



St. David's
Episcopal Church

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DECEMBER 4, 2022
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Presider—The Rev. W. Frank Allen

Preacher—The Rev. Thomas Szczerba, Jr.

Organist/Director of Music—Dr. Clair Rozier

Organist/Associate Director of Music—Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock

We invite you to a time of silence and prayer before the service so that we may center our hearts on God.

Voluntary

Largo
Jocelyn Moore, oboe

G. F. Handel

Hymn 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Presider and People continue

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

Kyrie S-91

Lord, Have Mercy

Healey 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 -
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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

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

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

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Read in unison.*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.**

The Second Reading Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";
and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Introduction

1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the



prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending

Lord.

Children in grade 5 and younger follow the priest to the choir room for the Children's Sermon.

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

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

The Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Read in unison.*

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

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

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Preparing for Christ's glorious coming again, we pray for grace, honesty and clear vision as we look for what needs transformation in our lives.

Lord, prepare us for your coming. May leaders of this nation, and of all nations, be drawn to understand God's ways of justice and righteousness, and be driven to do what is right, honest and good. Be especially with Joseph, our president; members of congress and the Supreme Court; Tom, our governor; those serving in our legislatures and in our local governing bodies.

Oh come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Lord, prepare us for your wisdom. May all church leaders, ministers and teachers be inspired and upheld by the living spirit of God. Deepen the love and commitment of Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; our clergy: Frank, Thomas, Liz Nancy, and Peter; and our companions in ministry in Philadelphia, Chester, Norristown, Wayne, Uganda, Cuba and Guatemala.

Oh come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Lord, prepare us for your compassion. May those who suffer with long days and nights of pain, sorrow or anxiety receive your comfort, hope and peace of mind. Be especially with those who are known to us today, *Ann, Brian, Cathy, Colby, Coleen, Craig, Dana, Dave, Gary, George, Gertrude, Jake, Jeff, Jim, Joan, Joe, Justin, Kim, Lorraine, Luca, Maureen, Mike, Ray III, Ron, Roy, Scarlett, Steve, Taylor, Teddy, Tom, Trish, Wesley and Westin*, and for *Anneliese Hess, Eleanor Parsons, and Fytie Drayton* who will receive communion from our eucharistic visitors.

Oh come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Lord, prepare us for your protection. May the frightened be reassured, and those who choose to protect us, both in our streets and around the world, be strengthened by your presence in their lives. Be especially with those who serve in our military and those who serve as first responders.

Oh come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Lord, prepare us for your everlasting love. May those who have reached the point of death have the knowledge of God's closeness, and may those who have died know the eternal peace and joy of heaven. Be especially with those who died this week, *Howard Brainard, Michael Gardner*, and with those in whose memory greens have been given.

Oh come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Lord, prepare us for the joy you will bring. May we all be newly enthusiastic for living as your community in the world. Be with the members, leaders and mentors of the confirmation class of 2023, and with the students, teachers and families of St. David's Episcopal Day School.

Oh come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Offertory Anthem

Bereite dich, Zion
("Prepare thyself, Zion")
*Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben,
den Schönsten, den Liebsten bald bei dir zu sehn.*
(Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection,
the purest, the fairest, this day to receive.)

Children's Choir
Jocelyn Moore, oboe

J. S. Bach

Doxology

All Things Are Thine

Gardiner



The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his

appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S-114

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healey 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. David 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.

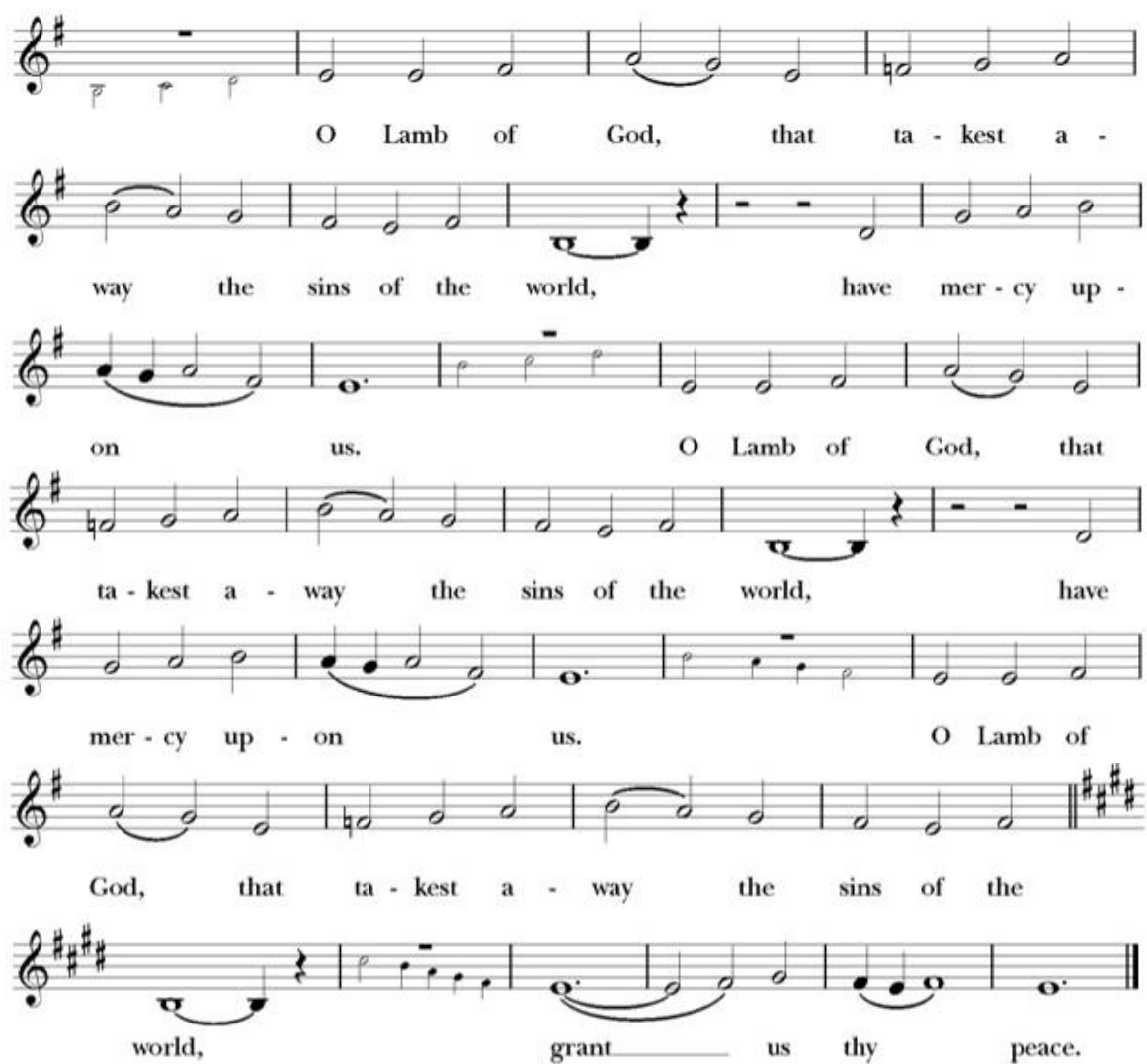
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion

Music at the Communion

Meditation

Claude Debussy

Jocelyn Moore, oboe

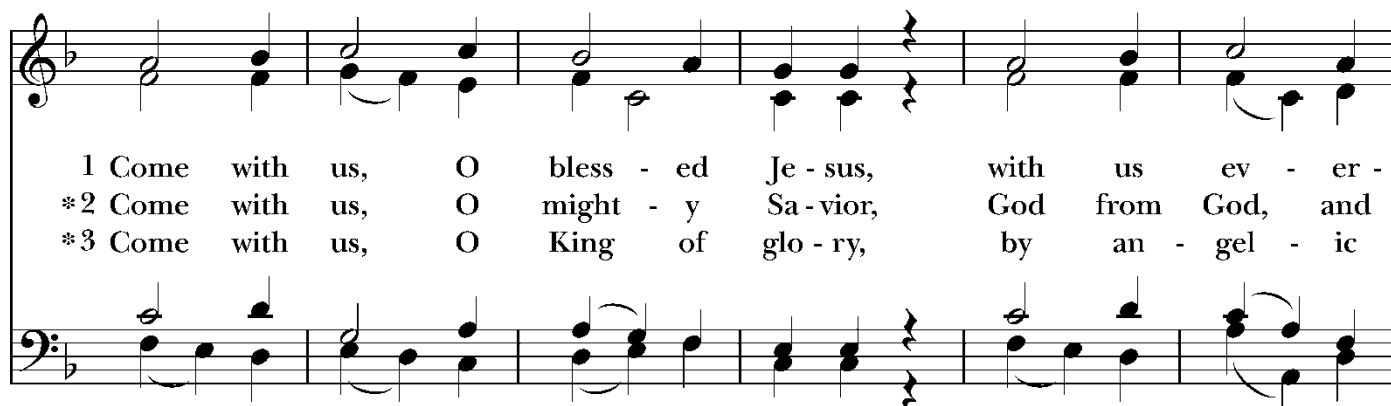
Anthem

The Bridegroom Comes

David Gardiniere

*The bridegroom comes, his bride awaits the Lord of all and spotless lamb,
in Godly might, in high estate, the King of kings, the great I AM.
The feast prepared, His church the bride; the meekest child, the aging men.
Come Jesus, come our loving guide, return us to thyself again. Come, Jesus.
Adult Choir*

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the hymns:



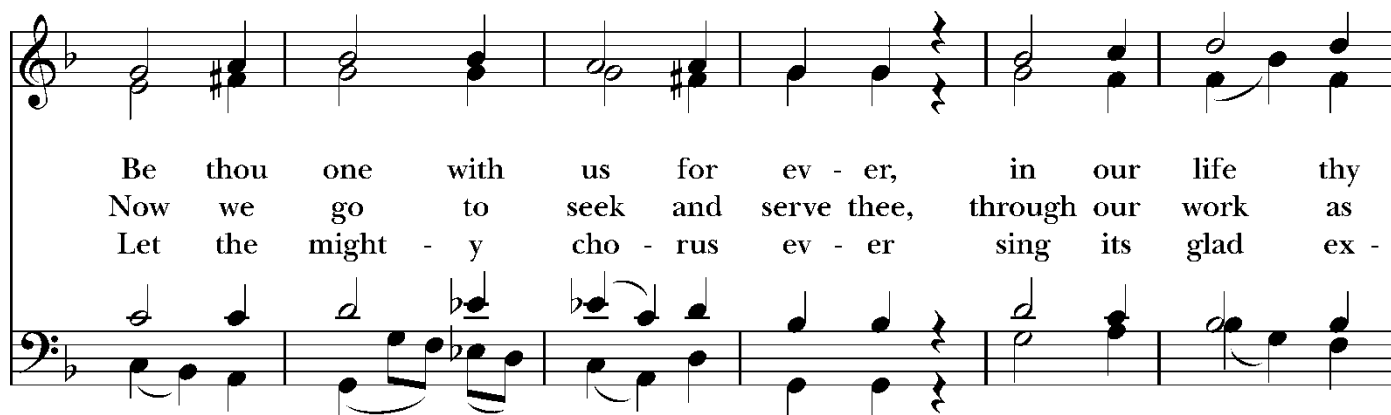
1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
 *2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
 *3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic



more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy



al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.



Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
through our prayer; grant us light to see and
ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

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1
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis

2
pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na

no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Words: Traditional Latin. Music: *Dona nobis pacem*, traditional canon.

Please kneel as you are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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 Sending Prayer for our Eucharistic Visitors

Most gracious God, we send forth your servants bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we share in the Body and Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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



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



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



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

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The Sending

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

Voluntary Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546 J. S. Bach

~ LAY ASSISTANTS ~

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Valinda Garcia, Solveig Stetson
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Verger—Sharon McHugh
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