

An Advent Service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

December 8, 2024 10:30a.m.

We welcome ALL: People of Color LGBTQIA+ Drag Queens Partnered and Single Differently Abled Families and Children Young and Old Our Unhoused Neighbors The Alcoholic and Addicted Believers and Those Questioning Faith Anyone Who Desires a Spiritual Home.

Calvary's welcome extends to all. But more importantly— God welcomes you for exactly who you are.

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CHORAL INTROIT

sung by the choir

Matin Responsory adapted from a Magnificat by Palestrina

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, One with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come To reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

CAROL *in* **PROCESSION** *tune:* Crüger

Please Stand & Sing

great Da - vid's great - er 1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son! 2. He shall come down like sho - wers up - on the fruit - ful earth, 3. Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring; 4. O'er ev' - ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his thone shall rest. reign on earth be - gun! Hail. in the time ap - point - ed, his flo - wers, spring in and love, joy, hope, like his path to birth; na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing; all age more glo - rious, all bles - sing and all blest; from age to He comes break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free: to be - fore him the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, on go; and shall prayer un - ceas - ing dai - ly vows a - scend; to him the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move; eq - ui - ty. trans - gres - sion, and rule take a - way to in and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow. in - creas - ing, king - dom with - out end. his king - dom still a Name shall stand for ev - er, change-less Name of Love. his his

Please remain standing for the Bidding Prayer

The BIDDING PRAYER

Officiant

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.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

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

reciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain standing for the Invitatory Carol

The Choir will introduce the carol in Latin

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Please be Seated

The FIRST LESSON

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

OMFORT, 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.

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

CAROL

He shall feed his flock G. F. Handel

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd and He shall gather the lambs with his arm. And carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him all ye that labour. Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

The SECOND LESSON

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

GAIN 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.

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

People

Lector

CAROL

Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary C. Wood

"Hail blessed virgin Mary," For so when he did meet thee, Spake mighty Gabriel, And thus we greet thee. Come weal, come woe, our hymn shall never vary: "Hail blessed virgin Mary, Hail blessed virgin Mary!"

Ave, ave Maria, To gladden priest and people, The Angelus shall ring From every steeple; To sound his virgin birth, Alleluia, Ave, ave Maria, Ave, ave Maria.

Archangels chant, "Osanna", And, "Holy, holy, holy", Before the infant born Of thee, thou lowly; Aye maiden child of Joachim and Anna, Archangels chant, "Osanna," Archangels chant, "Osanna!"

Lector

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

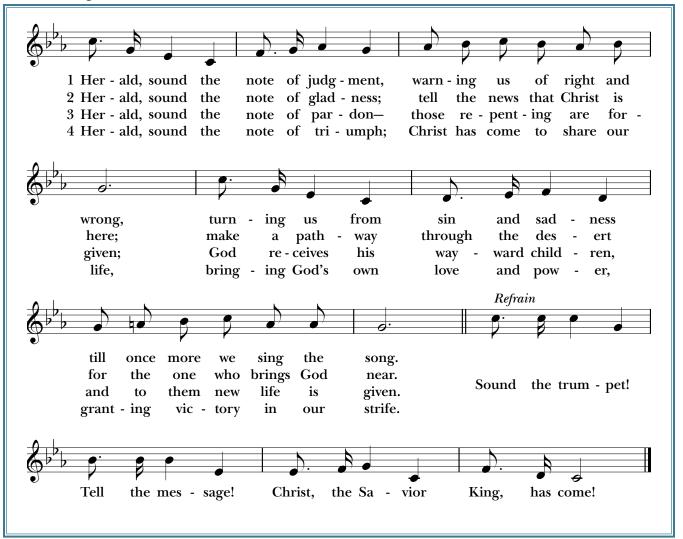
CREATE NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

People

CAROL *tune: Herald, Sound (R. Powell)*

Please Stand & Sing



Please be Seated

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

SHOOT SHALL COME OUT FROM THE STOCK 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.

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

People

CAROL tune: Jerusalem

Introduction day of 0 that dim - ly through all our 1 peace shines 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us tice, truth, and to jus fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and tle calm - ly cat love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of lit - tle graze, child shall lead Then en - e а them all. hate fall from hands, our hearts from our find en yy re mies shall learn to love, crea - tures find their true all ac till God's lease, by war - ring world shall see Christ's grace our the cord; hope of ful - filled, the peace shall be for all П Interlude prom-ised reign of peace. earth shall know the (Lord.) Final Ending Lord.

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

N THE FIFTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF EMPEROR TIBERIUS, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

ANTHEM

People

Blessed be the God and Father S. S. Wesley

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Please stand or kneel PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form II The Leader prays

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Sean, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for Lucy, Juliette, Laina, Dee, John, Kim, Amy, Missie, Lucy, Thomas, Patti, Linda, John, Greg, Michael, Bob, and Rusty. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

The officiant will add a concluding collect

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant 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 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*.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

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The PEACE

Please Stand

OfficiantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The HOLY COMMUNION

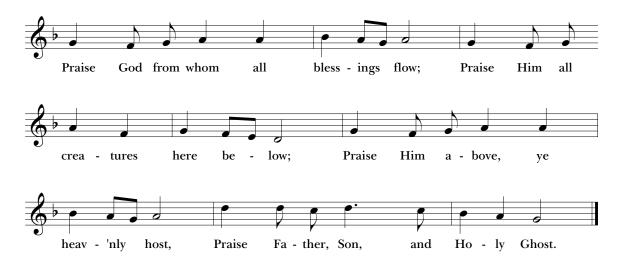
MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming B. Neswick

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung. It came a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, When half-spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, And share our every load.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION Please remain standing

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of
	mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

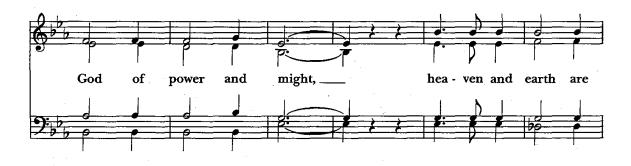
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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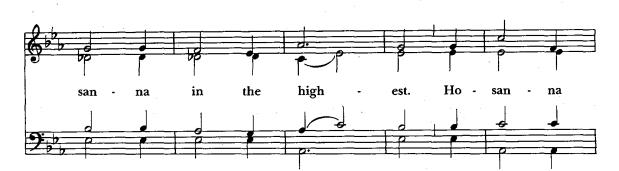
Setting: Deutsche Messe, F. Schubert



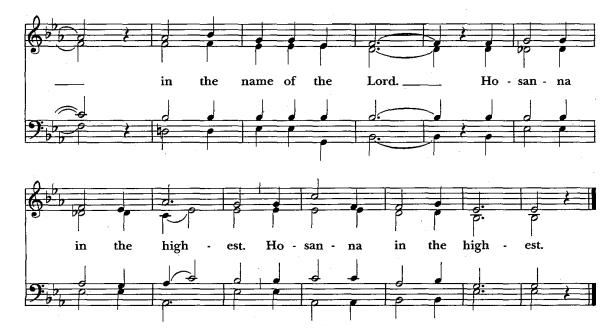












The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 friends, 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, 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 poured out 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, as we forgive those 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,

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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.

Setting: Deutsche Messe, F. Schubert

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When He is King we will give him the King's gifts, Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, "Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

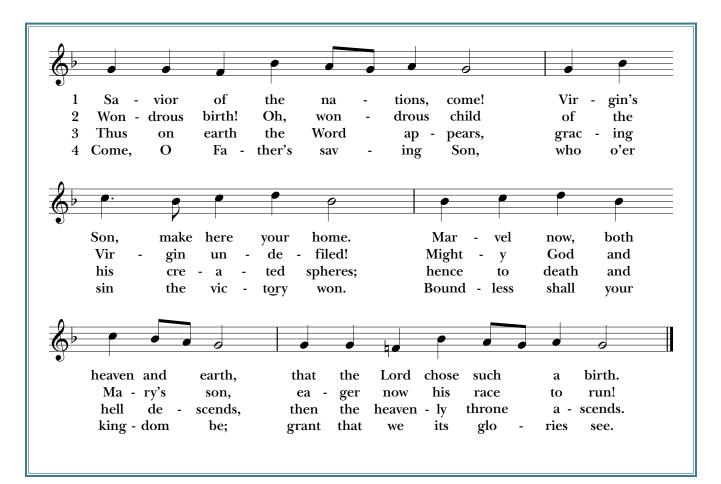
Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets, Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown, He that lies now in the white arms of Mary Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming, Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

HYMN at COMMUNION tune: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Savior of the nations, come! text: M. Luther



The Post Communion Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.

A lmighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Ho- ly Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

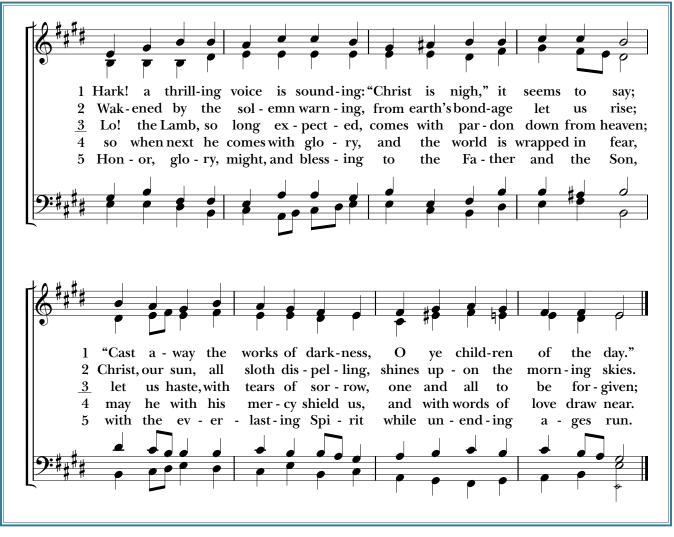
The **BLESSING**

CAROL in PROCESSION

tune: Merton (W. H. Monk)

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

text: Latin, 6th cent.



The DISMISSAL

OfficiantLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

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