

Saint Thomas's Church
The Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 10, 2023
High Mass at 11:00 am



St. John the Baptist, José Leonardo, 1645
Los Angeles County Museum of Art

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Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement, though we hope you will avail yourself of **coffee hour in the parish hall** following this service, if possible. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

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Celebrant: Fr. James Shire
Deacon & Homilist: Fr. Nathan Humphrey
Reader: Jean Nichols
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Missa Orbis Factor XI

Throughout this booklet, the People match the pitch of the Minister on the underlined syllable.

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659,
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The People stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again when the choir sits.

ENTRANCE HYMN 548

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver;
Born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever;
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

The People kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be 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 DECALOGUE

Responses by Pelham Humfrey (1647-1674)

The People still kneeling, the Decalogue is sung by the Celebrant and Choir.

Celebrant: God spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Honour thy father and thy mother.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt do no murder.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not steal.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not covet.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Choir alone sings the Kyrie, the People kneeling.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison.

Christe Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison.

The People remain kneeling for the Collects.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40.1-11

The First Lesson is written in the fortieth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated for the Psalm.

PSALM 85.1-2, 8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

VII. 7.



- Cantor* 1 LORD, THOU art become gracious **un**-to thy land :
People thou hast restor-ed the for-**tunes** of Ja-cob.
- 2 Thou hast forgiven the of-**fence** of thy peo-ple :
and **co**-ver-ed all their sin.
- Cantor* 8 I will hearken what the **Lord** God will say : for he shall speak
peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that **turn**
their heart to him.
- People* 9 Surely his salvation is nigh **them** that fear him :
that glory may **dwel**l in our land.
- Cantor* 10 Mercy and truth are **met** to-geth-er :
righteousness and peace have **kiss**-ed each o-ther.
- People* 11 Truth springeth **out** of the earth :
and righteousness hath look-ed **down** from hea-ven.
- Cantor* 12 Yea, the Lord shall **give** what is good :
and our land shall **yield** her in-crease.
- People* 13 Righteousness shall **go** be-fore him :
and shall direct his **go**-ing in the way.

THE EPISTLE 2 Peter 3.8-15a

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of the second epistle of St Peter, beginning at the eighth verse.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

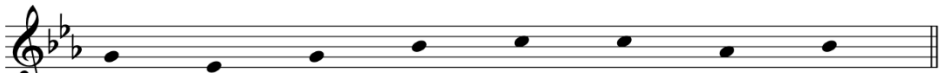
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 66

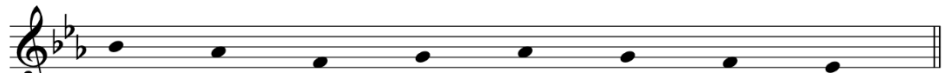
Creator of the starry height



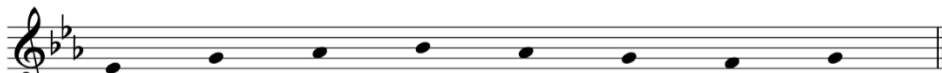
All 1. Cre - a - tor of the star - ry height,
Lower Voices 2. Thou, sorr'w - ing at the help - less cry
Upper Voices 3. Thou cam'st, the Bride - groom of the bride,
Lower Voices 4. At thy great Name, ex - alt - ed now,
Upper Voices 5. To thee, O Ho - ly One, we pray,
All 6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light,
Of all cre - a - tion doomed to die,
As drew the world to ev - en - tide;
All knees in low - ly hom - age bow;
Our Judge in that tre - men - dous day,
and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



Je - su, Re - deem - er of us all,
Didst save our lost and guilt - y race
Pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine,
All things in heav'n and earth a - dore,
Ward off, while yet we dwell be - low,
Praise, hon - our, might, and glo - ry be



Hear thou thy ser - vants when they call.
By heal - ing gifts of heav'n - ly grace.
The spot - less Vic - tim all di - vine.
And own thee King for ev - er - more.
The wea - pons of our craf - ty foe.
From age to age ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Mark, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

SERMON

The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at “and was incarnate,” rising after “and was made man.”

THE NICENE CREED

Music by John Merbecke

I be-lieve in one God: The Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
and of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble;
And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God,
Be - got - ten of the Fa - ther be - fore all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, Ve - ry God of ve - ry God;
Be - got - ten, not made; Be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther;
Through whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion
came down from Heaven,

And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry, And was made man.



And was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late.



He suf - fer - red and was bu - ri - ed, And the third day he rose a - gain



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ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to heaven,



And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther,




And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead:



Whose king - dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord,



the Giv - er of life, Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son,



Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fied,



Who spake by the Pro - phets. And I be - lieve One, Ho - ly, Ca - tho - lic, and A - pos - to - lic Church.

I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins.

And I look for the Re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.

A - men.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

As we have the opportunity, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN 67 – On Jordan’s bank, the Baptist’s cry

1. On Jor - dan's bank, the Bap - tist's cry An - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;

A - wake, and heark - en for he brings Glad ti - dings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
 Make straight the way for God within;
 Prepare we in our hearts a home,
 Where such a mighty Guest may come.

3 For thou art our Salvation, Lord,
 Our Refuge, and our great Reward;
 Without thy grace we waste away,
 Like flowers that wither and decay.

Intercessor: O Adonai and leader of the nations, guide and direct our governors and leaders; for Charles, King of Canada and for all those in civil authority in our nation, province, and city; aid them in administering justice and peace in our world. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign among the nations; grant peace to our world, particularly in Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, and all those who live in the shadow of war; for all places suffering from unrest, calamity, or disaster; deliver this world and delay no longer. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O Key of David who openeth the way for all people; give comfort to the poor and all those in need; for the guests and volunteers of the Friday Food Ministry and for all those who use drop-in programs, shelters, and food banks; lead us all to serve the needs of our neighbours, loving them as ourselves. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and source of all blessings; we give thee thanks for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all with us in person or via livestream, and for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far. [We give thanks especially on this day for _____.] And for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____. Come enlighten us to thy blessings upon our lives. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer

Intercessor: O King of the nations and our desire for strength, give healing and peace to the sick_____, and for all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____. Come and save us from all ailment and peril. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer

Intercessor: O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, guide the souls of the departed to their final rest, especially for _____ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time _____. Come and save us from the shadow of death, and may the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer

Celebrant: O Lord Jesus Christ, hear our humble prayers, that we may serve thee in holiness and faith, and give voice to thy presence among us until the day of thy coming again in glory, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the 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, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choir alone sings:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
✠ Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The Celebrant continues,

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all, of this; 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 Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death

of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,

Celebrant *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out ___ end. A - men. ___

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music by John Merbecke

Celebrant

And now, as our Sa-viour Christ hath com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:

People

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and for - give us our tres-pass-es, As we for - give them that tres-pass a - gainst us;

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - li - ver us from ev - il.

For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, For ev - er and ev - er. A-men.

FRACTION & PEACE

A period of silence is kept. The consecrated Bread is broken.

Celebrant *People*

The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you. And with thy spi - rit.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

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.

The Choir alone sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

MOTET

‘Canite tuba,’ Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini, ecce, venit ad salvandum nos. Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: veni, Domine, et noli tardare.

Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. See, he is coming to save us. Winding paths will be made straight and the rough places smooth. Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

(from Joel 2.1 & Isaiah 40.4)

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth, In the des - ert far and near,
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er pla - ces plain;

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing'neath their sor - row's load.
Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance, Since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem, Of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord, Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell her that her sins I co - ver, And her war - fare now is ov - er.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken, That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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.**

The People stand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 293

There's a voice in the wilderness crying



There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, A__ call from the ways un - trod: Pre -



pare in the de-sert a high - way, A high-way for__ our God! The__



val - leys shall be ex - al - ted, The lof - ty__ hills brought low; Make



straight all the crook - ed pla - ces, Where the Lord our__ God__ may go!

Upper 2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
Voices Get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
The coming of their King:
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
The works of men decay,
The power and pomp of nations
Shall pass like a dream away.

Lower 3 But the word of our God endureth,
Voices The arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations,
And he will right the wrong:
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
And fold the lambs to his breast;
In pastures of peace he'll lead them,
And give to the weary rest.

All 4 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
 A call from the ways untrod:
 Prepare in the desert a highway,
 A highway for our God!
 The valleys shall be exalted,
 The lofty hills brought low;
 Make straight all the crooked places,
 Where the Lord our God may go!

ASCENSION
H. Hugh Bancroft, 1938

James Lewis Milligan, 1930

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661, J.S. Bach

The People may be seated for the Postlude. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence in the church during and after the Postlude.

Coffee Hour follows this service in the Parish Hall.

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DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE

*Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes
and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!*

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 AM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:30 AM, SATURDAY

7:30 AM, SUNDAY

EVENING PRAYER

5:00 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

5:00 PM SUNDAY (CHORAL EVENSONG)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

LOW MASS 8:00 AM

SUNG MASS 9:30 AM

HIGH MASS 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 PM, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

5:30 PM TUESDAY, THURSDAY

10:00 AM SATURDAY

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