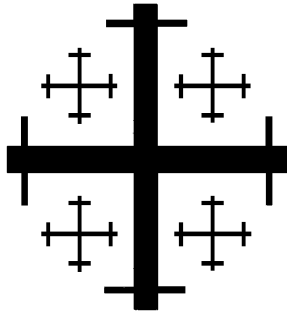


Advent III

15 December 2024

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

PRELUDE Wake, Wake, for Night is Flying
Tune: Wachet Auf
Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608
Setting by Johann Walther, 1684-1748

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

Please turn in place as the cross passes in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN

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

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 E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B⁷(sus2)

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

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) B⁷(sus2) D(sus4) E⁷(sus4) Bm Cm

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

Em Fm A(sus2) B⁷(sus2)

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B⁷(sus2)

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,

Em Fm A B⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B⁷(sus2)

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 A(sus2) B⁷(sus2)

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

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) B⁷(sus2) D E⁷ G A⁷

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

Em Fm 3 A 2 Em Fm A(sus2) B⁷(sus2)

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 A(sus2) B⁷(sus2)

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 D(sus4) E⁷(sus4)

A men.

Music: Viktor Andersson © 1999 Calvary Lutheran Church

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.

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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.

Copyright © 1984 Fortress Press: Text: Wayne L. Wold, Music: Yiddish folk tune

- 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.

Please be seated for today's readings.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-20

- ¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
- ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
- ¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
- ¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE The First Song of Isaiah [12:2-6] *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me*

Capo 1 G C G G

Ab Db Ab

Sure - ly it is God who saves me; I shall
Make God's deeds known to all peop - les, shout out

Em Am D Am G Am

Fm Bbm Eb Bbm Ab Bbm

trust and have no fear. For the Lord de - fends and
God's ex - al - ted name. Praise the Lord, who has done

G Am D

Ab Bbm Eb

shields me; and God's sav - ing help is great near. So re -
great things; pro-claim all of God's great works; Zi - on,

C G G D G

Db Ab Ab Eb Ab

joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va-tions heal - ing
lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to

G D G

Ab Eb Ab

spring; in the day of your de - live - rance thank the
dwell in your ver - y midst the great and Ho - ly

Am C G

Bbm Db Ab

Lord, God's mer - - cies sing.
One of Is - - ra - el.

Text: Roland F. Palmer Music: Skinner Chavez-Melo © 1985 Estate of Skinner-Chavez-Melo

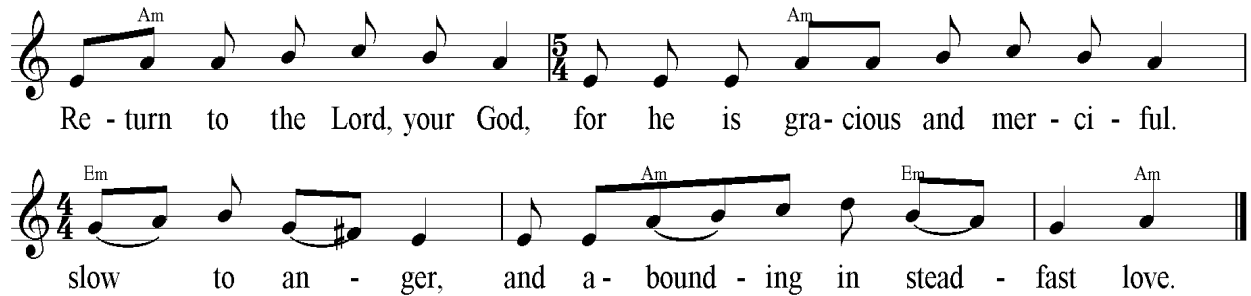
SECOND READING **Philippians 4:4-7**

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

ADVENT VERSE & GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.



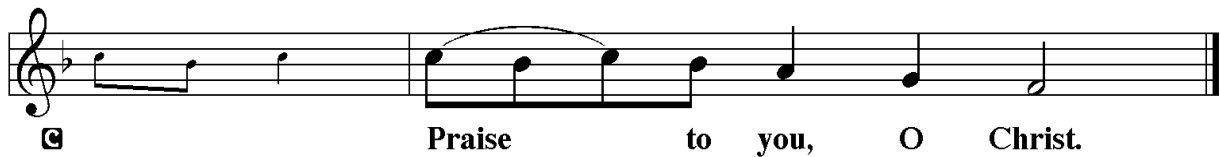
⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P The Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON *Pr. Kyle Rouze*

HYMN OF THE DAY

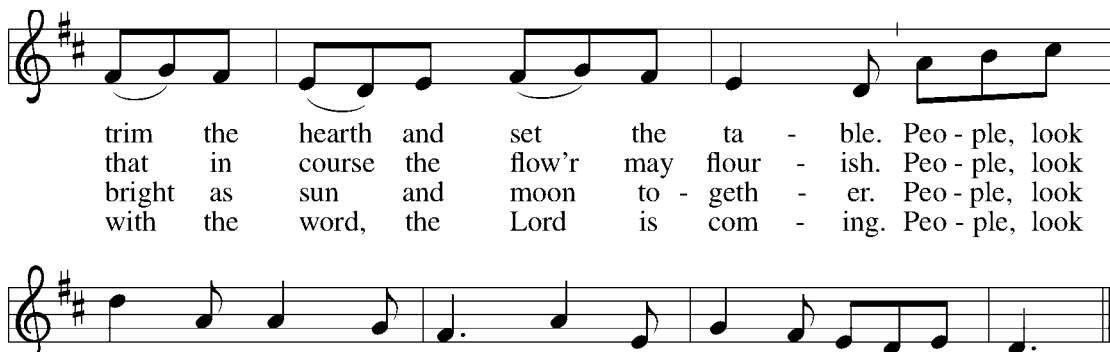
People, Look East



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
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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

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 *Vom Himmel hoch, da Komm ich Her* Johan Heuschkel, 1773-1853



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



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



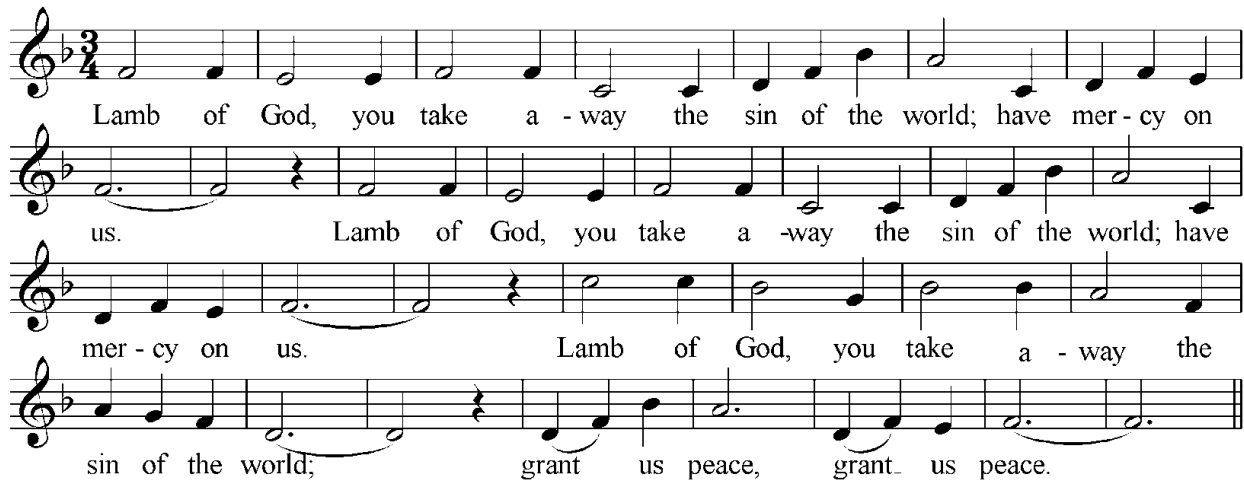
We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we
break this bread and share this_ cup un - til you come a - gain.

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



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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 communion 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:

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 king-dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his 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.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

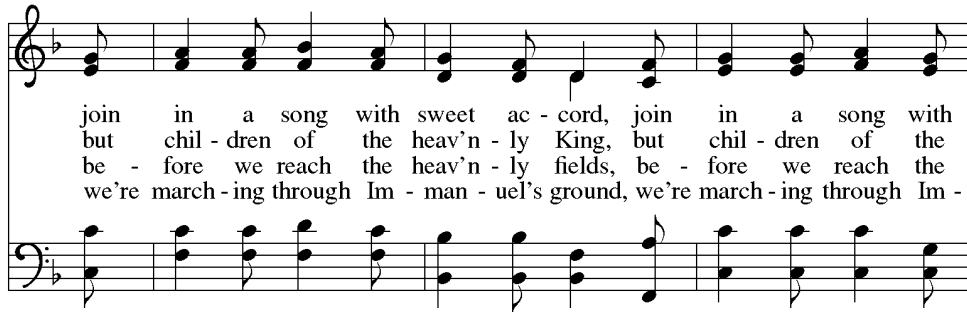
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Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Come, We That Love the Lord

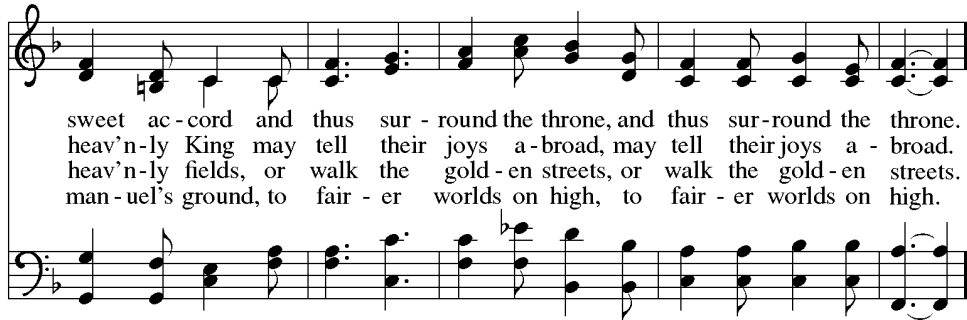
We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -

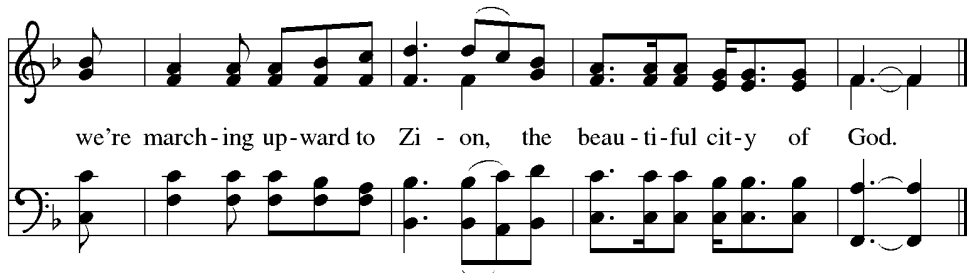


sweet ac-cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of God.

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

He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE ***Fling Wide the Door***
Tune: Mach Hoch Die Tur
Setting by Nancy Raabe, b. 1954

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Viktor Andersson, Director of Worship & Music
 Debbie Villavicencio, Organist

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Commemorations This Week

Las Posadas (LLC)

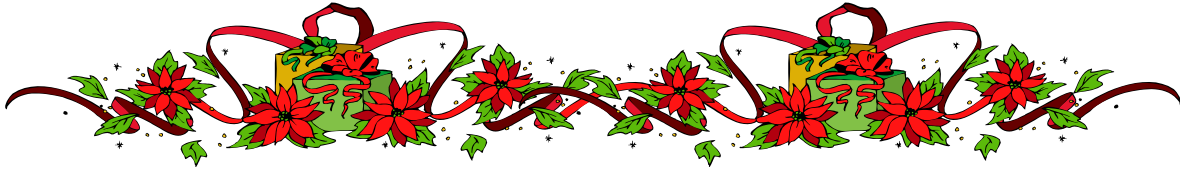
Monday, December 16, 2024

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.

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

Friday, December 20, 2024

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.



CALVARY BLUE CHRISTMAS WINTER SOLSTICE

Saturday, December 21st at 6pm

Also known as *A service for the Longest Night*, this service acknowledges that Christmas can be a very lonely, depressing, “blue” time for those grieving the loss of loved ones or other losses. Through liturgy and song and shared meal we bring our pain and sorrow to the Christ child who is the light shining in the darkness and seek the consolation and healing of God’s presence.

KYRIE PUB CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

Sunday, December 22nd at 5pm

Kyrie Pub Church hosts its 11th Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long at Shaw’s Patio & Grill (1051 W Magnolia, FTW). Food, drinks, candles, a family friendly atmosphere... all await on this night of singing and Christmas celebration.

CAROLING AT THE FLYING SAUCER

Join Calvary musicians at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 18th at the Flying Saucer, FTW.

HARP & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday, December 23rd at 7pm in Calvary’s Sanctuary

CALVARY CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th at 4, 6, 8, & 11pm

4, 6, 8 pm Lessons Carols Eucharist

15 minute carol sing prior to each of these services

4 – Assembling of the creche, Soloists, Ensembles

6 – Harp ensemble, Hand Bell choir, and soloists

8 – Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir and soloists

(Nursery available during 4 pm & 6 pm services)

11 pm Midnight Mass

The full liturgy with Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir, and soloists