

PRELUDE

PLAYED BY JOSIE KEARNS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

OPENING HYMN #76

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider introduces the Eucharist informally.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The first three candles of the Advent wreath are lighted.

HYMN #100, VS. 3

JOY TO THE WORLD

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are: *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

The first system contains the first line of the verse. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line. The fourth system contains the fourth line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
 Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
 Come before his presence with thanks, *
 raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
 For God is a great God, *
 a great King above all gods;
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 the heights of the hills are his.
 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 his hands formed the dry land.
 O come, let us kneel to the Lord, *
 and bow down before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is our God, *
 and we are his people and the sheep of his hand.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:6-8,19-28

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silence is kept.

NICENE CREED

FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Deacon

As we wait with joy for Jesus Christ, the one who is to come, let us offer prayers to God who sent his Son as the true light into the world.

Leader For the coming of Jesus as Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples.
Loving God,

People **graciously hear us.**

Leader For this parish community, that God will guide us with his truth, fill us with his love, and provide for us from his bounty. Loving God,

People **graciously hear us.**

Leader For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.
Loving God,

People **graciously hear us.**

Leader For Michael, our Presiding bishop, for Marc our bishop and all bishops, presbyters, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Loving God,

People **graciously hear us.**

Leader For the leaders of the nations and all in authority and for peace and reconciliation in our nation. Loving God,

People **graciously hear us.**

Leader For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth. Loving God,

People **graciously hear us.**

Leader For the sick and the suffering. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, particularly Helaina Titus. Loving God,

People **graciously hear us.**

Leader For all the faithfully departed. We also pray for those who mourn. May the Light of Christ offer them comfort. Loving God,

People **graciously hear us.**

Presider

O Emmanuel, desire of all nations and Savior of all peoples, come and save us, O Lord our God. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon or Assisting Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and 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 our Savior 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

Presider

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

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSINGS

A Prayer for Birthdays

Watch over your 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.**

A Prayer for Anniversaries

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Presider says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice t

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Advent Message

Martin How (b. 1931)

Come Lord Jesus, O come quickly.
The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the dessert a highway for our God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B, EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE

Celebrant God 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.**

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

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

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM: AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

A period of silence is kept while the Celebrant removes the consecrated bread and wine from the altar. We are encouraged to offer the following prayer. This is a moment of loss that we cannot be together and eat together; but also joy, that we can engage in spiritual communion with one another, and in community through the means of our zoom/livestream.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

from the Order of Julian of Norwich

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

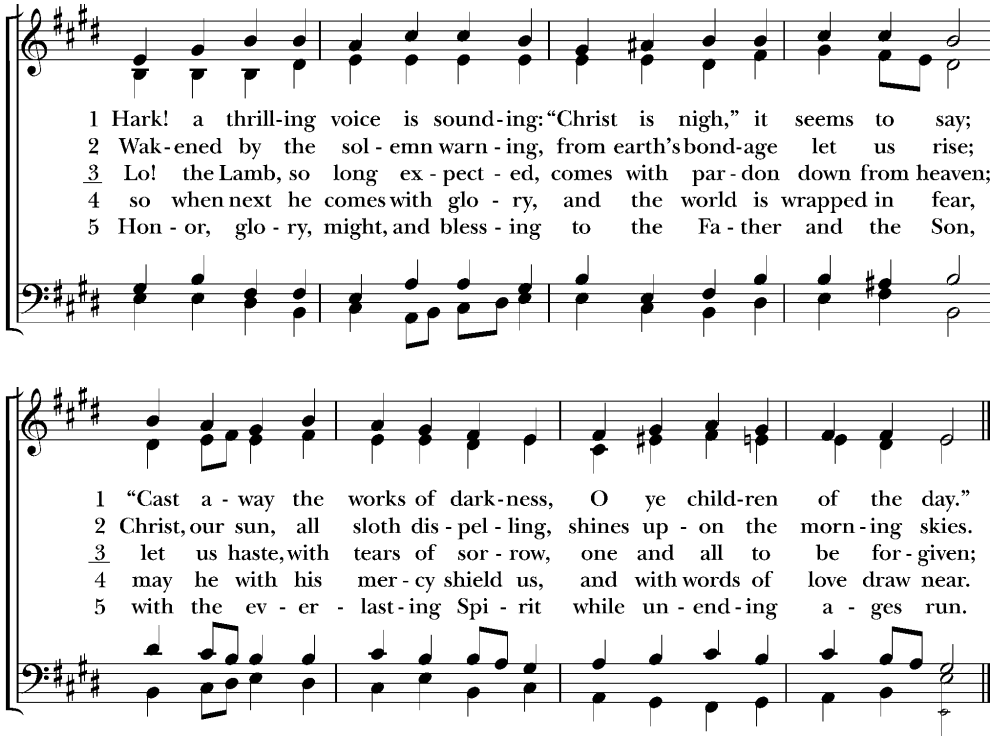
Presider and People

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.**

ADVENT BLESSING

Presider

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the congregation with these or other suitable words.

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

KEARNS FAMILY

Coffee hour follows immediately after the Postlude. We would love for you to join. You can either stay in the main room and discuss the sermon with the preacher, or you can join a breakout room and meet friends. The break out room is open for ten minutes and then we will reconvene in the main room and continue sharing.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Presider: The Rev. Frances Tornquist

Preacher & Deacon: The Rev. Hailey McKeefry-Delmas

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Video Production: Brian Leckey

Acclamation responses: McLean/Manning family

First Reading: Bob Shields

Nicene Creed: Rebecca Robinson

Prayers of the People: Daniel Tenedorio and Kaila Tenedorio-Carty

The Lord's Prayer: Arthur Scholom

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion: Barbara Carlisle

