

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 5, 2021 AT 11 AM | ADVENT 2

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | 60 EAST AVENUE | NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 06851

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## PRELUDE

*Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland*, Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

*During the Prelude the Choir processes down the west aisle, while the Congregation remains seated.  
Please stand as the bell sounds.*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

Our God, Emmanuel, now draws near;

*The People respond*



## THE INTROIT

*sung by the Choir*

*O Antiphons*



Introit translation - Illumination by Edith Ibbs

# HYMN IN PROCESSION



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. | Re-joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890)

## THE OPENING COLLECT

Come, O come Emmanuel; you are the way, the truth, and the life;  
you are the true vine and the bread of life.  
Come, living Savior, come to your world which waits for you.  
Praise to you, the one, holy, and living God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

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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Setting: from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968) © 1928 Oxford University Press OneLicense.net License #A-709109

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Throughout this service, the People's responses are marked in bold.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Make our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LESSON *seated*

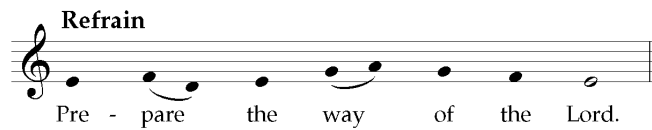
*Baruch 5:1-9*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The cantor will sing the refrain once; the congregation repeats it)*



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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.    **REFRAIN**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.    **REFRAIN**

Title: The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus  
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I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**



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. Korallbok för Svenska Kyrkan, 1939, alt.

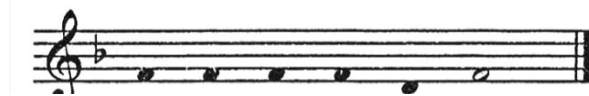
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## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 3:1-6*

*The Deacon or Priest intones:*

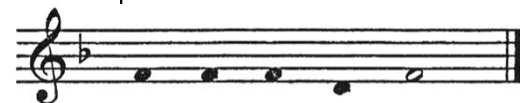
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glo - ry to you O Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you O Christ.

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

standing

Church of South Africa

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

**This is true: “I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.”** —John 1:20

It is not true that we are victims of evil that seeks to rule the world—

**This is true: “Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, on whom authority will rest; who shall be called the Prince of Peace.”** —Isaiah 9:6

It is not true that we must wait for prophets to speak before we can be peacemakers—

**This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young ones shall see visions, and your elders shall have dreams.** —Joel 2:28

It is not true that our hopes for liberating justice, human dignity, and peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

**This is true: “The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.** —John 4:23

Merciful God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, and from hate to love. Lead us to your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A credal statement from the Episcopal Peace Fellowship of the Church of South Africa*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We respond now in prayer to God – God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

O come, Emmanuel:

**Draw near to us as we draw near to you.**

Blessed are You, who joins all things together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a people of new birth, manifesting your divine love in our common life of praise and service. O come, Emmanuel:

**Draw near to us as we draw near to you.**

O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. O come, Emmanuel:

**Draw near to us as we draw near to you.**

O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life. O come, Emmanuel:

**Draw near to us as we draw near to you.**

O Dayspring from on high, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy. O come, Emmanuel:

**Draw near to us as we draw near to you.**

For whom and for what else shall we pray?

*The People offer particular thanksgivings and intercessions aloud or in silence.*

O come, Emmanuel:

**Draw near to us as we draw near to you.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

O God who has come among us; God who dwells within us; God who fulfills what is yet to come: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the healing presence, the gift of wonder, the birth of possibility. Let every heart prepare You room. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who comes among us now. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the Peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.*



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### **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**      *seated; sung by the Choir*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.  
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh

Words: Spiritual  
Music: arr. By Andre Thomas

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing; the gifts of bread, wine, and the offering are brought forward*



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_\_  
 2 O\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
 feed his\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our\_\_\_\_ God\_\_\_\_ may go!  
 na - tions shall\_\_\_\_ pass like a dream\_\_\_\_ a - way;  
 lead them, and\_\_\_\_ bring them\_\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - - ly, God of pow-er and  
might: Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to you, O God most high. Bles - sed is he that comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san na in the high - est.

Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880–1968)

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*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to you, holy and living God. You looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and eat; this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your children from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever.



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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

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*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying*

God comes to meet us here and now;  
Come Emmanuel, and find us ready to receive you.

## THE COMMUNION

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives. All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.*

*Organ*

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.

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## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

God is coming among us: in our past forgiving us, in our present loving us, and in our future, meeting us with everlasting grace. The blessing of God – Source of hope, Word of life, and ever-present Spirit of truth, be with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
Music: Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. Hymnal 1982  
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## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*"Little" Fugue in G Minor*  
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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