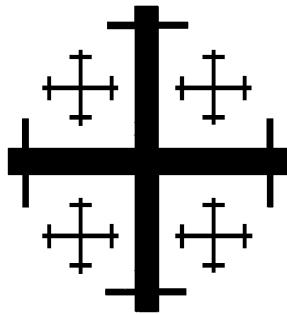


Advent II

7 December 2025

9:30 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Prelude *The Moon of Wintertime*
Emmanuel arr. Karrissa Dennis 2018

Penitential Rite

Please stand and face the Baptismal Font.

Emmanuel

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first three staves are in common time (indicated by a '4/4' in the top right corner of each staff), and the fourth staff is in 2/4 time (indicated by a '2/4' in the top right corner). The key signature is mostly C major, with some sharps and flats indicated by accidentals. The lyrics are: "Em - man - u - el," "Em - man - u - el," "His name is called Em - man - u - el;" "Em - man - u - el;" "God with us, re - vealed in us;" "F/C" (in 2/4 time), "Em - man - u - el." The chords are: C, C/E, F, G, B7, C, C/B; A, A/C#, Dm, G7, G/B, C; C/E, F, G, G7, C, C/Bb; A, A/C#, Dm, G7, F/C, C.

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L "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Bear fruit worthy of repentance so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 3:3, 8; Romans 15:6)." Let us confess all that separates us from God and one another.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L God of Compassion,

C Judge your people with righteousness and the poor with justice that righteousness may flourish and peace abound.

L May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, as the God of hope fills you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:5,13).

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.

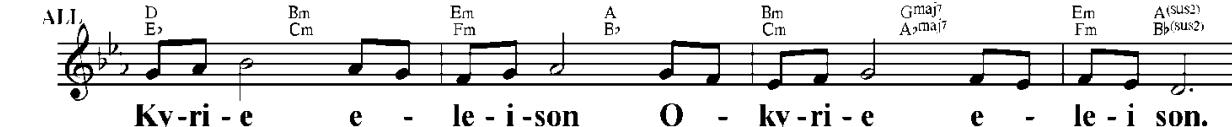
C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

ALL Capo I D Bm Em A Bm Gmaj7 Em A(sus2)

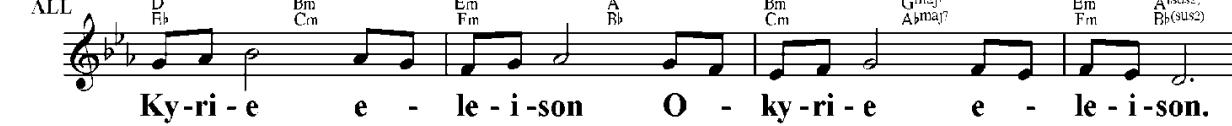

CANTOR Em A(sus2) D(sus4) Bm


ALL Em Bm Em A Bm Gmaj7 Em A(sus2)

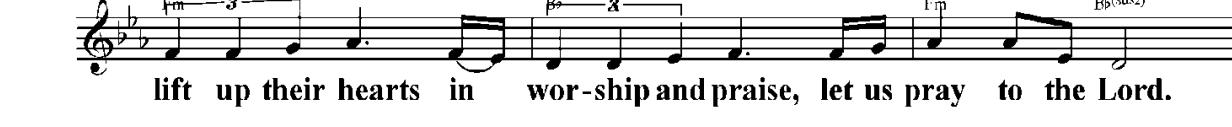

CANTOR D Bm Em G A


ALL D Bm Em A Bm Gmaj7 Em A(sus2)


ALL Em A Em Bm G A


ALL D Bm Em A Bm Gmaj7 Em A(sus2)


CANTOR Em A(sus2) D G


ALL Em A Em Bm G A


ALL D Bm Em A Bm Gmaj7 Em A(sus2)


CANTOR D Bm Em G A D


ALL D Em A D(sus4)


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Hymn Of Praise *Stir Up Your Power and Come*

3

C F C
 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

F Em F
 pray, "Your will be done." May Ad- vent blue to us for -
 Je - sus re - ap - pear? The com - ing dawn is our de -

Em F Gsus C
 tell the ec - ho of Em - man u - el.
 light in this, the dark - est hour of night.

C B[♭] C
 3.. We could in - side the church re - main, like dry ground

B[♭] C Am
 watch - ing for the rain. We could de - cide to sit and

Em B[♭] Am Gsus
 wa - it, as Je - sus we an - ti - ci - pate.

C F C
 4.. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is

F Em F G
 both not yet and now, Our faith in - forms what we shall

C F G
 do. May Christ re - turn and find us

C F Gsus G⁷ C
 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 sit for today's readings from scripture.

First Lesson **Isaiah 11:1-10**

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

REFRAIN *Cantor sings/all echo & sing ff. verses*

Rory Cooney

5 Jus - tice shall flour - ish in his time, and

full - ness of peace for - ev - er.

1. O God with your judgement endow the king, and with your justice the king's son. He shall govern your people with justice, and your afflicted ones with judgement. Justice shall flower in those days, and holy peace 'til the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea. And from the river to the end of the earth. **Refrain**

2. From the islands and Tarshish shall kings come with gifts; from Arabia and Sheba they come. All the kings of the earth pay him homage. All the nations shall serve him. He shall rescue his poor ones when they cry out and the afflicted when there is no one to help them. He shall have pity for the lowly and poor. The lives of the poor he shall save. **Refrain**

Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L The Word of the Lord.

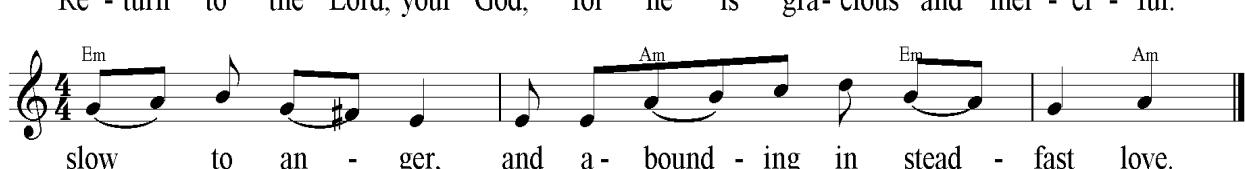
C **Thanks be to God.**

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. Matthew the 3rd chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord!

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

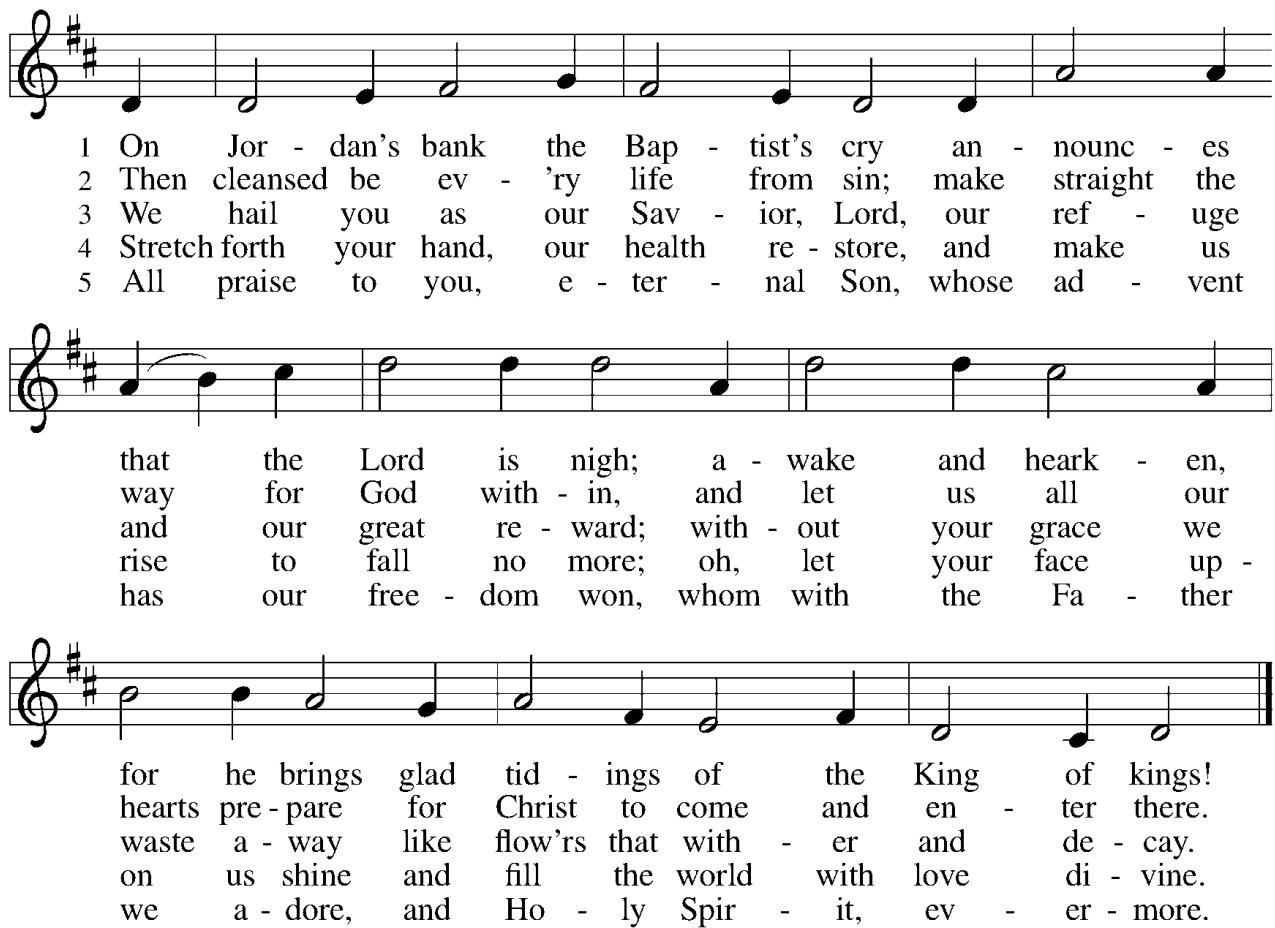
P The Gospel of Our Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon *Pr. Kyle*

Silent Reflection

Hymn Of The Day ELW 249

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 the faith in which we are Baptized

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

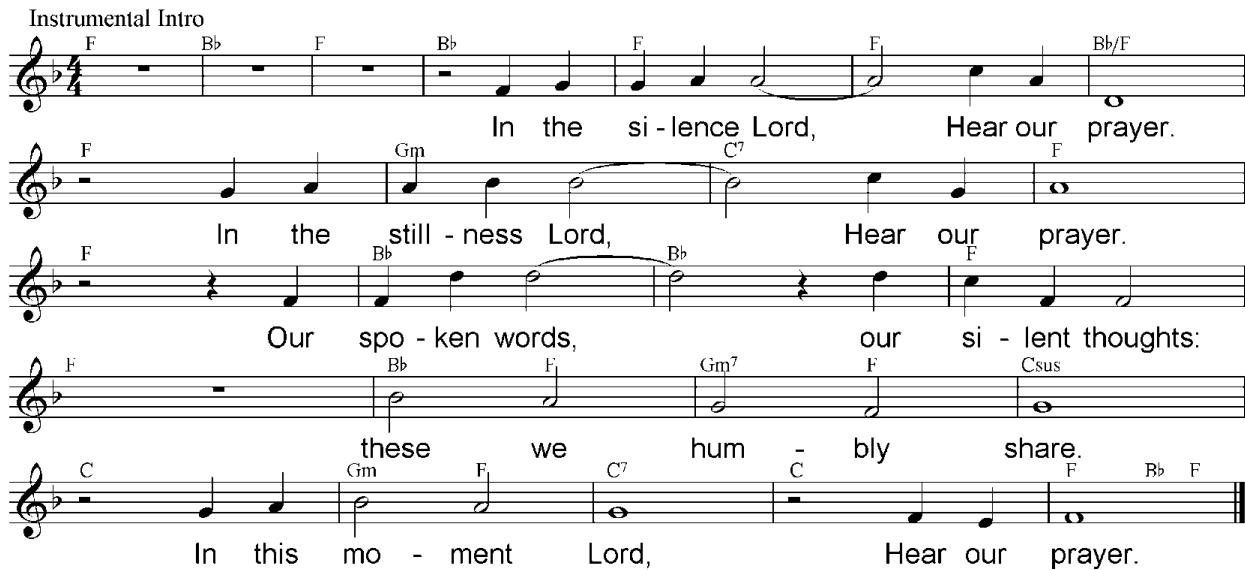
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the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

**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**

Prayers of Intercession

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 silence 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.**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory

O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide
Michael Helman (2004) Köln (1623)
tr. Martin L. Seltz (1909-1967)
Sanctuary Choir

**O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
come down, come down, with mighty stride;
unlock the gates, the doors break down;
unbar the way to heaven's crown.**

**O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
when will our hearts behold your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without your light
we grope in gloom and dark of night.**

**Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
grim death looms fierce before our eyes.**

**Oh, come, lead us with mighty hand
from exile to our promised land.**

**There shall we all our praises bring ever
To you, our Savior King;
There shall we laud you and adore
Forever and forevermore.**



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Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C B♭ Gm

A musical score for a hymn. The top line shows a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes. The chords are indicated above the staff: F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, B♭, and Gm. The lyrics "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve" are written below the notes. The bottom line shows a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes. The chords are indicated above the staff: C⁷sus, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D, and Dm/C. The lyrics "you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that" are written below the notes.

I might be re-newed. So fill me and
 heal me, and bring me back to you. Create
 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

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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:

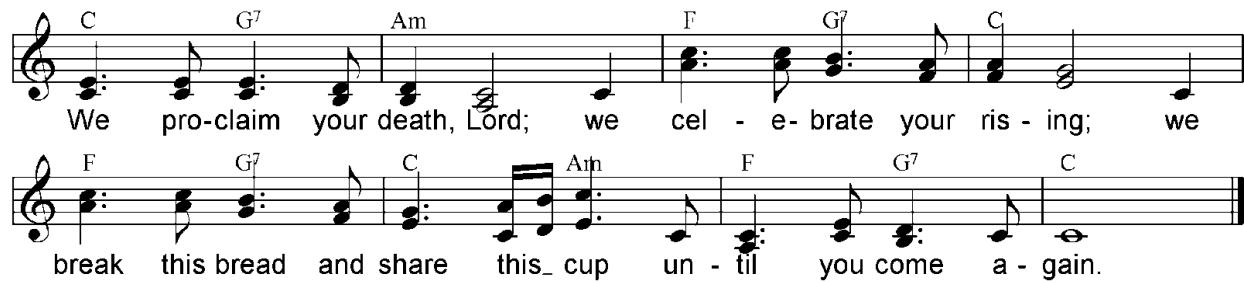
Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho-
 san-na in the high-est.
 Blessed 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.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



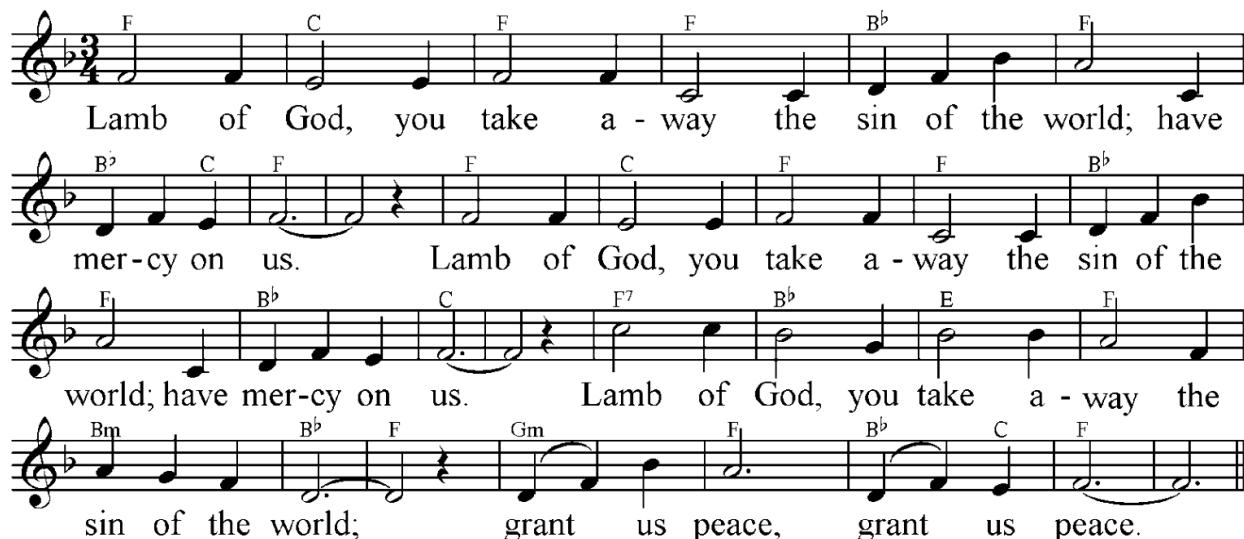
We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel-e-brate your ris-ing; we
break this bread and share this cup un-til you come a-gain.

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

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

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.

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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 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."

Lost in the Night – arr. Cathy Moklebust 2017

Handbell Choir Matthew Mullins Violin

Finnish folk tune

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Ososō, ososō

O - so - sō, o - so - sō, pyong - hwa - ūi - - im - gūm
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.

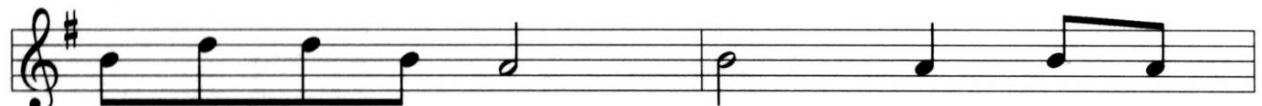
u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sō.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope. Music: OSOSO, Geonyong Lee, B. 1947. Text and Music © Geonyong Lee.

Light Dawns on a Weary World ELW 726



1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all
2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and
3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once for-lorn, find



peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and



moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing! We shall go



out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the



world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE 7 6 7 7 8, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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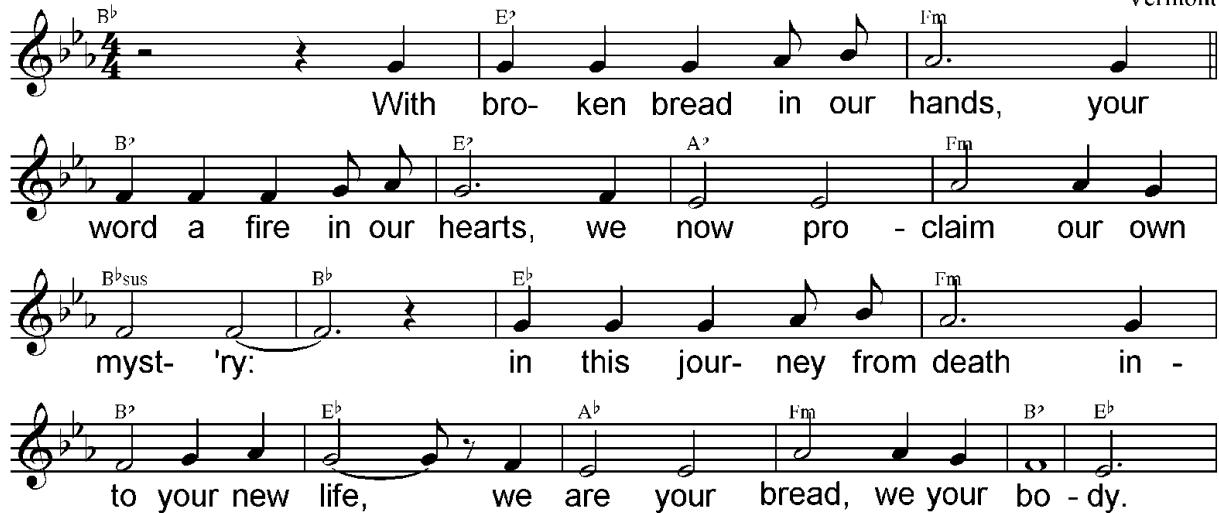
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

Post Communion Canticle

Inspired by an Easter homily
of St. Augustine

The monks of Weston Priory
Vermont



With broken bread in our hands, your word a fire in our hearts, we now proclaim our own mystery: in this journey from death in - to your new life, we are your bread, we your body.

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A Let us pray... God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C Amen

P The Benediction ✺

C Amen

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

Recessional Hymn *Prepare the Royal Highway* ELW 264



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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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

People Look East

Traditional French Carol

Joseph Bertolozzi, b. 1959

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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.

The Virgin of Guadalupe

Friday, December 12, 2025

Commemorating the appearance of the Virgin Mary to Juan Diego in 1531

Lucy, martyr, died 304

Saturday, December 13, 2025

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.

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