



ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Episcopal Church in Kapa'au, Hawai'i

A place to BE the love of God and to FEEL the love of God.

HOLY EUCHARIST

in person & livestreamed

December 22, 2024 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Rev. Cn. Alexander "Sandy" Graham & The Rev. Jennifer Masada

Please stand as you are able.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light four candles on our Advent wreath as we wait for Christ's light to be born into the world. We have almost finished our waiting. Jesus will be born soon! Today, we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

The wreath is a circle to remind us that God's love for us is never-ending and always growing. Today, we light a candle to honor Mary, whose loving heart allowed her to let God's love flow as she carried a special child. We also honor Joseph, whose trust in God led him to love Mary and the child she carried. It can be hard for us to imagine that God loves us no matter what. We are called to remember that God gives pure love to all.

[Four candles are lit.]

Presider In this season of waiting, let us quiet our hearts and minds. As you enjoy the light of these four candles, open your heart to the love that is already present in you. Ask God to help you find it. Let us invite love into our lives and into the world.

[Pause for a moment of silent reflection.]

Presider Jesus, shine through us as your light of love.

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3. And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own re -
 4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and His shel - ter was a sta - ble, and His
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our
 stand - ing by, we shall see Him, but in heav - en, set at

man - ger for His bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall: with the poor, and meek, and
 Lord in heav'n a - bove, and He leads His chil - dren
 God's right hand on high; when like stars His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 on to the place where He is gone.
 crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be all God's creation, now and for ever. Amen**

Song of Praise Come, O long awaited Promise

By Mila Polevia

Am G F G Am G F E7 Am G
Come, O long a - wai - ted Pro-mise. Dwell with us as days of old. As it was, is

6 F G Dm Am E7 Am E7 A7
now, and al - ways; hope to na - tions now re-store.

10 D G D Bm F#m G D Am G
God the Fa-ther, Christ, our Bro-ther, Spi-rit, Ho - ly Com-for-ter: Bring the peace of

15 F C Dm Am E7 Am
your sal - va - tion to this world our hearts to stir.

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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider God made known in the friendship of women, the word of greeting and unseen life enwombed: give us the courage of the teenage mother who brings into the world a song of joyful revolt and a God who needs her love; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

Source: *Prayers for An Inclusive Church*. Stephen Shakespeare.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

Reader A reading from the Book of Micah

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader Here ends the reading.

People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7 *Qui regis Israel*

Reader We will read the psalm responsively by half verse.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered

despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader Here ends the reading.

People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Holy Manna

by Mila Polevia

Speak to us, O Voice di - vine; — God of Just - ice en - ter in. Rend the
Ho - ly God of grace and mer - cy, Speak the Truth your love im - parts. Be the
6
veil of our mis - gui - dance, So that we may know our sin. Ho - ly Man - na, Bread of
balm of all af - flic - tion; be the song of all our hearts. —
11
Hea - ven, Flow - ing Foun - tain with - out end, Breath of Life, so free - ly gi - ven, on our
16
ears and hearts de - scend.

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The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Luke 3:7-18

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[The gospel continues on the next page.]

And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Alexander "Sandy" Graham

Music for reflection and gathering of prayers. Please hand them to Deacon Lani.

At the 9:00 am service:

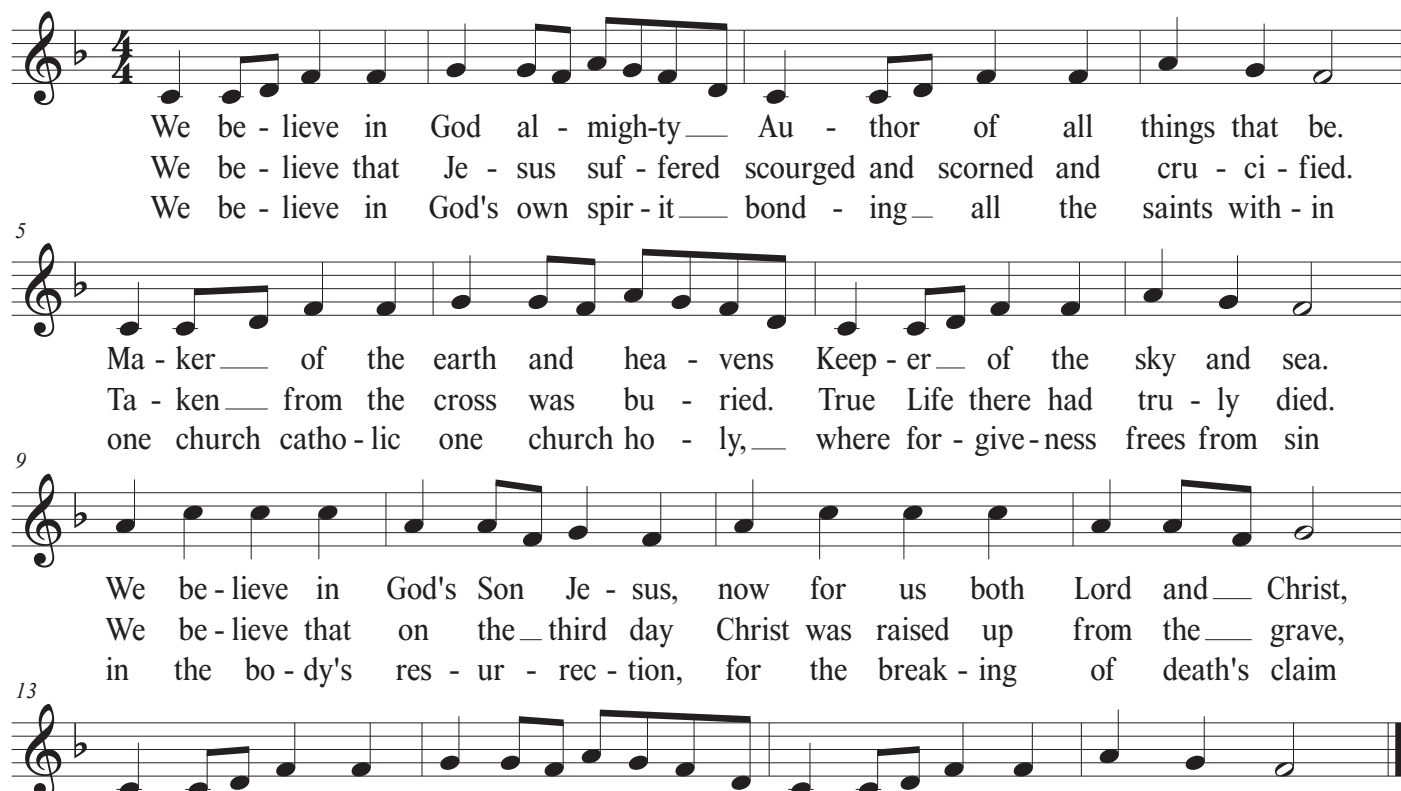
Mary's Song

by Richard Donn

Flutist Wendy Hindley, Vocalists Canon Sandy & Vicar Jennifer, and Pianist Kirk Corey

Affirmation of Faith

Text set by Mila Polevia to the tune "Holy Manna"



We be - lieve in God al - migh-ty___ Au - thor of all things that be.
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied.
We be - lieve in God's own spir - it___ bond - ing___ all the saints with - in

5
Ma - ker___ of the earth and hea - vens Keep - er___ of the sky and sea.
Ta - ken___ from the cross was bu - ried. True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church catho - lic one church ho - ly,___ where for - give - ness frees from sin

9
We be - lieve in God's Son Je - sus, now for us both Lord and___ Christ,
We be - lieve that on the___ third day Christ was raised up from the___ grave,
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's claim

13
of the Spi - rit and of___ Ma - ry___ born to___bring a - bun - dant life.
then as - cend - ed to God's ri - ght hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing.___ This the faith that we have claimed.

Prayers of the People

Deacon God of wonder and awe, as we watch for your signs in sun, moon and stars,
we pray to you saying, "Stay with us while we wait."
For the church that watches and waits for you; for those who seek, or lead or
follow, that the path be made straight for your coming.
In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Standing Committee and
Diocesan Council members and their families
In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.
We pray for Bob our bishop, Sean our presiding bishop, all bishops, clergy,
lay leaders, and all members.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For our nation as it seeks its own mind, that a spirit of respect instruct those in power and those they seek to serve.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
 God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For the welfare of the whole world, that we might hold whatever is true and honorable, just or pure or pleasing in our hearts, joyfully living your vision for all of creation.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
 God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For this community, that our love may grow with knowledge and insight as we discern the gifts and the challenges of the community around us.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
 God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For all who suffer, that they may know you are near, even as they wait.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
 God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For the special needs and concerns, hopes and thanksgivings of the community gathered here.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
 God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For those who have died. For the fullness of their joy in you, and their place in the company of heaven, that they, too, may be present while we wait.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
 God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Concluding Prayer

Presider O God of promise, we watch and we wait. Give us the courage of prophets, the joy of anticipation, and the eyes and ears to watch for your coming, day by day by day. **Amen.**

Source: Prayers of the People by Susanne Watson Epting, used by permission from the author.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Queen's Prayer

1. 'O kou a - lo - ha nō A - i - a i - ka la - ni,
2. Ko'u no - ho mi - hi 'ana A pa - 'a - ha - o 'i - a,
3. Mai nā - nā 'i - no - 'ino Nā he - wa o kā - na - ka,
4. No - lai - la e ka Haku Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u,

A 'o Kou 'o - ia 'i - 'o He he - mo - le - le ho'i.
'O 'o - e ku - 'u la - ma Kou na - ni ko - 'u ko'o.
A - kā e hu - i - ka - la A ma - 'e - ma - 'e nō.
Kō mā - kou ma - lu - hi - a A mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me - ne.

Translation of The Queen's Prayer: Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow, imprisoned. You are my light. Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O God, protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more. Amen.

The Peace

Please be seated.

Announcement of birthday and anniversary celebrations for the coming week.

Presider	The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People	And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

All We come with offerings of our time, our money, our strength, our pleasure in one another's company. All these we bring to God in dedication and for use in the glory of the realm of God.

[The people bring our offering of bread and wine to the table.]



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues,

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus (Advent)

by Mila Polevia

F Eb/F Bb/F F F Eb/F
Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your

7 Bb/F F Eb F Eb F
Glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

13 C Bb F Ab Eb Db Eb F
Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is spoken at the 7:00 am service and sung and the 9:00 am service

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn *Agnus Dei*

by Mila Polevia

4/4

Am F C G Am F

O Lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

5 C G Am F 1. C G 2. C G Am F

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O on us. O Lamb of God that

10 C G Am F C G Am F

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us

14 A

peace.

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Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Instructions for receiving the sacraments

You are invited to come up, row by row, to receive the sacraments of bread and wine.

The usher will guide you. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please tell the usher; the priest and deacon will come to you.

At the font

The waters of our font remind us of the waters that flow mauka to makai through this ahupua'a we enjoy with respect and honor for the Ali'i who granted permission. Through water, we are connected with 'āina, God, and one another. We pause at the font to remember our baptismal vows that recall us to our Creator and remind us to care for all people in this community, in our diocese, and all creation. In remembrance of the sacrament of baptism, we anoint one another.

As you approach the front of the church, you are invited to dip a finger in the font water, turn to the person behind you, and anoint them with water, making a small cross on their forehead. If you prefer not to be anointed, simply cross your arms and the vicar will anoint the person behind you.

Receiving the bread and wine

To receive the bread (also called the host), extend your hands with palms flat. The priest will place the host on your palm with the words “The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven.” Please indicate if you would prefer gluten-free.

To receive the wine, you may drink directly from the chalice. The deacon will say “the Blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation.”

If you prefer, you may dip a small part the host in the wine. This is called intinction. Please dip carefully so that your fingers do not touch the wine. The deacon will say “the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.”

Receiving bread only

If you do not wish to partake in the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Consuming the host is considered the full sacrament of Holy Communion. After receiving the sacraments, you may make the sign of the cross ✠.

Receiving a blessing

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine but would like a blessing, you are invited to come forward, arms crossed, to receive the blessing.

After receiving the sacraments, you may be seated or kneel in prayer.

Communion Hymn Ho'omanao I Au

by Mila Polevia

O ke - i - a O Ko' - u Ki - no. O ke - i - a
O - A' - u no i - a o - e. O - o - e
O - wa - u no ke a - lo - ha. O - wa - u

7
o Ko' - u ko - ko. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
no ia mai ia' - u. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
no Ma - lu - hi - a. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.

13
Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.

1, 2. 3.

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1. This is my body. This is my blood. Remember me. Remember me.
2. I am in you and you are in me. Remember me. Remember me.
3. I am Love and I am Peace. Remember me. Remember me.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May the light of the coming Christ shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.

May the blessing of God,
the blessing of Jesus born of our sister Mary,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *My Soul Gives Glory*

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1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God, Who
2. God's mer - cy com - forts all who fear, Em -
3. God's jus - tice sends the rich a - way, But



reach - es down with lov - ing grace To lift me from
brac - ing with a stead-fast arm That casts the might-
feeds the poor with lav - ish things. Each hun - gry soul



my low es - tate And set me in the high - est
y from their thrones, But keeps the hum - ble safe from
now fills with joy And joins the song that Mar - y



place. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat! With
harm. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat! The
sings: Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat! To



all my heart, I an - swer Yes When God an - nounc - es
weak find strength; the wea - ry, rest. God's prom - ise sounds from
God, Cre - a - tor, Christ the Son; And Ho - ly Spir - it—
won - drous news. And ev - 'ry age shall call me blest.
age to age: The need - y of the world are blest.
tri - une God: All prais - es to the Three - in - One.

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The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Voluntary, Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

Kirk Corey, organ



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