



December 20, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Seventh Sunday of Advent

An Advent of Hope

### Welcome to Christ Church!

*Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook Live](#).*

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



*Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches*

## Welcome and Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#).

If you would like more information about Christ Church, please [click here](#).

## Organ Prelude

Fugue on the "Magnificat," BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Introit (sung by all) - O Antiphon: O Emmanuel

**All** O come, O come, EMMANUEL, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## Hymn 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Tune: Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - 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.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## The Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

**Celebrant** 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon on us

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

## The Collect of the Day

*Advent Collects* © Wm H. Petersen, 2008

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God, you do not abandon us in exile but hear our plea for returning and rest: Visit us we pray with your presence and raise us to greet with hope and joy the promised day of salvation; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

**Lector** When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people

Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 15 – The Song of Mary**

*Luke 1:46-55*

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*

**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Epistle**

**Romans 16:25-27**

**Lector** Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

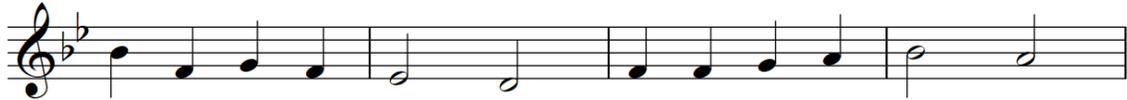
**People** Thanks be to God.

Hymn 475

God himself is with us

Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769);  
tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Tune: *Tysk*  
from *Psalm und Choralbuch*, 1719



1 God him-self is with us; let us all a - dore him,  
2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,  
4 Come, a - bid with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with - in us;  
soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur - ren - der  
be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing Spi - rit,



souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent - ly draw near him.  
earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and sin - ful plea - sures:  
with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or will I ren - der.



Now his own who have known God, in wor - ship  
thou a - lone shalt be known Lord of all our  
Where I go here be - low, let me bow be -



low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.  
be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.  
fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

adapted, Charles Raines  
Salem, Massachusetts  
November 2020

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**Celebrant** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and

the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Celebrant**     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

*A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

*Please stand as comfortable, and able.*

**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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Intercessor** As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who comes as the rising sun into the darkness of our lives.

**Intercessor** For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For Alan and Gayle our bishops and all bishops, for the presbyters, for the deacons and all the people who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For the church throughout the world and faithful in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For travelers, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and depressed, and for those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** For the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Come, O Lord and save us.

**Intercessor** Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us commit ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**People** To you, O Lord, we pray.

**Celebrant** O Wisdom, breath from the mouth of God most high, who reigns from one end of the earth to the other and governs all creation with strong and tender care, come and teach us the way of freedom. Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

Source: *Intercession: A Theological and Practical Guide*, Ormonde Plater, p. 115

## Confession of Sin

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

*A moment of silence is 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.

## Absolution

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## The Peace

*Please stand as able.*

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

**People** And also with you.

*The people exchange a brief sign of Christ's peace.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

### Offertory Sentence

**Officiant** O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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## Offertory Anthem

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus Sing the wonders that were done When the love of God the Father O'er our sins the vict'ry won, When God made the Virgin Mary Mother of the only Son. Blessed were the chosen people Out of whom the Lord did come; Blessed was the land of promise Fashioned for his earthly home; But more blessed far the mother, She who bore him in her womb. Therefore let all faithful people Sing the honor of her name; Let the Church, in her foreshadowed, Part in her thanksgiving claim; What Christ's mother sang in gladness Let Christ's people sing the same: "Magnify, my soul, God's greatness; In my Savior I rejoice; All the ages call me blessed, In his praise I lift my voice; God has cast down all the mighty, And the lowly are his choice."

## The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 367

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to proclaim the glory of your name:

## Sanctus

David Hurd (b. 1950)

**All**

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** 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.

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,

**All**            **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

**Celebrant**    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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.

**All**            **Amen.**

**Celebrant**    And now, as our Savior 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.

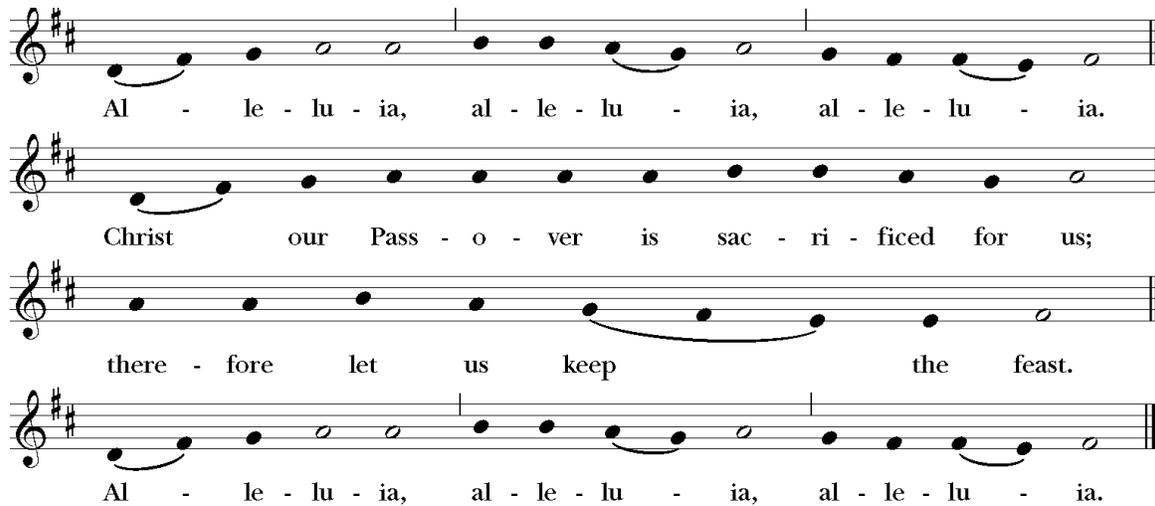
### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A moment of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

David Hurd (b. 1950)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Invitation

**Celebrant** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*“In & Out” Communion will be available in the Main Sanctuary or curbside today from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please [register](#) ahead of time. When you arrive at the Church, you will [sign in](#) using your smart device or on the sign in clipboard. Please enter at the Rosemary Street entrance.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

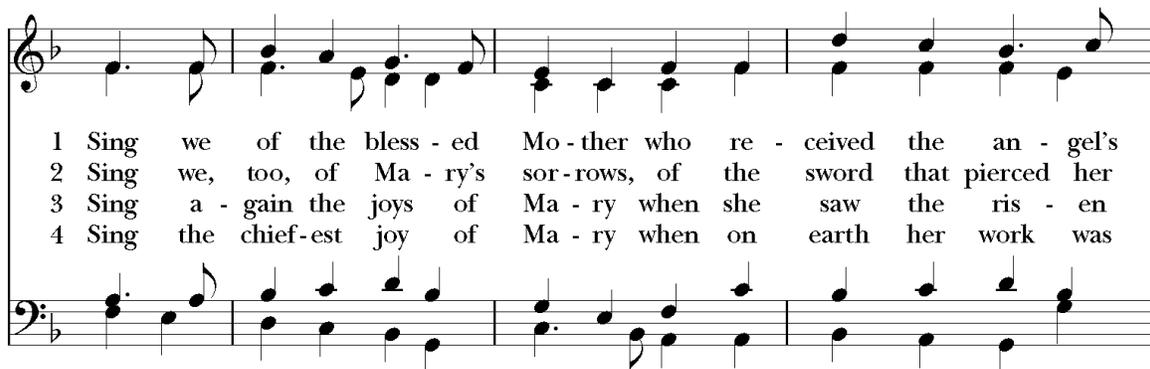
**All**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

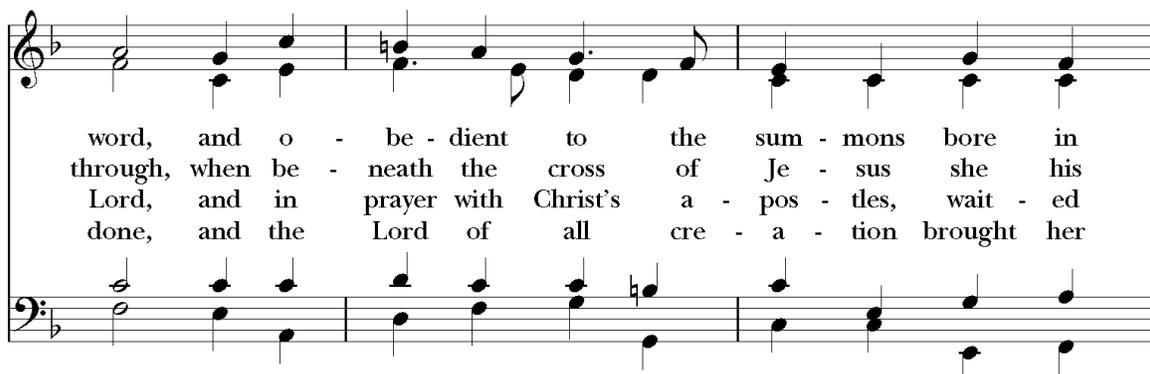
## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

## Concluding Blessing

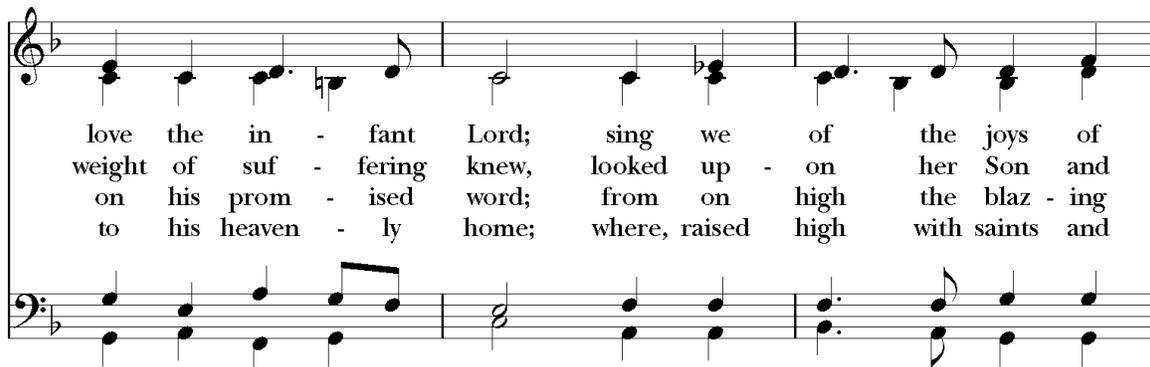
**Officiant** May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty—Christ, Creator, and Spirit—rest upon you now and always. **Amen.**



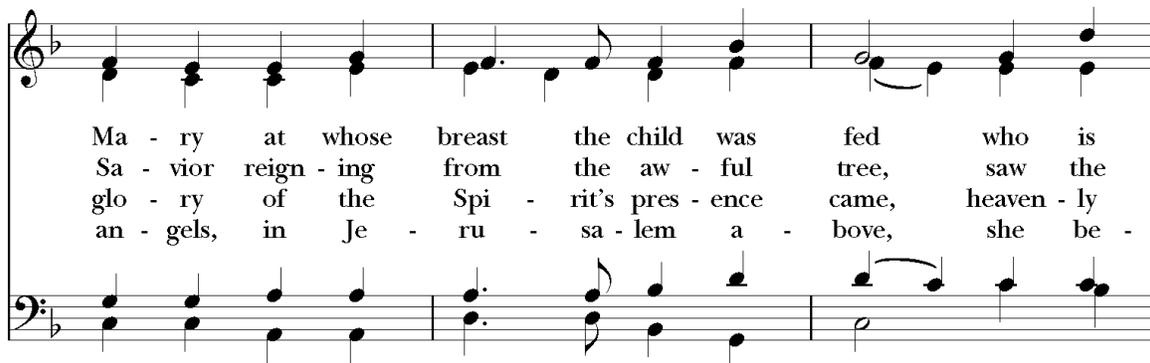
1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's  
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her  
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en  
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was



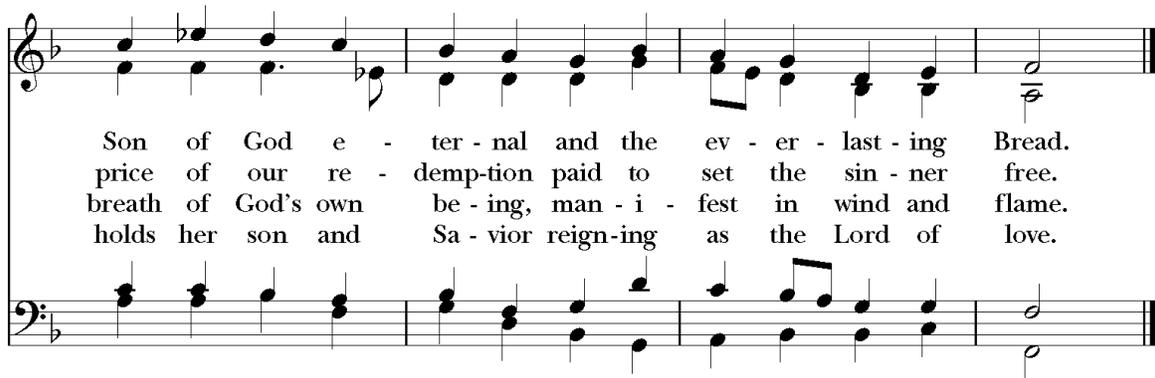
word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in  
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his  
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed  
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her



love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of  
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and  
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing  
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and



Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is  
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the  
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly  
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -



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Music: *Rustington*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

## Dismissal

**Officiant** While we eagerly await the coming of God's reign, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Organ Postlude

Chorale Prelude on "My soul magnifies the Lord," BWV 648

(Transcribed by J.S. Bach from his Cantata 10)

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, this week we prayer for the Parishes of the Alewife Deanery: Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge; Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge; The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge; and Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Temple Aliyah.

Your prayers are requested for Tom C., Bob P., Marian G., Jeff M., Martin W., Richard, Leo, Sommer, Meghan, Jim, Linda, Sara Y., Carol M., Jenny, Geoff C., Kathryn M., Robert B., Jennifer P., Linda B., Kara J., Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Linda F., and Betsey. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

## Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Director of Music  
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And others to be named on air!

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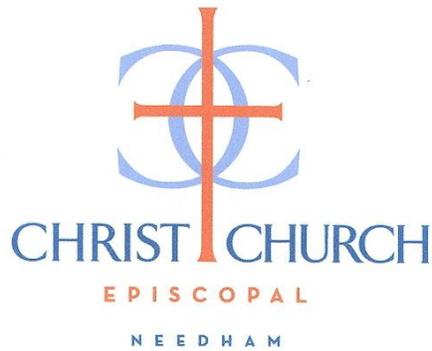


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