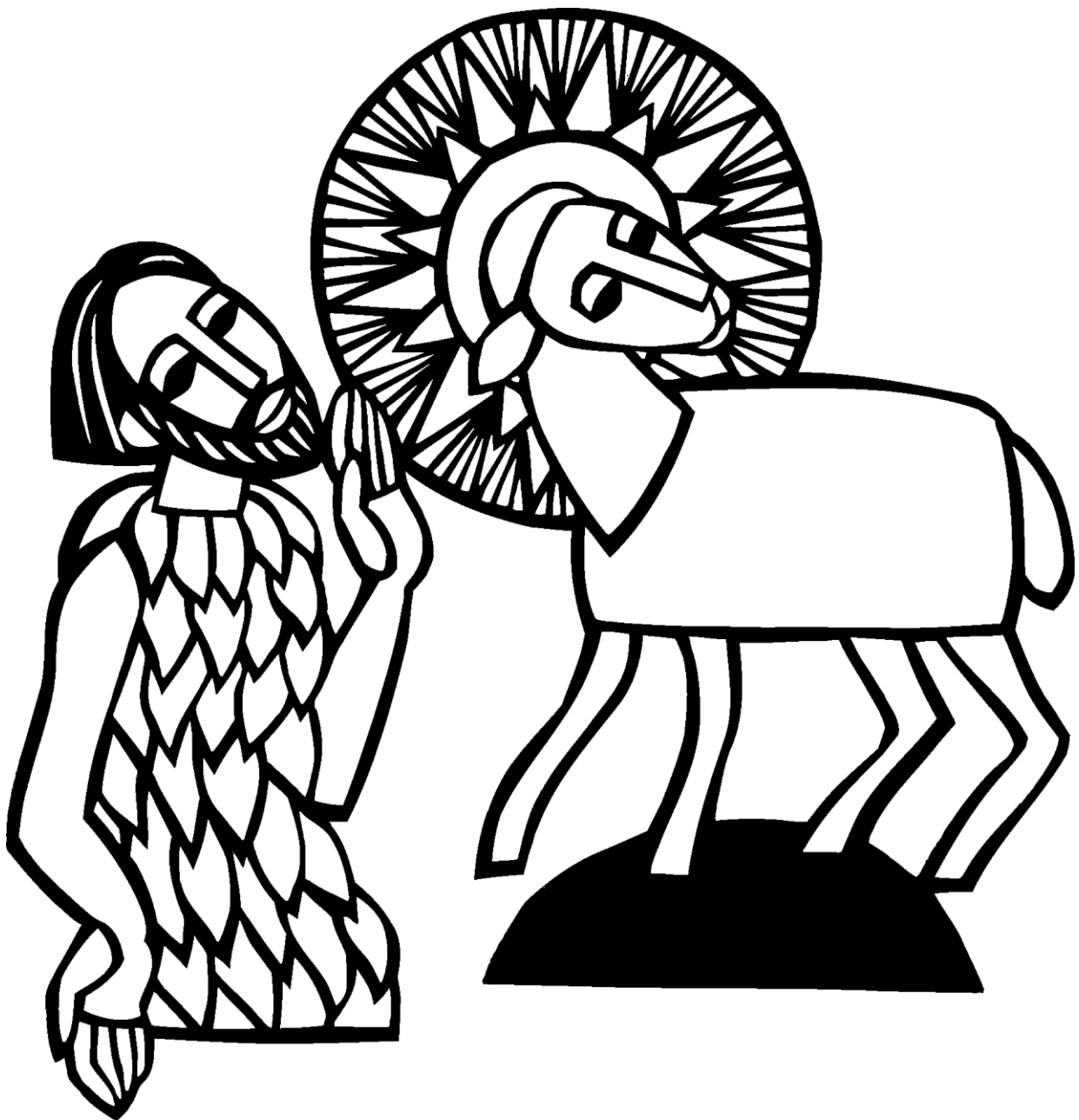
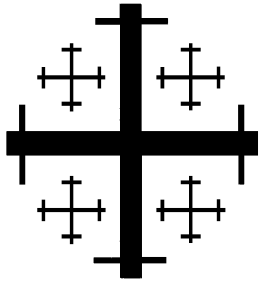


Advent III

17 December 2023

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

ADVENT III "Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a

stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.

Prelude *Creator of the Stars at Night*
Partita I, II, III
David Cherwien

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 264

Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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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^b Bm Cm Em Fm A B^b Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A^bmaj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

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

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2) D(sus4) E^b(sus4) Bm Cm

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

Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E^b Bm Cm Em Fm A B^b Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A^bmaj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

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

CANTOR D E^b F#m Gm G A^b A B^b

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

Em Fm A B^b Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

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

ALL D E^b Bm Cm Em Fm A B^b Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A^bmaj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

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

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2) D E^b G A^b

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

Em Fm A B^b Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

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

ALL D E^b Bm Cm Em Fm A B^b Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A^bmaj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

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

CANTOR D E^b F#m Gm Em Fm G A^b A B^b D E^b

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

ALL D E^b Em Fm A B^b D(sus4) E^b(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.

Chords: C, F, Em, Gsus, Bb, Am, G, G7

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Blessing & Lighting the Advent Wreath

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



Light three can-dles to watch for Mes- si - ah; let the light ban- ish dark - ness
Lift your heads and lift high the gate way for the King of glo - ry

P We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

- ¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
- ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
- ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
- ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
- ⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;

I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
 and their offspring among the peoples;
 all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain Cantor/Choir sing refrain, all echo & sing ff. verses
PSALM 126



God has done great things for us, filled us with laugh-ter and mu- sic;



God has done great things for us, filled us with laugh-ter and mu- sic;

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1. When our God led us back to freedom, like dreamers we beheld
 the promised land again; our mouths were filled with laughter
 and rejoicing. **REFRAIN**
2. We proclaimed to the nations what God has done for us; your
 mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life, you lead your people
 home to you rejoicing. **REFRAIN**
3. Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love, as rivers
 through the sand, as springs within the desert; those who sow
 in tears shall reap rejoicing. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good;

²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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. John, the 1st chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

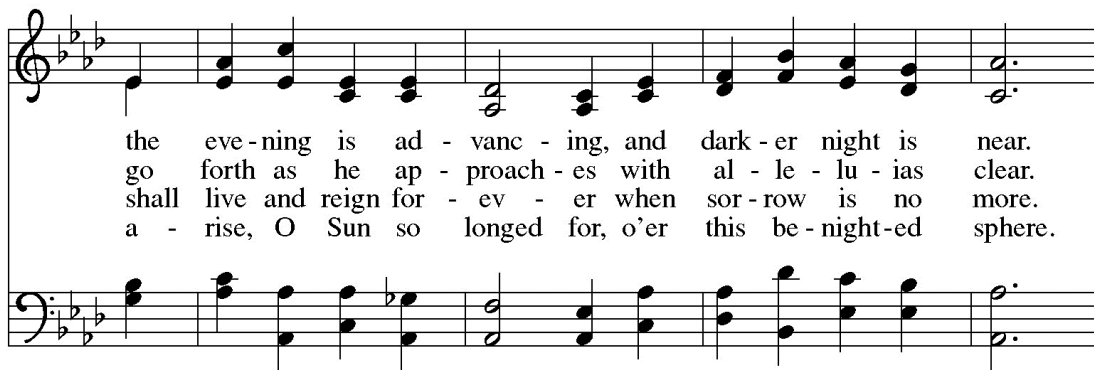
⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

Hymn of the Day – ELW 244

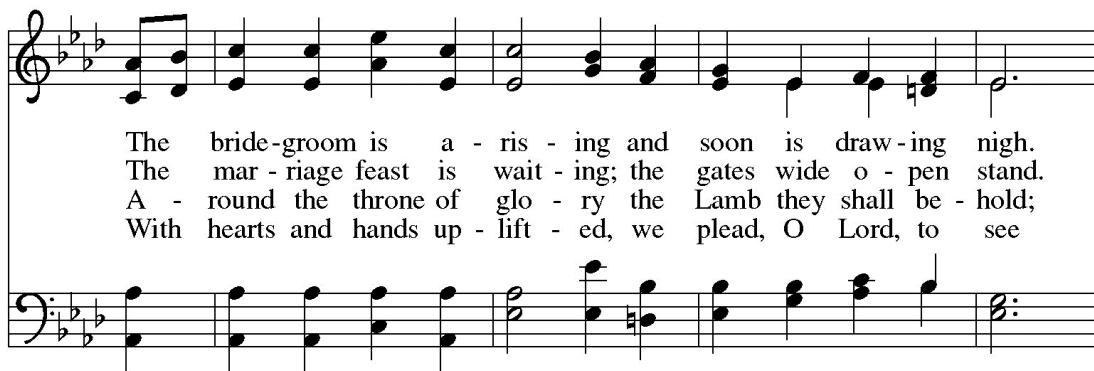
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
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.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptists's Cry*

Tune: Winchester New

From Musikalisches Handbuch

Hamburg, Germany, 1690

Arr. Lyndell Leatherman



Two Ways to Give

Download the new
"Vanco Mobile" giving app
from your smart phone's app store

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



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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry ELW 249

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

People Look East ELW 248

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
 Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934
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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 439

Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The bass line is a simple accompaniment of chords and single notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble clef.

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble clef.

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble clef.

Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

1, 2

The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The melody features a final cadence. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble clef. A box containing the numbers '1, 2' is positioned above the final measure of the treble clef staff.

3, 4

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

Tune by Marthy Haugen, 1983

Arr. Aaron David Miller

Upcoming Commemorations

Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

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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!

Christmas Eve – Sunday December 24
Advent IV – One service only at 10 am
4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm – Lessons, Carols, Eucharist
11 pm – Midnight Mass