

# THE EUCHARIST

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025 ✠ 10:00 A.M.



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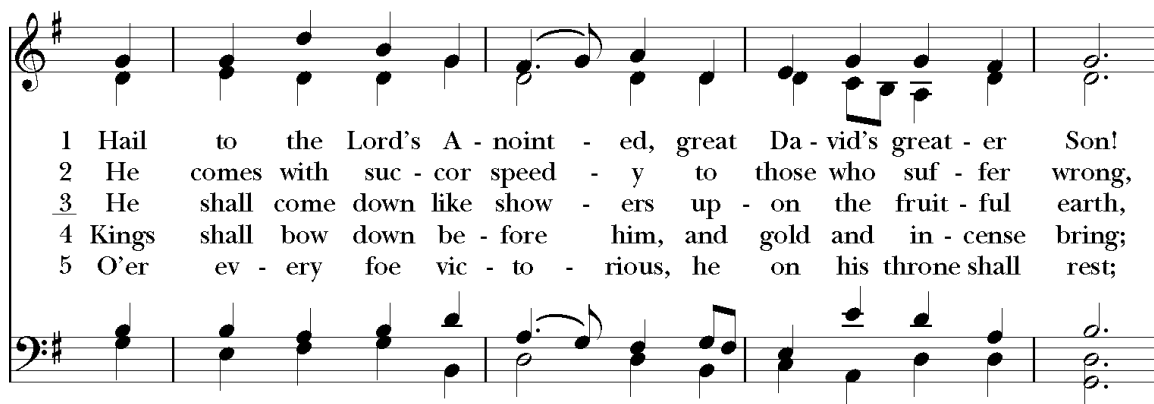
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Fr. Chris Rodriguez  
Rector

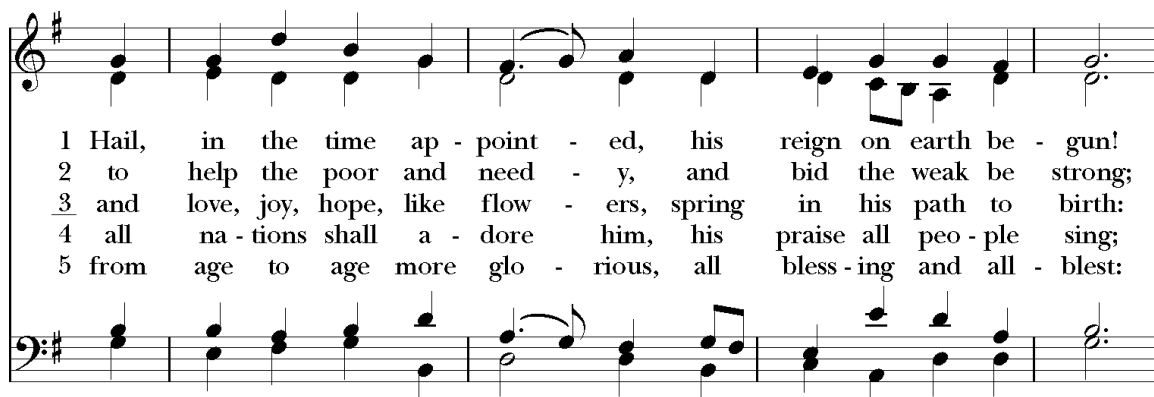
Prelude Three settings of plainsong hymns

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Hymn 616 *Sung by all standing.*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72 Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

*All standing, the Celebrant says:*

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

*The Celebrant says:*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Kyrie *The following is sung, all standing.*

Hymnal S-91, Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## The Collect

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall  
the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King thy judgements, O God:\*  
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
- <sup>2</sup> Then shall he judge thy people according unto right:\*  
and defend the poor.
- <sup>3</sup> The mountains also shall bring peace:\*  
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
- <sup>4</sup> He shall keep the simple folk by their right:\*  
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth:\*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass:\*  
even as the drops that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish:\*  
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
- <sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel:\*  
which only doeth wondrous things;
- <sup>19</sup> And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever:\*  
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son;  
And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.



**Hymn 65** *All stand. Stanzas 1-2 sung before the Gospel; stanza 3 sung after the Gospel.*



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.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999) Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; harm. *Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan*, 1939, alt. Copyright Words: © 1982, Charles P Price.

*The People turn to face the Gospel as it is read.*

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

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

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**     *All stand.*

I believe in one God,  
    **the Father Almighty,**  
    **maker of heaven and earth,**  
    **and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**  
    **the only-begotten Son of God,**  
    **begotten of his Father before all worlds,**  
    **God of God, Light of Light,**  
    **very God of very God, begotten, not made,**  
    **being of one substance with the Father;**  
    **by whom all things were made;**  
    **who for us men and for our salvation**  
        **came down from heaven,**  
    **and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost**  
        **of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;**  
    **and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**  
    **he suffered and was buried;**  
    **and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,**  
    **and ascended into heaven,**  
    **and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;**  
    **and he shall come again, with glory,**  
        **to judge both the quick and the dead;**  
    **whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,**  
    **who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;**  
    **who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped**  
        **and glorified;**  
    **who spake by the Prophets.**  
    **And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;**  
    **I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;**  
    **and I look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
        **and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**    *All kneel.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of thy coming, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Justin, our Bishop, for Christopher, our Rector, and for Joshua and Ryan, our Assistants, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President, and Ronald, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to thee alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon says:*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Celebrant and People.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says:*

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what St. Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what St. John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

**Peace**    *All stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*    **And with thy spirit.**

*The Peace is exchanged.*

*All sit.*

**Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

Besançon Carol, arr. Craig Phillips

*People, look East. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People look East, and sing today:  
Love the Guest is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love the Rose is on the way.*

*Birds though ye long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen,  
He for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love the Rose is on the way.*

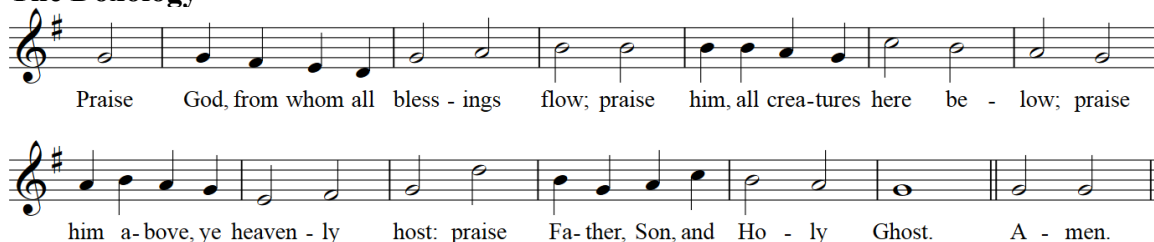
*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim.  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love the Star is on the way.*

*Angels, announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.*

*Eleanor Farjeon*

*As the Offering is brought forward, the People stand and sing.*

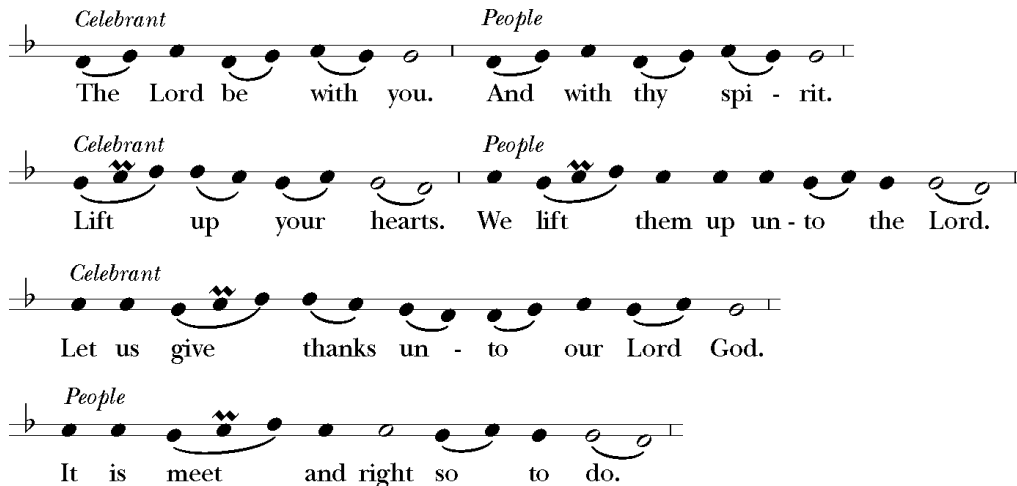
## The Doxology



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## Great Thanksgiving

*Remain standing.*



*The Celebrant proceeds.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,



## Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-114, Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

*All kneel. The Celebrant continues.*


All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be  filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

*People and Celebrant.*

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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

*Celebrant and People.*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation.*

**Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.**

*Celebrant and People:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

## **Instructions for Receiving Communion**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and those who do not desire to receive Communion may come to the Altar rail to receive God's blessing.*

*An Usher will direct you to approach the Altar for Communion or a blessing. Please kneel, if you are able, at the Altar rail.*

*To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed and facing up.*

*To receive the consecrated wine, please guide the chalice to your lips as it is offered. However, if you prefer, you may leave the consecrated bread in your palm and the Chalice bearer will intinct the host into the wine and place it on your tongue. Please do not personally intinct the host into the chalice.*

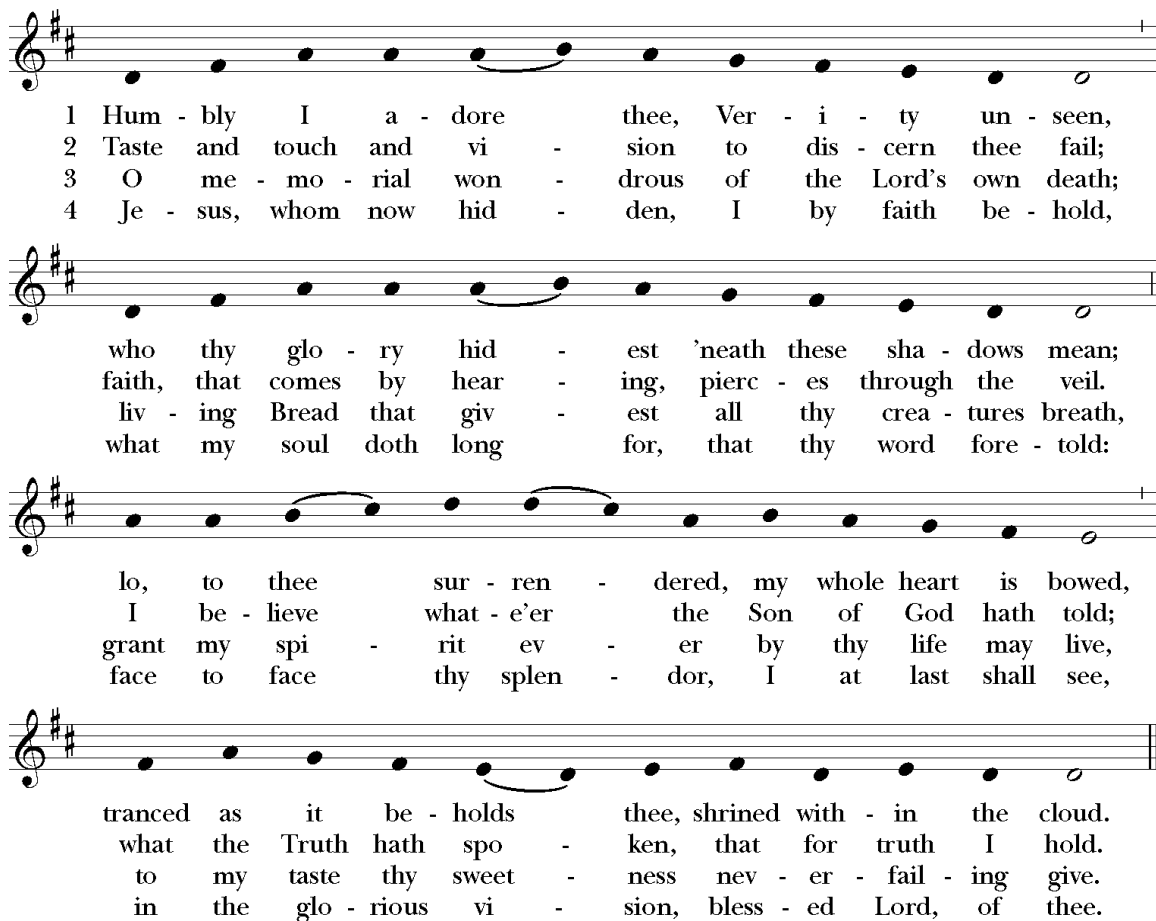
# Communion Anthem

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
They shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls  
And plenteousness within thy palaces.*

*Words Psalm 122 vv. 6, 7*

## Communion Hymn 314



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,  
 who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:  
 lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,  
 tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal* 1940; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal* 1982 Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. Copyright Words: Sts. 1-3, © The Church Pension Fund.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

*Celebrant and People.*

Almighty and everliving God, **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*The Priest blesses the People, saying:*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

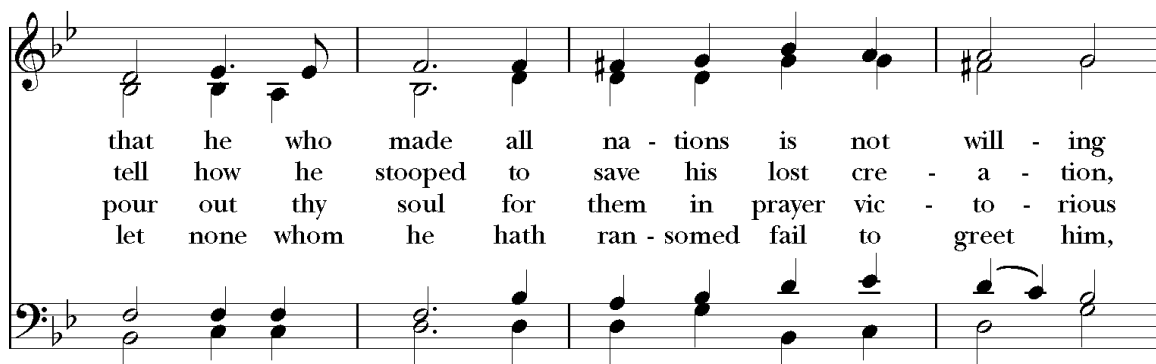
# Hymn 539



O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 Send her - als forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;  
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;  
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,  
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious  
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.  
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.  
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.  
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901)

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude Dorian Prelude

John Bull (1562/63-1628)

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## PEOPLE

### **Parish Prayer List**

George Bunting, Christina Ostrynsky, and Rachel Volpe.

If you have a friend or a loved one that you would like to be prayed for by the Daughters of the King, please complete a Prayer Request form which can be found on the welcome table or scan the QR code found on the “Scan to Connect” page.

### **Pastoral Care**

Trinity’s clergy are available for Pastoral Care and to bring Holy Communion to our sick parishioners and shut ins. **If you or someone you know needs Pastoral Care, please call the office at 772-567-1146.**

### **Birthdays this Week**

Dorothy Taddonio, Amy Russell, Allie Grace Ueltschi, Brittany Gray, Mike Shea, Lee Carr, Skip Barkett Jr., Jim Whitley, and Dennis Marlo.

### **Coffee Hour**

Today’s Coffee Hour is hosted by **Karen Jones, Elizabeth Swann, Megan Ciserano, and Brittany Gray.**

If you are interested in hosting an upcoming Coffee Hour either on your own or with another family, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Rodriguez in the office at 772-567-1146, ext. 213 or by emailing **[krodriguez@trinityvero.org](mailto:krodriguez@trinityvero.org)**.

### **Visitors**

We are delighted that you joined us today. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity Episcopal Church and School, please scan the QR code found on the “Scan to Connect” page to share your contact details with us, or take a Welcome Post Card, found on the welcome table.



## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

### Sunday, December 7th

#### ADVENT II

8:00 AM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Chapel

9:00 AM: *Rector's Forum* in the Education Building

9:45 AM: *Sunday School* in Building 3 & *Childcare* in Building 5

10:00 AM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Church

11:15 AM: *Parish Update Meeting during Coffee Hour* in the Parish Hall  
*Boys & Girls Choir Rehearsal* in the Music Building

### Tuesday, December 9th

12:00 PM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Chapel

12:45 PM: *Knitters Group* in the Education Building

1:00 PM: **NO Midweek Lectionary Bible Study** in the Office Conference Room

### Wednesday, December 10th

5:00 PM: *Choir Rehearsal* in the Music Building

### Saturday, December 13th

11:30 AM: *Daughters of the King Meeting & Christmas Potluck Lunch*

For more information about ongoing weekly masses, Bible studies, children's programs, group meetings and events, please visit Trinity's website at

**[www.TrinityVero.org](http://www.TrinityVero.org)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, December 14th**

#### **Advent III**

8:00 AM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Chapel

9:00 AM: *Rector's Forum* in the Education Building

9:45 AM: *Sunday School* in Building 3 & *Childcare* in Building 5

10:00 AM: *Boys & Girls Choir sing during Holy Eucharist* in the Church

11:15 AM: *Coffee Hour* in the Parish Hall

*Care Net Angel Tree Program Ends*

### **Tuesday, December 16th**

12:00 PM: *Holy Eucharist* in the Chapel

12:45 PM: *Knitters Group* in the Education Building

1:00 PM: *Midweek Lectionary Bible Study* in the Office Conference Room

*Christmas Music Dedication Submissions End*

### **Wednesday, December 17th**

5:00 PM: *Choir Rehearsal* in the Music Building

### **Thursday, December 18th**

7:00 PM: *Seraphic Fire Christmas Concert* in the Church

## CHRISTMAS HOLY EUCHARIST

### **Wednesday, December 24th**

#### ***Christmas Eve***

4:00 PM: Traditional Christmas Eucharist with Choir and Brass in the Church  
*Childcare provided*

6:30 PM: Traditional Christmas Eucharist with Choir and Brass in the Church

### **Thursday, December 25th**

10:00 AM: Christmas Day Eucharist in the Chapel

## CHURCH NEWS

### **Parish Update Meeting**

*This Sunday, December 7th*

Please plan to join us for the *Parish Update Meeting* this Sunday, December 7th, during Coffee Hour. Fr. Chris Rodriguez will give an update on the state of Trinity Episcopal Church.

### **Boys & Girls Choir Rehearsal**

The Boys & Girls Choir's last rehearsal is this Sunday, December 7th, in the Music Building immediately after the Holy Eucharist. When the rehearsal is over at 12:00 Noon, the choir will meet their parents in the Parish Hall for special snacks specifically for them.

***The choir will sing during Mass on December 14th.*** If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Rodgers at [drodgers@TrinityVero.org](mailto:drodgers@TrinityVero.org).

### **Christmas Music Dedication Submissions**

*Continue this Sunday, December 7th*

This Christmas, the music of Trinity Episcopal Church & School will be augmented with Brass. We are currently seeking donations to fund this splendid addition to our Christmas worship. Donations may be made in any amount and may be dedicated to family or friends.

The dedication forms can be found on the Welcome Table. Please place completed forms in the Collection plates, or drop off/mail to the Church Office (2365 Pine Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960) **by Tuesday, December 16th**. *Please print clearly and legibly* so that all donors' names and dedications can be printed accurately in a special booklet that will be handed out at the Christmas masses. Please include a check in any amount, payable to, "Trinity Episcopal Church" and write, "Christmas Music" on the memo line. If you have any questions regarding the Christmas Music donation form, please contact Michelle Clevenger, Membership and Giving Coordinator, at [mclevenger@TrinityVero.org](mailto:mclevenger@TrinityVero.org).

## **The Angel Tree Program**

*Continues this Sunday, December 7th*

*Trinity's Angel Tree Program* to benefit Care Net Pregnancy Center continues this Sunday, December 7th. The Angel Tree is set up in the Church and Chapel Narthex, decorated with Angel ornaments. There are two ways to support the program.

One way is to take an Angel from the tree and purchase one of the gifts listed on the back. Gifts may be brought to the Church or Chapel on Sunday morning or to the office during business hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **All gifts should be unwrapped and returned by next Sunday, December 14th.**

The second way to support the program is to donate a monetary gift, which will be used to give clients \$25 gift cards to shop in *Care Net's Baby Boutique*. Please make checks payable to "*Trinity Episcopal Church*" and write "*Care Net Angel Tree*" on the memo line. Place your donation in the collection plate on Sundays or bring it/mail it to the Church office at 2365 Pine Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960 by Monday, December 15th.

If you have any questions regarding the *Angel Tree Program*, please contact Kathy Rodriguez at 772.567.1146, ext. 213 or email [krodriguez@TrinityVero.org](mailto:krodriguez@TrinityVero.org). Thank you for being a part of Trinity's Angel Tree and making a significant difference in many families' lives this Christmas season.

## **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!**

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for December through February. If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or contact Kathy Rodriguez at [krodriguez@TrinityVero.org](mailto:krodriguez@TrinityVero.org). Thank you for your active participation in this important fellowship event.

## **Seraphic Fire Christmas Concert**

*Thursday, December 18th*

On Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 PM, Trinity Episcopal Church will host the GRAMMY-Nominated Chorus *Seraphic Fire* for a special Christmas Concert. A cappella voices in a candlelit setting mark the Christmas season in South Florida. Popular associate conductor, [James Bass](#), returns to lead this Billboard-chart-topping Christmas program. This concert is free of charge. All are invited to enjoy this performance by one of the country's most talented vocal ensembles.

For more information about *Seraphic Fire*, go to the website: <https://seraphicfire.org/>.

To experience *Seraphic Fire* and their concerts, go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search, "[Experience Seraphic Fire](#)".

If you have any questions about the performance, please contact Dr. Anthony Baron, Director of Music, at 772-567-1146 or [\*\*abaron@TrinityVero.org\*\*](mailto:abaron@TrinityVero.org).

Sermon Notes




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The Rev. Fr. Joshua Gritter, *Assistant to the Rector & Chaplain*

The Rev. Fr. Ryan Jordan, *Assistant to the Rector & Chaplain*

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