



A SERVICE OF
ADVENT
LESSONS & CAROLS

ADVENT III

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 17, 2023

10:00am

Welcome Thank you for joining us today at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! Our spiritual call is to "Worship Christ, Grow Together, and Serve Others."

Guests We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Information Kiosk in the Gathering Space. We ask that you sign the Guest Register. You can learn more about our parish family at www.standrewsvalpo.org.

Children Our Children's Ministry, (ages 3 (potty-trained) thru 5th grades) meet Sundays at 9:15 am in the Children's Wing. We use the Godly Play program. Please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org

Youth For Youth Group information, please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org

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Prayer Ministry Our Intercessory Prayer Team meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Please contact Katy Hamilton at khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org



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Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm
Worship /Bible Studies
Saturday 5:30 pm Rite II
Service
Sunday 8:00 am Rite I
Service
10:00 am Rite II
Service
Tuesday 7:00 am Men's
Bible Study
Wednesday 9:00 am Morning
Prayer w/Discussion
Wednesday 6:00 pm Healing
Service w/ Holy Eucharist
followed by Bible Study

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS
Holy Eucharist, Year B

Sunday, December 17, 2023

10:00 am



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Pam Harris in memory of what would be her 54th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for all God's Blessings.

Lighting of the Advent Candle sing v. 3

MHSO 59

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less, long-ing for
5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the

Em Am7 D Esus4 Em

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone has
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

Am7 D Esus4 Em Am7

your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see._____
pow-er to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice._____
bro-ken for o-thers, shared un-til all are fed._____
shel-ter-ing o-thers, wall made of liv-ing stone._____
to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come._____

D G C Am Dsus4 D

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

1.-4. Last time

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Opening Hymn v. 1 men sing, v. 2 women sing, v 3 all sing

NCH 114



1 Re - turn, my peo - ple, Is - ra - el, with pen - i - ten - tial tear;
 2 Fear not, be - lov - ed, hear - ken now: our God has done great things!
 3 Then to the faith - ful of the earth the call of God rings clear:

just as the proph-et did fore - tell the ad - vent of Em-man-u - el,
 Your vin - di - ca - tion shall pour down like rain up-on the bar - ren ground,
 "Re - turn, my peo - ple, claim your worth, pre-par - ing for your Sav - ior's birth;

God's reign on earth is near! God's reign on earth is near!
 glad tid - ings to you bring, glad tid - ings to you bring.
 my reign on earth is near. My reign on earth is near."

This new Advent text by United Church of Christ minister James Martin is set to a tune by British composer Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, who is also known for his symphonies, organ works, and cantatas.

Tune: REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6.
 C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888
 Alternate tune: REST

A Bidding Prayer

Please remain standing. The Priest says

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

Marianna Argueta

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The

man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 60 v. 1-3

Blue Hymnal

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Alexis Rodd

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The 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. His 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; but 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.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The 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. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

WLP 723

1. I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
 2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
 con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
 sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, The
 has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

peo - ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the
 no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the seas.
 reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

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The Third Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11
Dewyn Taylor

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 67 *v. 1 women sing, v. 2 men sing, v. 3 all sing*

Blue Hymnal

The Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-15
Charlotte Mancione

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 66 *v. 1 and 4 all sing, v. 2 men sing, v. 3 women sing*

Blue Hymnal

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38
Oliver Rodd

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 265 *v. 1&2 Men sing, v. 3 Women sing, v. 4 All sing*

Blue Hymnal

The Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-23
Alex Lutin

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

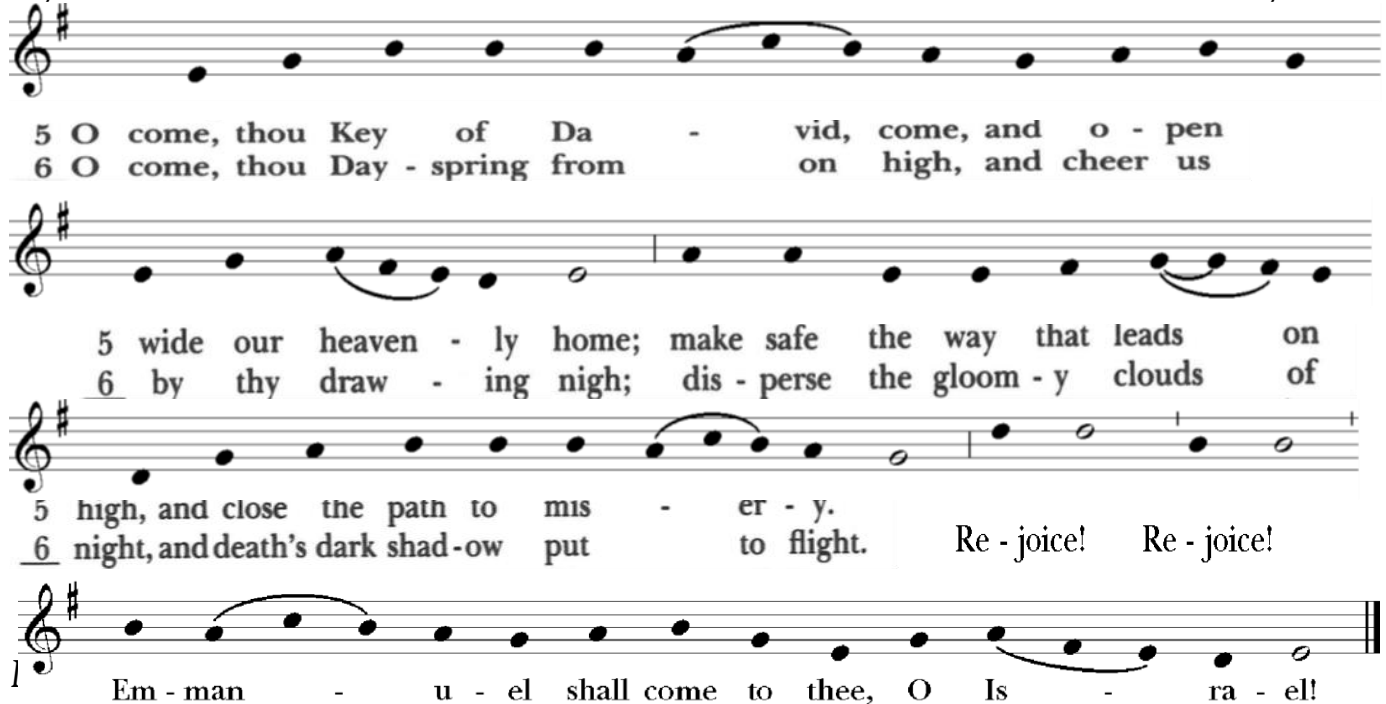
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God,.**

Hymn 262 *v. 1&2 Choir sing, v. 3 All sing*

Blue Hymnal

Hymn 56 v. 5 & 6

Blue Hymnal



5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!

1 Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 People 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
 People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 59 v. All sing 1,2,5

Blue Hymnal

Priest The Lord be with you...
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

BCP 357

The Collect of the Day

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 Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Blessing and Presentation of Bibles

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn 76 v. 1&3 Men sing, v. 2&4 Women sing, 5 All sing
Sursum Corda The Lord be with you...

Blue Hymnal
BCP 367

The Sanctus Hymnal S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power 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.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven...

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread *Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-158*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line is on a single staff, and the piano accompaniment is on two staves (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

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

have mer - cy up - on us.

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

world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Invitation to Communion The Gifts of God...
Communion Interlude

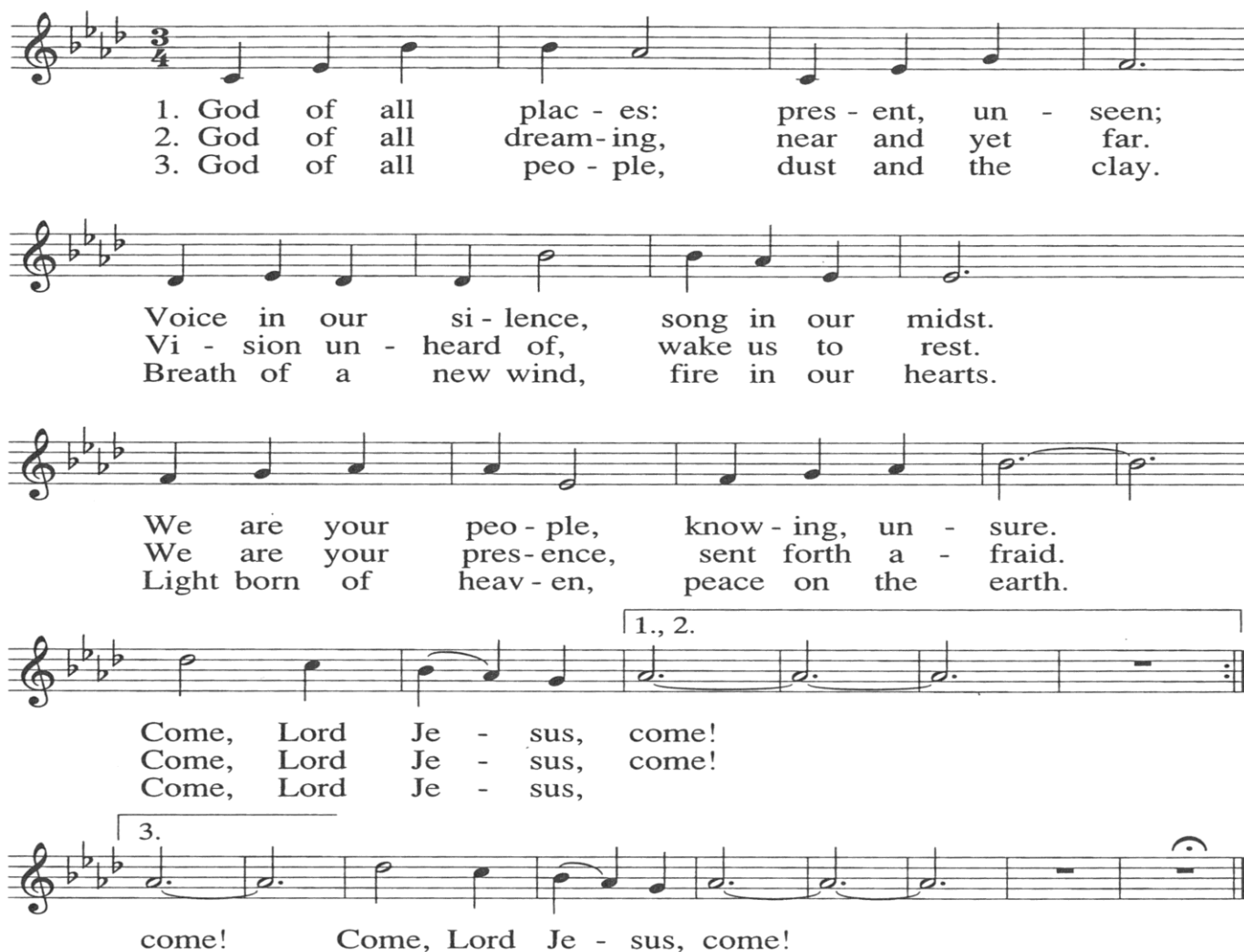
BCP 364
Instrumental

Choir Anthem *Be Peace on Earth*

William Crotch, Arr. Henry G. Ley.
text: Bishop Heber,

Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
Before the Prince of Peace: Messiah comes,
Let furious discord cease before the Prince of Peace!
Be peace on earth.

Communion Hymn *Gather 331 God of All People*



1. God of all plac - es: pres - ent, un - seen;
2. God of all dream - ing, near and yet far.
3. God of all peo - ple, dust and the clay.

Voice in our si - lence, song in our midst.
Vi - sion un - heard of, wake us to rest.
Breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts.

We are your peo - ple, know - ing, un - sure.
We are your pres - ence, sent forth a - fraid.
Light born of heav - en, peace on the earth.

1., 2.
Come, Lord Je - sus, come!
Come, Lord Je - sus, come!
Come, Lord Je - sus, come!

3.
come! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: David Haas, b.1957
Tune: KINGDOM, 9 9 9 6; David Haas, b.1957
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Communion Hymn LSB 839 O Christ, Our true and Only Light

1 Je - sus, Thy Church with long ing eyes For Thine ex-
 2 Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our foes re-
 3 Oh, come and reign o'er ev - ery land; Let Sa - tan
 4 Teach us in watch - ful - ness and prayer To wait for
 5

pect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised
 pel, our wrongs re - dress, Man's root - ed en - mi -
 from his throne be hurled. All na - tions bow to
 the ap - point - ed hour; And fit us by Thy

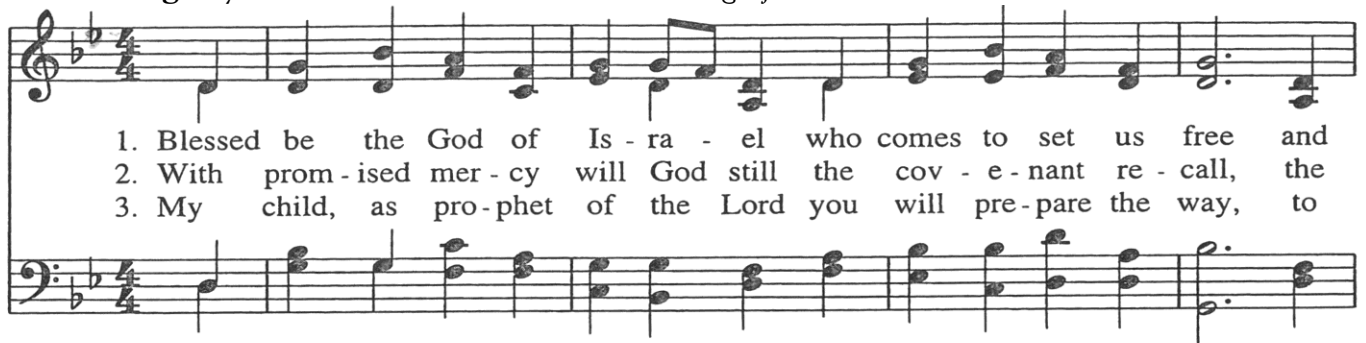
light a - rise And glo - ry beam from Zi - on's gates?
 ty sub - due, And crown Thy Gos - pel with suc - cess,
 Thy com - mand, And grace re - vive a dy - ing world.
 grace to share The tri - umphs of Thy con - quering power.

The Postcommunion Prayer Eternal God,...

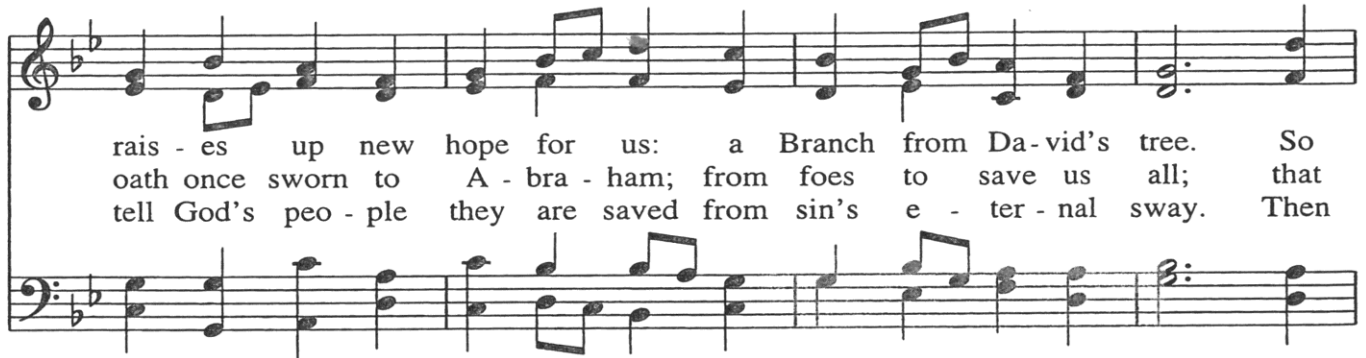
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Advent Blessing May the Sun of Righteousness,...

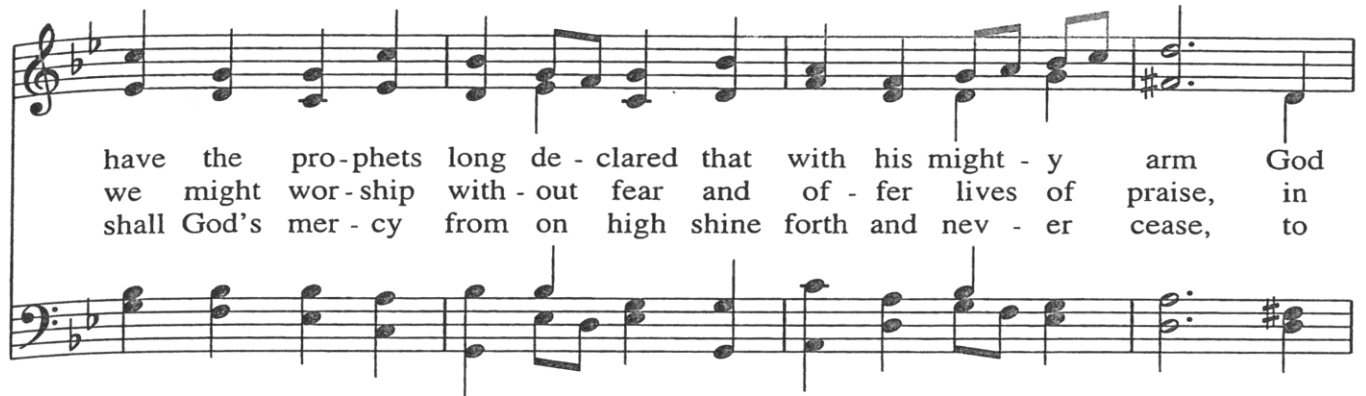
The Closing Hymn WLP 889 v. 1 & 2 The Song of Zechariah



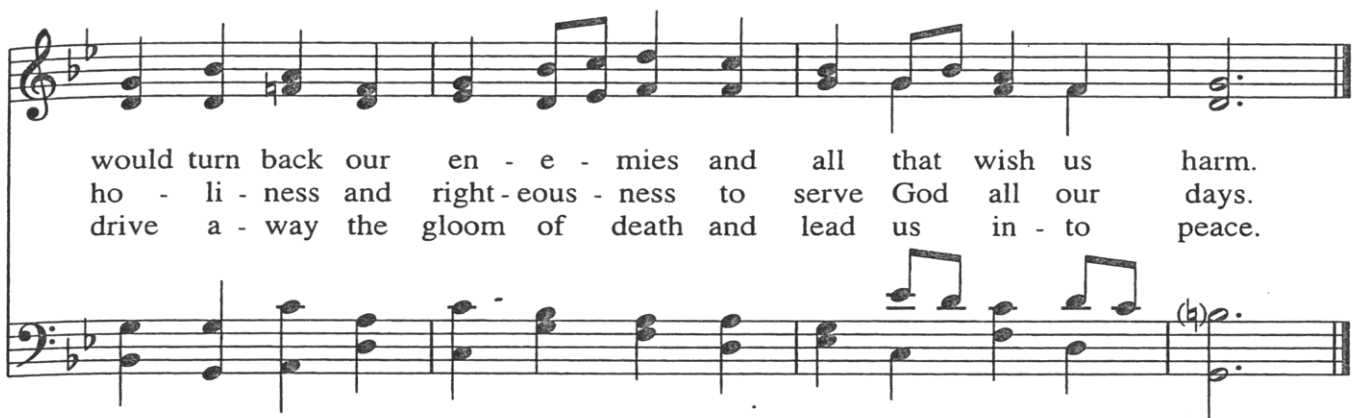
1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
 2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to



rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
 oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
 tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then



have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
 we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
 shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to



would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
 ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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

Choral Postlude *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Elizabeth Poston

text from the collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire 1794

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive:
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Please mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting. This will take place on **February 4, 2024**. More information will be forthcoming.



Christmas Altar flowers are needed to help beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas services, you may memorialize a special person/event in your life with a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund. You will receive an envelope in the mail next week along with other useful information. If you do not receive it by the Monday, Dec. 11 there will be extra envelopes in the Gathering Space. Please have your envelopes returned by **Dec. 20**.



Please take a look at our new tables on either side of the columbarium. These are for memorial tributes such as flowers or greens. We ask that you now refrain from placing items in front of the memorial Celtic cross on the columbarium. Also please note that items will remain on the tables for 2 weeks, or until flowers are faded. Thank you for your cooperation. If you would like to retrieve your item after 2 weeks please contact the office.



After the 10:00 am service **December 17**, the Altar Guild will be decorating the church in preparation for our special Christmas worship services. All ages are welcome!



December 30-31 Noisy Offering. It is that time to find that loose change from pockets, purses and jars on your counter. Any leftover gold and silver bars are also accepted. The louder we make it, the better.



Thursday, January 11, 2024 Red Cross Blood Drive in the Gathering Space from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StAndrewsValpo to schedule an appointment.



Blue Christmas-Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso, in partnership with First Christian Church of Valparaiso, St. John's United and St. Andrew's for a time of prayer, reflection and remembrance amidst the joy of the holiday season.

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