



**Welcome to
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church
17740 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**



**November 27, 2022
The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist**

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Morgan Hill is a welcoming, inclusive community, sharing the Love of God with one another through prayer, worship, fellowship, and pastoral care, and through our outreach ministries in the South Valley communities and the Diocese of El Camino Real.

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722)
tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907)

H #68

LLANGLOFFEN
fr. *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth*
yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865



Advent Wreath Blessing

Celebrant: Holy One, we praise you for your son Jesus Christ, who is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, the wisdom that teaches and guides us, the Savior of every nation. Let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly, and not delay.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Advent Candle Lighting

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. -Isaiah 9:2

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we give thanks for the great light of the world, your Son, Jesus, who is our light in the world so that we no longer walk in darkness. May our lives be a light to others. **Amen.**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

All

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

S 91

Healey Willan, 1928



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy Thief, stealing away our false securities and idle vanity: awaken us from the dull sleep that clings to empty fear and vacant routine; unfold on us the time of crisis when love of truth floods a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

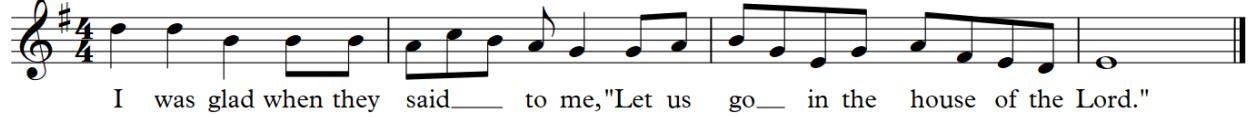
Psalm:

Psalm 122

Antiphon: first time, cantor

Antiphon: second time, cantor and congregation

Antiphon



VENI EMMANUEL

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go in the house of the Lord."

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Antiphon - all

- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Antiphon - all

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

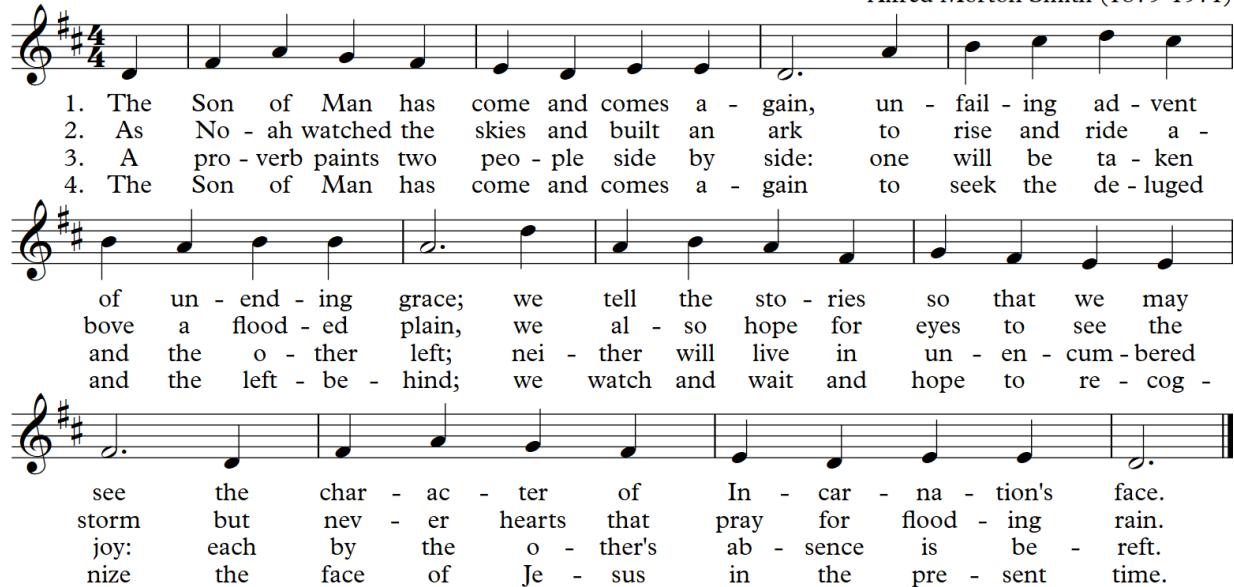
The Son of Man Has Come and Comes Again

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 4

SURSUM CORDA

Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)



Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they

were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

Nicene Creed

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 People

Leader: People of God, come let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Teach us your ways, O God, that we may walk in your paths.”

Silence

Teach us your ways, O God,

People: **That we may walk in your paths.**

Leader: Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more.

Silence

Teach us your ways, O God,

People: **That we may walk in your paths.**

Leader: Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise.

Silence

Teach us your ways, O God,

People: **That we may walk in your paths.**

Leader: Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light.

Silence

Teach us your ways, O God,

People: **That we may walk in your paths.**

Leader: Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near.

Silence

(Please add your own petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.)

Teach us your ways, O God,

People: **That we may walk in your paths.**

Leader: Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever.

Silence

Teach us your ways, O God,

People: **That we may walk in your paths.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(There will be a moment of silence)

People: **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

Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

H #596 KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

fr. Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubung Christl.

Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693

Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

The musical score consists of four staves of music for two voices. The top two staves are in soprano range, and the bottom two are in bass range. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are in English, with some lines in German. The lyrics are as follows:

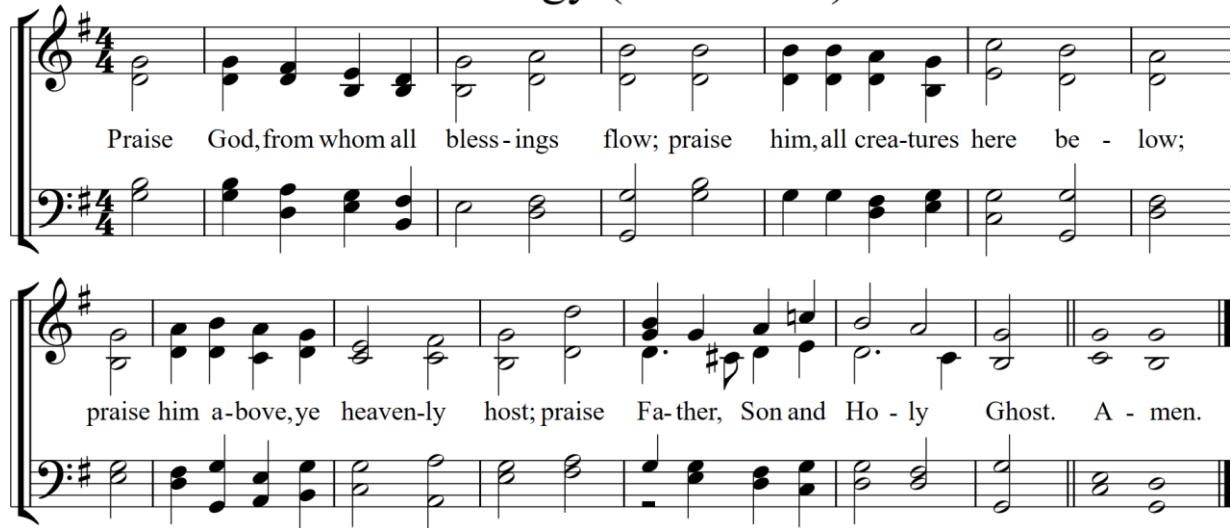
1. Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
3. Crown, O God, thine own en - dea - vor; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all bo - its
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Doxology (Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: 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.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The top two staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

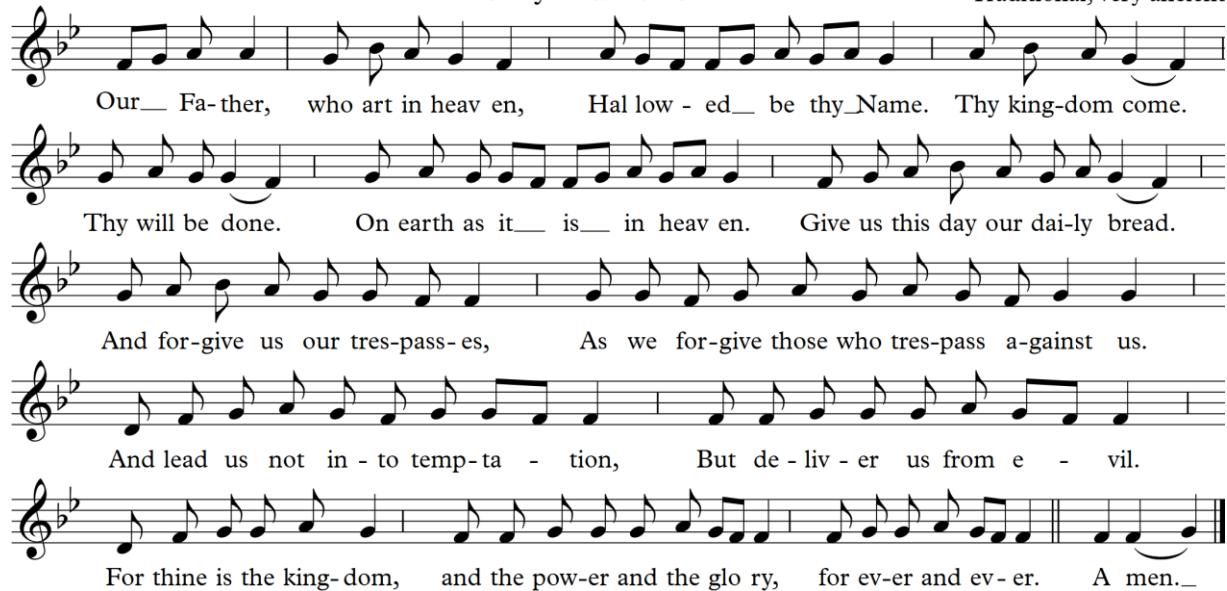
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People and Celebrant

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymnal 1940 #722

Traditional, very ancient



Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallow ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.

Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

And for-give us our tres-pass- es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us.

And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king- dom, and the pow-er and the glo ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns:

The Tree of Life

Anonymous, from a collection
of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

Wonder, Love & Praise #749, alt. tune

PUER NOBIS, 15th century

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff is in soprano clef, the middle staff in alto clef, and the bottom staff in bass clef. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. The tree of life my soul has seen, laden with fruit and
 2. The beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but
 3. For happiness I long have sought, and plea sure dear ly
 4. I'm weary with my for mer toil, here I will sit and
 5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dy ing

al ne'er ways green: the trees of na - ture
 I can tell the glo ry which I
 rest have bought: I missed of all: but
 faith a while: un der the sha dow in
 a - live; which makes my soul

fruit - less be com - pared with Christ the ap - ple tree.
 now can see in Je - sus Christ the ap - ple tree.
 now I see 'tis found in Christ the ap - ple tree.
 I will be of Je - sus Christ the ap - ple tree.
 haste to be with Je - sus Christ the ap - ple tree.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Renew! #275 / Wonder, Love and Praise, #89

William R. Featherstone (1846-1873)

GORDON
Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895)

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine, for thee all the
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me, and pur - chased my
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll ev - er a -

fol - lies of sin I re - sign; my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my
par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I love thee for wear - ing the
dore thee in heav - en so bright; I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing

Sa - vior art thou; if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus,'tis now.
thorns on thy brow; if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus,'tis now.
crown on my brow, if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus,'tis now.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mission Song:

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Greek

tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925)

H #73

ST. STEPHEN

William Jones (1726-1800)

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - umphant breaks;
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to bear, and fight, and die;
3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and earth's dark night is past;

Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to bear, and fight, and

The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and earth's dark night is

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
O haste the ris - ing of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

O haste the ris - ing of that_morn, the day that_ e'er shall

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Birthdays last week and this week:

Dorothy Okafor, Penny Parish, Terre Chocholaty, Ashlee Fiorito

Parish announcements:

- Community Solutions always needs diapers and wipes.
- We are also collecting full sized toiletries and cleaning supplies. Please drop off your donations at the church.
- Here is the QR code to our new website:



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Reminder: *Next week's service is at 10:00am at St. Stephen's.*