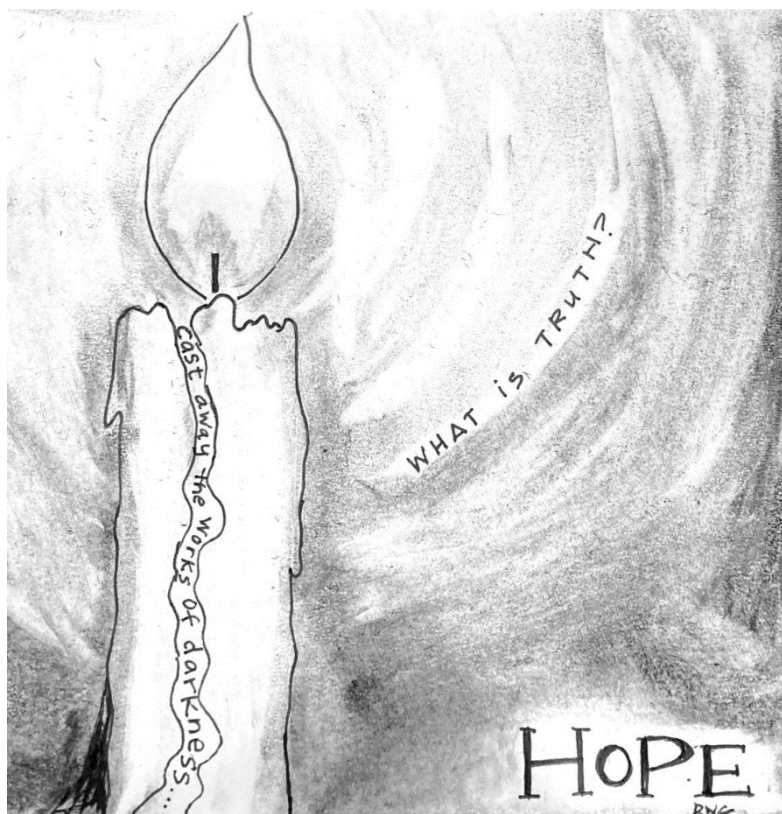


The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The First Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM
Holy Eucharist



WIDE OPEN HEARTS
WIDE OPEN DOORS

November 28, 2021

What's Happening This Week:

Sunday, November 28 11:00 am Service
5:00 pm Sunday Meal

Monday, November 29 5:30-9:30 pm Private Rental Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 30 5:00 pm Tuesday Meal
6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (online)

Wed., December 1 12:00 pm Staff Meeting
12:15 pm Advent Organ Meditation

Thursday, December 2 4:30-6:30 pm Private Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, December 3 Rectors' Day off

Saturday December 4 9:00 am-1:00 pm Staff Meeting
2:30-5:30 pm Private Wedding

Sunday, December 5 11:00 am Advent II Service
5:00 pm Sunday Meal

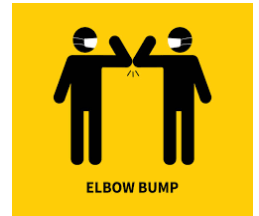
Gentle Reminders for our Guests today:

As a community in Christ, we are called to work together to create an inclusive worship experience that is **safe for everyone** – ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.



As a gentle reminder, **please wear your masks at all times over your mouth and nose** when inside of the Church and its adjoining property. We ask that you gently remind your neighbors to do the same when necessary.

During **the Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with physical connections before offering that kind of peace.



Children are welcome to join us for worship services today! We do not mind little voices and noises that children naturally make, so don't worry if they are not sitting perfectly still and silent! That's not normal! We do ask that all family members sit together throughout the service.

Cell Phones: Please make sure your cell phone is **turned off or turned to silent** during the service Thank you!

Offering: We will not be passing a plate today, you can give to the church by dropping your envelope or money in the plate located near the table with the bulletins. You can also text **CHT DONATE** to **73256**. or use the Realm app on your phone.



Communion will be given in the form of bread only. The priest will bring the bread to you in your seat. We ask that you please use the individual hand sanitizer before receiving and stand in your pew to indicate your desire to receive communion.

Thank you for joining us today and helping us with your cooperation. Together — we'll get through this.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Variations on 'Nun Komm, der Heiden'

Anton Heiller

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Entrance Hymn: 57 Lo, He comes with clouds descending

Helmsley



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Officiant 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.

The Kyrie

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Emily Casey

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all.



Lead me in your truth, O LORD, and teach me.

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³ Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.



Lead me in your truth, O LORD, and teach me.

- ⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- ⁹ All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.



Lead me in your truth, O LORD, and teach me.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Ben Leiby

Reader A reading from the book of Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Standing, as able.

The Sequence Hymn: 73 The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

The musical score is written for a five-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with five parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Remain standing.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

Standing, as able.

The Nicene Creed

All **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.

The Prayers of the People, Advent

Leader In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

Leader O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our bishop, for John and Rachel our clergy, and for all serving on vestry, volunteers, children, youth, and all leaders who are not ordained; that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

People **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

People **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially: the Carambo Family, Vincent, the Ayrey Family, the Cohen Family, the Phillips Family, Grace, Scott, Jeff, Eddie, Alexandra, The Loffer Family, Edwina, The Spencer Family, Kara, Megan, Leonard, Barbara, Peyton, Peter R, The Scott Family, Abby, Andy, Andrew, Sue, Tommy, Lynn, Mike, Parke, Peter, David, Bill, Tricia, Robert, and Michael, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

People **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate this week and give thanks for all the things we enjoy; for those celebrating birthday, anniversaries, or other celebrations; that we might all obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

People **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

People **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Priest O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus.

The Confession & Absolution

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

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Priest 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

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

You are invited to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with any physical connections before offering that kind of peace.

The Parish Notices

Our Stewardship Campaign, Gifts Given and Gifts Received, kicked off this month. You will hear from the Vestry and fellow parishioners over the next few weeks about this theme. We need your gifts of presence, talent, and enthusiasm this year, as well as your financial support, as we rebuild from the last year and a half. Offering a pledge to the church helps us to budget for the coming year. Recurring gifts help us to have reliable and steady income throughout the year. If you would like to make a pledge, you can fill out a card in the back of the church or pledge online: <https://tinyurl.com/CHT2022pledge>. You can also set up a recurring gift online at: <https://tinyurl.com/CHTgiving2022>. Thank you for your support and generosity!

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do so during the Offertory Anthem. You can do this by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or Pressing Learn More on our Facebook Page or, if you are watching on our website, you can click the donate button on the top of the page.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Priest Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

The Offertory Anthem *Matin Responsory* *adapt from Giovanni 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 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?

Standing, as able

The Offertory Hymn: 53 Once He came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

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.

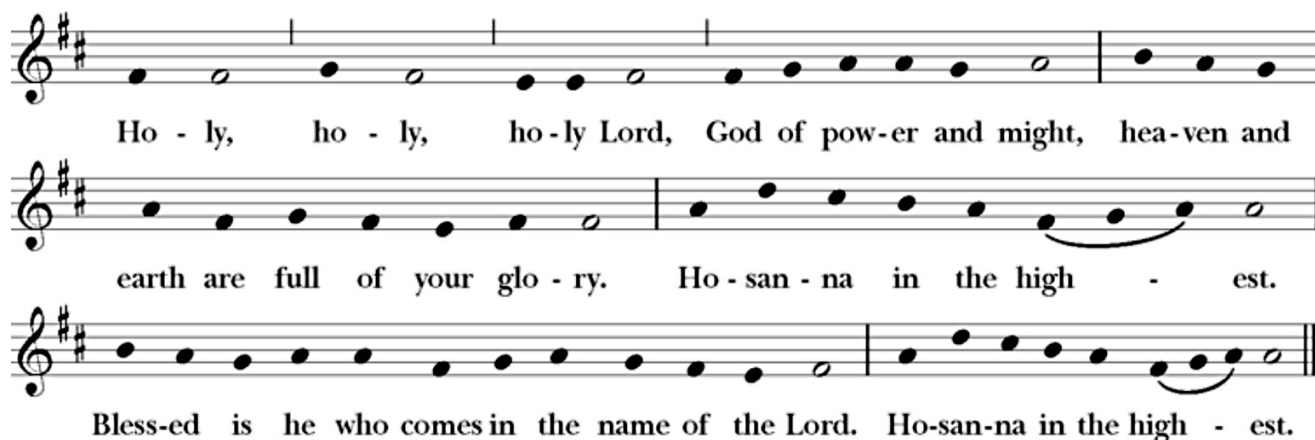
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:

The 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.

Celebrant 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.

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 friend. 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

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus 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

Silence is observed

The Fraction Anthem

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.

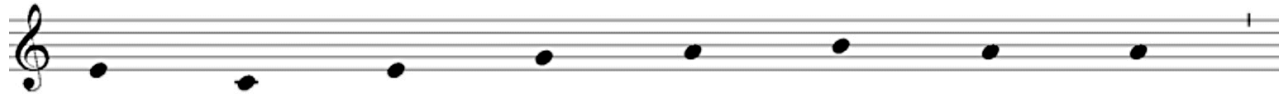
The Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(for those at home or not receiving communion today)*

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

The Distribution of Communion

Communion will be given in one kind only (bread). Those who wish to receive communion should sanitize their hands and stand in their pews. The priest will give communion to the choir and organist first, and then will bring it to the congregation in their pews. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing for yourself or your child, please let the priest know when they come to your pew.

The Communion Hymn: 63 O heavenly Word, eternal Light *Verbum supernum prodiens*



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light,
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove,
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past,
 *5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 be - got - ten of the Fa - ther's might,
 2 and fire our hearts with ar - dent love,
 3 the se - crets of our hearts to try,
 4 be driv - en from thy face at last,
 5 and God the Spi - rit, ev - er One,



1 who in these lat - ter days wast born
 2 that, as we hear thy truth to - day,
 3 to rec - om - pense each hid - den sin
 4 but with thy saints for ev - er - more
 5 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
 5 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Celebrant 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.

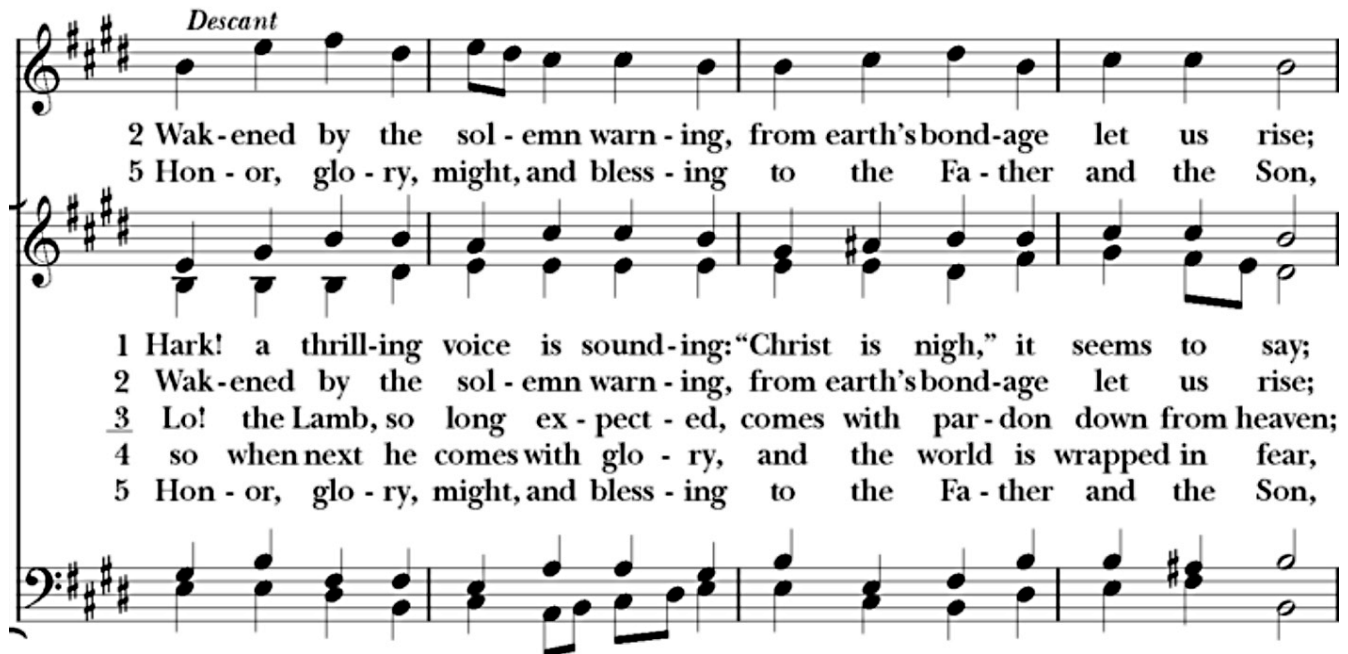
The Blessing

Celebrant Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen**

The Closing Hymn: 59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Descant



2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,



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,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.

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.

The Advent Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Rhapsody on 'Helmsley'

Lloyd Webber

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