

# Second Sunday of Advent



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December 7, 2025  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;  
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;  
After the service, speak to one another.*

## Prelude

*The People stand as they are able.*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hope for God's Presence *(The following litany is said in procession)*

*Leader* In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

*People* **Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

*Leader* We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

*People* **Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

*Leader* We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

*People* **Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

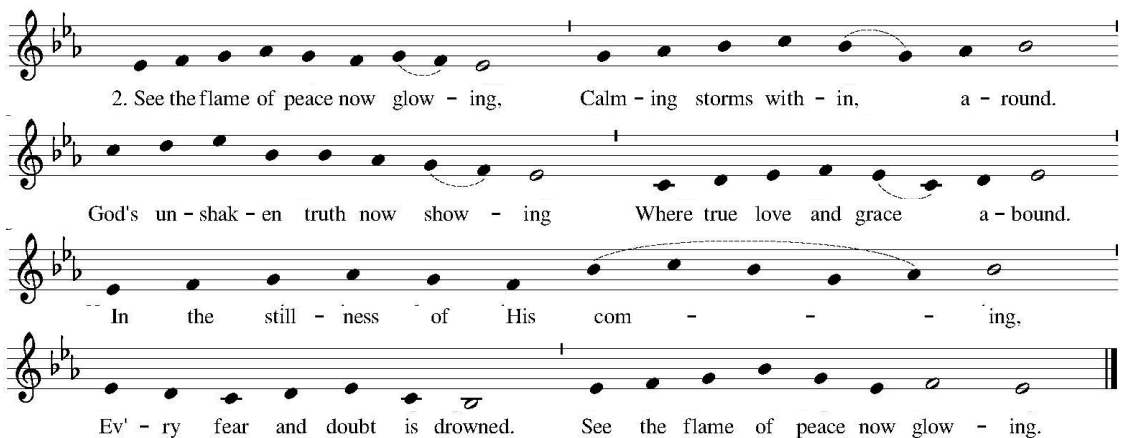
*Leader* We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

*People* **Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

## Candle Lighting

This morning we light two candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that Christ came into our world to restore peace, and that only through trust in God's word and his promises can we find our own inner peace. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace who taught us that through simple acts of love and forgiveness peace is spread throughout the world.

## Congregational Hymn



## Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we thank you for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that you quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that tells us you are in control so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve as you would have us serve, and make us willing instruments of your peace. Amen.

*The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

## Opening 66 “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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*The People standing, the Presider says:*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## Collect for Purity

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.**

*Here is said*

*Priest* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Priest* Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Merciful 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.**

*The People may be seated while lessons are read.*

## The Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-10

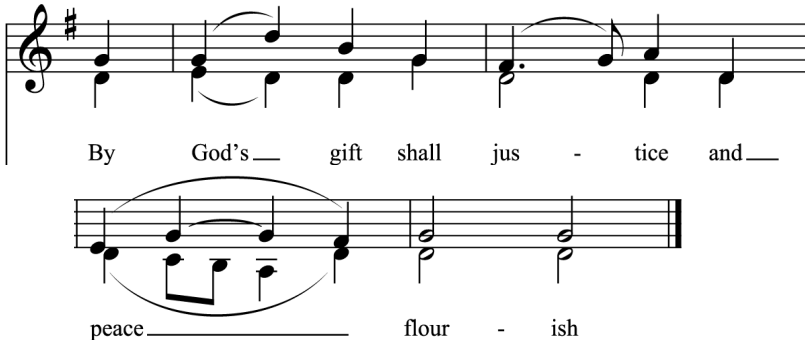
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. 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. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Response      Psalm 72:1-8, 18-19



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- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to  
the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness. **Refrain**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another. **Refrain**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the  
moon shall be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
And from the River to the ends of the earth. **Refrain**

*(Continued on next page)*

- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

**Refrain**

# Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"



- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Matthew Roney

*Silence is kept for reflection, after which the People are bid to stand as they are able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## The Prayers of the People

*Lector* God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

*Silence*

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

God of love

**Remembering especially Hazel, Sid, Ken, Marley, Julian, Tim, Joan, John, Reed, Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Matthew, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Carol, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Becky & Dante.**

**Hear our prayer**

*Silence*

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this land. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Inspire with your wisdom those in authority among us, the leaders of the nations and all whose decisions affect the lives of others.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

*Silence*

We pray for your Church throughout the world. We thank you for all who serve Christ and God's kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your grace.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

*Silence*

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

*Silence*

Merciful God you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

**Grant that which we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

*Priest* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Clergy 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 Priest says*

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.**

*The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.*


*After the Peace, the People may be seated for announcements and the offering.*

## Offertory

### Special Music

*The People stand as the offering is brought forward.*

## Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in ev-ery gen-er - a - tion. Praise  
God, all crea-tures here be-low, who gives to us sal - va - tion. Praise  
God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Let  
all cre-a - tion praise the Lord with love and ad - or - a - tion.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*The complete text begins on p. 367, BCP*

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Priest* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because 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:

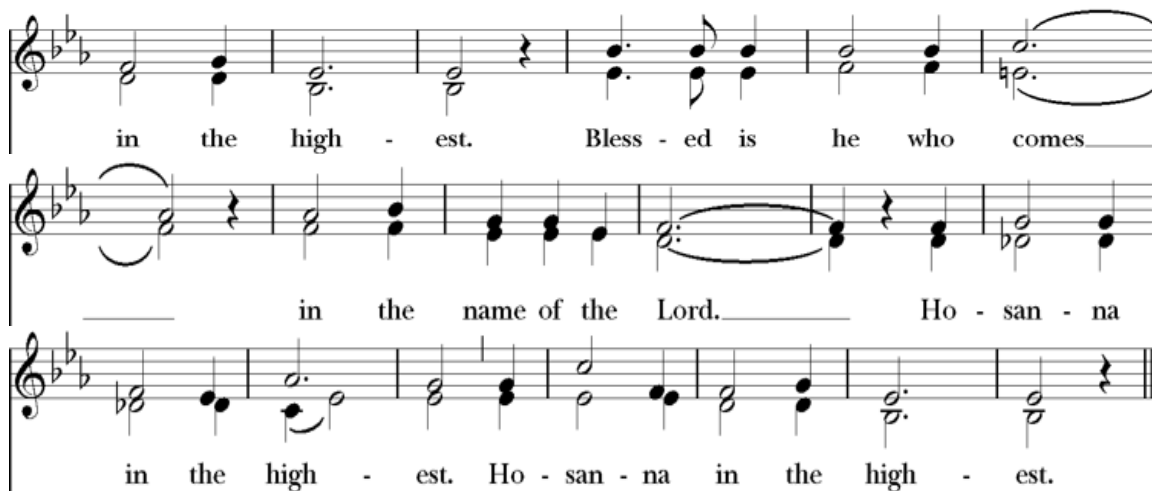
*Presider and People (spoken at 9 a.m.)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider and People (sung at 11 a.m.)*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words spanning across multiple measures. The score is divided into five systems, each containing one or two staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na".

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



*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

*People and Presider*

**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

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then, the Presider says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All present are invited forward. If you are not a baptized Christian or choose not to receive, please cross your arms in front of your chest and instead receive a blessing.*

*If you would like to learn more about receiving the sacrament of baptism, Fr. Matt would be overjoyed to speak with you after the service.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*Optional prayer for those who cannot receive due to absence, such as those worshipping at home*

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

*The people may be seated.*

*(continued on next page)*

# Hymns During Communion

## "Watcher tell us of the night"

*Isa. 21:11-12*

*John Bowring, 1825; alt.*



1 Watch-er, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.  
 2 Watch-er, tell us of the night, high-er yet that star as-cends.  
 3 Watch-er, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav - eler, O a won-drous sight! See that glo-ry - beam-ing star!  
 Trav - eler, bless-ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.  
 Trav - eler, shad-ows take their flight, doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



Watch-er, does its beau - teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?  
 Watch-er, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
 Watch-er, you may go your way; has - ten to your qui - et home.



Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el!  
 Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth!  
 Trav-eler, I re - joice to-day, for Em - man - u - el has come!

*This hymn, a dialogue between watcher and traveler, was suggested by the dialogue in Isaiah 21:11-12. John Bowring was a gifted linguist, worker for political and social reform, member of Parliament, and governor of Hong Kong.*

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 Joseph Parry, 1879  
 Alternate tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



## “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”

*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 - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;

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;

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# 426 "Songs of praise the angels sang"



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, heaven with al - le - lu - ias rang,  
 2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born;  
 3 Heaven and earth must pass a - way; songs of praise shall crown that day;  
 4 And shall Chris-tians fail to sing till on earth Christ come as King?  
 5 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, still in songs of praise re - joice,



1 when cre - a - tion was be - gun, when God spoke and it was done.  
 2 songs of praise a - rose when he cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.  
 3 God will make new heaven and earth; songs of praise shall hail their birth.  
 4 No; the Church de - lights to raise psalms and hymns and songs of praise.  
 5 learn-ing here, by faith and love, songs of praise to sing a - bove.

6 Borne upon their latest breath,  
 songs of praise shall conquer death;  
 then, amidst eternal joy,  
 songs of praise their powers employ.

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*The People stand as they are able.*

*After Communion, all say*

**Almighty 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 Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Priest bestows the blessing*

**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.**

# Closing 74 "Blest be the King whose coming"

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

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*The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

The Flowers On The Altar	
Given to the Glory of God and In Memory of Father, John J. Precord and Mother, Delia Harrison by Angie Collins	
IN OUR PRAYERS	
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<b>For Healing &amp; Convalescing:</b> Hazel Farnum, Sid Urbanowicz, Ken Hubbard, Marley Hamp, Julian Liske, Tim Fitzpatrick, Joan Campbell, John Precord, Reed Hamp, Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Matthew Van Zetten, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Becky & Dante.	
<b>Military:</b> Ian Hamp, Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman	
<b>Birthdays:</b> Easton Mann (11), Robert Hemmingson (12)	
<b>Cycles of Prayer:</b> Diocesan: Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Great Lakes and Grace, Port Huron; Anglican: the Church of Bangladesh	

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Today	9 & 11 AM 11 AM 4 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Sunday School Sunday Supper
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4 PM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group Partners in Prevention - All Saints Hall Alpena Groove - Lower Level AA
Wednesday	10:30 AM 12:05 PM 1 PM 7 PM	TECW Holy Eucharist Bible Study AA
Thursday	9 AM	Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time)
Friday	11:45 AM 5:30 PM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Friends of Plaza Pool Mtg - All Saints Hall AA
Saturday	10AM- 12PM	Pop-Up Hygiene Pantry at Trinity

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JOIN THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Trinity Church is forming a committee tasked with ensuring newcomers are greeted, guided, and welcomed into the life of the church. Please contact Sue Jackowiak or JoAnn Pilarski for information about this new ministry opportunity.

### **TECW MEETS ON DECEMBER 10**

TECW will be holding the monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 10th in the Parish Hall at 10:30AM. Please join us as we prepare plates of cookies for our shut-ins and finalize our bake sale plans. Hope to see you there!

### **TECW BAKE SALE - DECEMBER 14**

TECW is hosting a **Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, Dec. 14 following the 11AM service**. You are invited to bring your favorite baked items. Goodies can be packaged for sale in any quantity from individual cookies to an entire batch! Items will be sold by donation.

### **RECEPTION FOR BESSER MALE CHORUS CONCERT - DECEMBER 14**

We are planning on hosting a reception for the chorus, their spouses and concert attendees after the performance. If you are interested in helping with this, we still need the following items:

**Meat and cheese tray**

**Veggies tray**

**Fruit tray**

**3-4 dozen variety of cookies**

If you can assist with this wonderful event, please contact Cathy Meske at [csmeske@gmail.com](mailto:csmeske@gmail.com)

### **SANCTUARY DECORATING**

Join us on Tuesday, December 23rd at 1:00 pm to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve Service! It's a wonderful time to gather, making our sanctuary look extra beautiful for the celebration of our Lord Christ's birth! All are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Stockdale at 303-886-2801 or email at [2heartsbluff@gmail.com](mailto:2heartsbluff@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

### **THANK YOU**

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who helped make the Thanksgiving Baskets a wonderful success. We were able to feed 55 families (256 people) so that they may enjoy an abundant meal this holiday season. It was possible because you are all such giving people, intentional about caring for those who are less fortunate. We lift you all up in prayer and say thank you!! \

-- Ellen and Rebecca

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

It's Advent, that blessed time of year when we prepare for the birth of Baby Jesus. In our effort to glorify His coming, we festoon our already beautiful church with boughs, ribbons, and lights to mark the arrival of the Light of the World. We place fresh flowers on the altar, around the choir loft, in the window bays and chancel, and place wreathed candles along the nave. It's a wonderful, welcoming transition from Ordinary Time to the Season of Light, and **if you'd like to be a part of it, here's how**: In the hymnal rack in your pew, find the white envelope. Fill out the information on the front, enclose cash or a check, and place the envelope in the collection plate or drop it by the office. The donor information, including your intention to honor a loved one or simply as a gift to God, will be printed in the bulletin. (Anonymous gifts are also welcome.) Thank you for helping us "deck the halls!" **Deadline for information to be printed in the bulletin is December 16.**

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

### **BESSER MALE CHORUS CONCERT AT TRINITY DECEMBER 14**

After you've bought your delicious TECW baked goods, stick around as the Besser Male Chorus performs a Christmas concert at Trinity at **1:30 PM on Sunday, December 14**. There is no cost to attend, though free will donations will be gratefully accepted.

### **CAROLE CADARETTE IN CONCERT - *Postponed until Spring***

Please note that the Carole Cadarette concert originally scheduled for November 30, and then postponed until December 7 due to weather, has now been postponed until Spring.

## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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**Office Hours: Closed Mondays,**

**Tuesday - Thursday - 1pm to 5pm, Friday - 1pm to 3pm**

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! As part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, ours is a tradition both catholic and reformed—a *via media*, or "middle way," within the historic Christian faith.

Part of the Alpena community since 1864, our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a National Jubilee Center, we work to serve those in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome and wanted in this place. We are delighted that you are here, and hope that you will join us in prayer and fellowship.

## **The Vestry**

Ellen Eagan, Senior Warden

Don Stockdale, Junior Warden

Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

Michelle Cornish, Clerk

Sue Jackowiak

Ted Rockwell

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