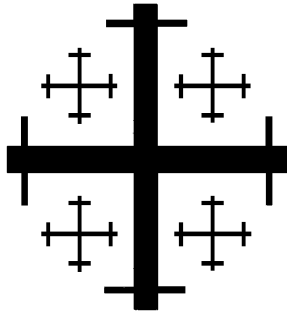


Advent II

8 December 2024

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

Prelude

Meditation

Mel Bonis, 1858-1937

Confession & Absolution

Please stand and face the Baptismal Font

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

Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

1. "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," the watch - men on the
 2. Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, and all her heart with
 3. Now let all the heav'ns a - dore thee, and men and an - gels

heights are cry - ing, "a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last!"
 joy is spring - ing; she wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
 sing be - fore thee, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone;

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the thrill - ing
 for her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, the strong in grace, in
 of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where we are with the

cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, ye mai - dens, night is past!
 truth vic - to - rious; her Star is ris'n, her Light is come!
 choir im - mor - tal of an - gels round thy daz - zling throne;

Philipp Nicolai, 1599
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, 1863

WACHET AUF 8.9.8.8.9.8.6.6.4.8.8.
 Philipp Nicolai, 1599
 Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach. 1731

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 [*Greek, Lord Have Mercy*]

ALL *Capo 1* D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ Em Fm A⁷ B⁷

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

CANTOR Em Fm A⁷ B⁷ D⁷ E⁷ Bm Cm

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

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ Em Fm A⁷ B⁷

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

CANTOR D E⁷ Fm Gm G A⁷ A B⁷

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 E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ Em Fm A⁷ B⁷

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

CANTOR Em Fm A⁷ B⁷ D E⁷ G A⁷

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 E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ Em Fm A⁷ B⁷

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

CANTOR D E⁷ F⁷ Gm Em Fm G A⁷ A B⁷ D E⁷

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

ALL D E⁷ Em Fm A B⁷ D⁷ E⁷

A men.

Hymn 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, F, G7, C, 3/2, 4/2

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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.

The musical notation is in 6/8 time, G major, and consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, with lyrics 'Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah; let the light ban-ish dark - ness.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'He shall feed the flock like a shep- herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.' Chord symbols are written above the notes: Am, Em/G, F, Dm, E, Am/E, E on the first staff; Am, E/B, Am/C, Dm, Dm/F, Dm, E(sus4), E on the second staff.

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 Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benedictus Song of Zechariah [St. Luke 1:68-79]

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944. Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958. Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company.

Second Reading **Philippians 1:3-11**

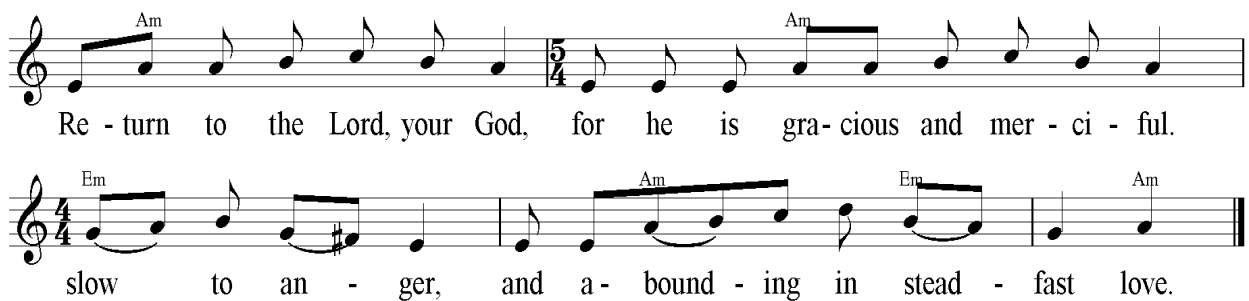
³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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. Luke, the 3rd chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

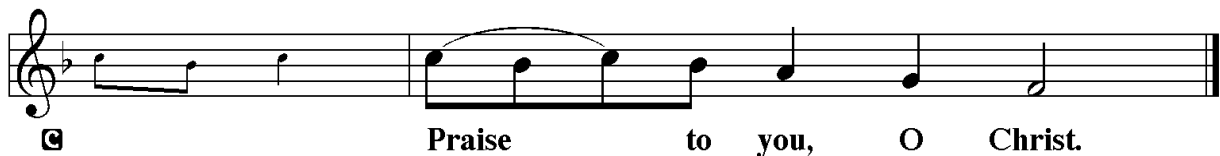
"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

P The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon *Pr. Kyle Symanski*

Hymn Of The Day

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



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

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 Intercession

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

A 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.

Please show one another a sign of peace

Offertory

Pastorale

Herbert Leslie Wright, 1880-1938



Two Ways to Give

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"Vanco Mobile" giving app
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Give online
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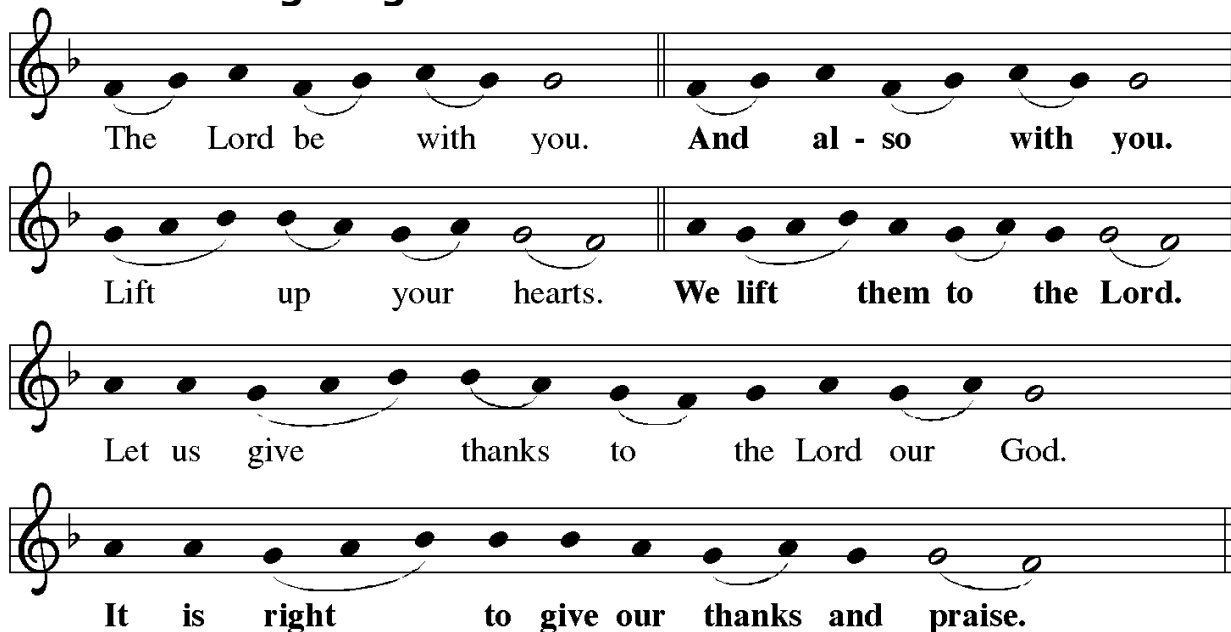
Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,

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.

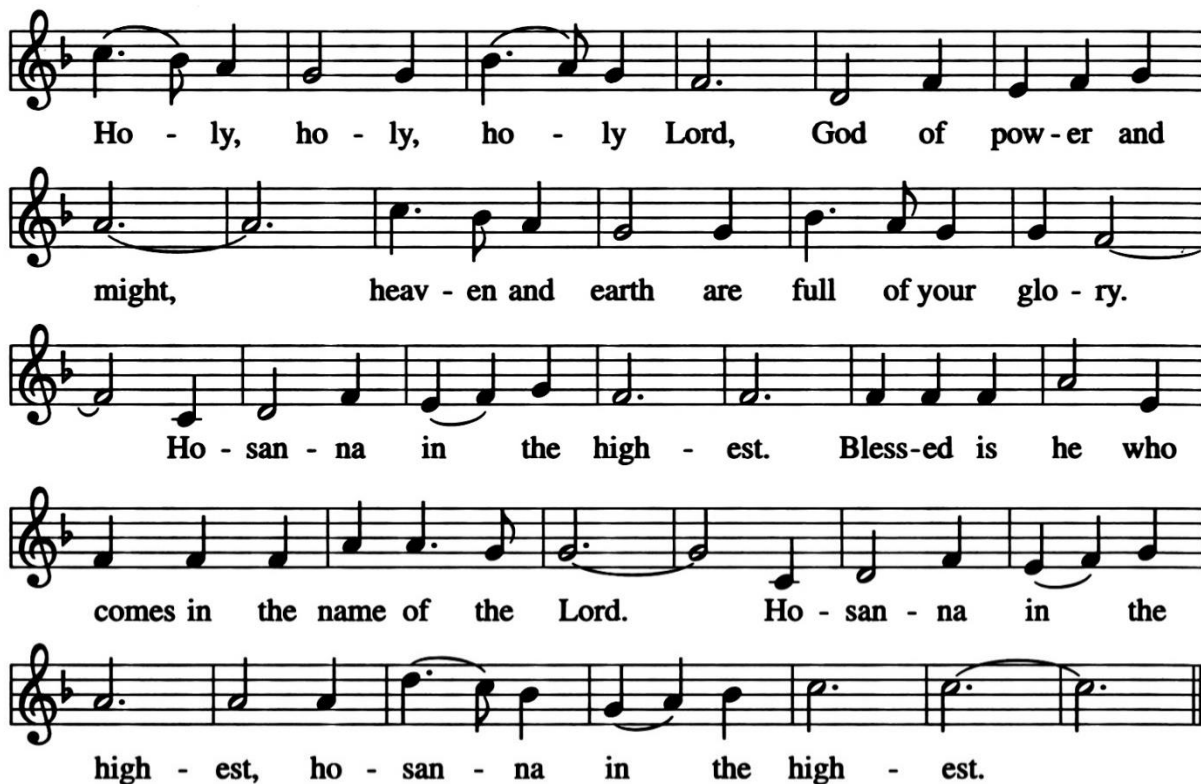
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Acclamation

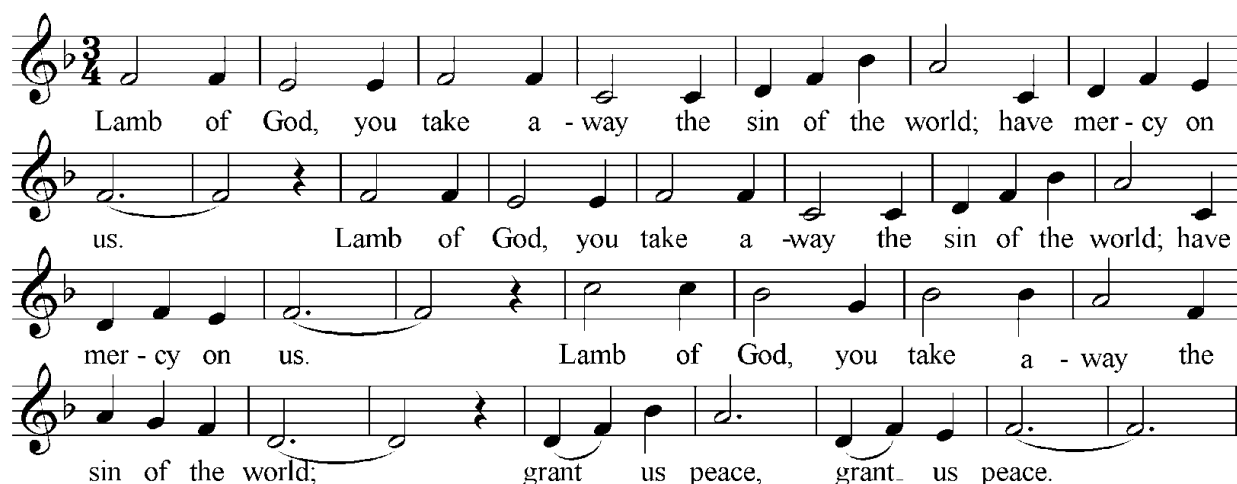


P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [*Latin, Lamb of God*]



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HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: We will commune by continuous line. We will commune the pulpit side first. You will be ushered up in small groups to receive bread from the Pastor and then an individual cup from the tray.

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."

One or more songs on the following pages may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Ososŏ, Ososŏ



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
 Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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... Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

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:



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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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Prepare the Royal Highway

Choral Prelude & Gigue

Tune: Bereden väg för Herron

Arr. Vincent M. Ryan, b. 1971

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Commemorations This Week

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Friday, December 6, 2024

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397

Saturday, December 7, 2024

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

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Prepare for the season with Word • Music • Song • Ballet by Pr. Kristen Klade

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