

Welcome to St. David's Episcopal Church

"We are one in the Spirit"



The Season of Advent at St. David's The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2007

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Join us tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM for our special Nativity service. We begin with Christmas carols and the candlelight service follows at 7:30 PM.



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Music Director - Mary McDonald

Musicians - Virgil Barstad, Mary McDonald, and Mary Stevens

Rector- The Rev. Steve Keplinger



WELCOME HOME

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to St. David's and are pleased you have joined us. If you are visiting us for the first time, please do not put anything in the offering. Your presence is gift enough for God and for us. Regardless of your faith tradition, you are welcome to receive communion in this church. So that all may partake in communion, all the wine used at St. David's is non-alcoholic and gluten free bread is available. We hope you will return many times and

consider St. David's as your church home. We encourage you to sign our guest book.

We Gather in God's Name

Announcements

Prelude - Watchman Tell us of the Night - Music by Joseph Parry - Arranged by Virgil Barstad

Entrance Hymn - # 73- The King shall come when morning dawns - The Hymnal - (Blue hardback book) or see below

Opening Versicles

Presider - Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion!

People - **For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says Yahweh.**

Presider - Many nations shall join themselves to Yahweh in that day,

People - **and shall be my people; and I will dwell in their**

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

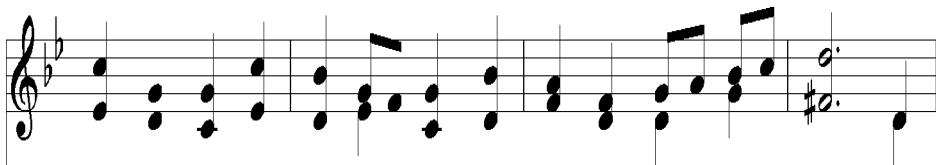
1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

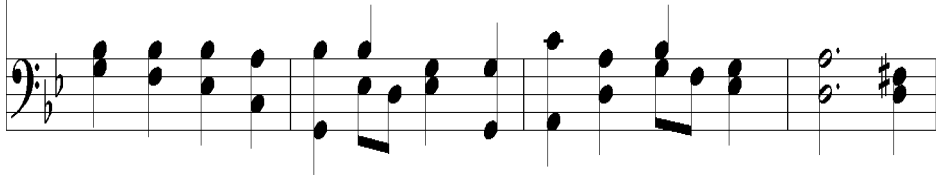
midst.

Lighting of the Advent Candle - The St. David's Sunday School

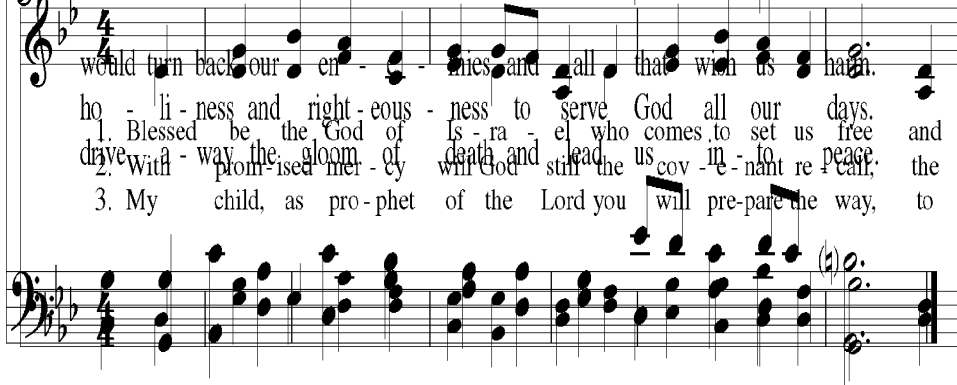
Song of Praise - # 889 - The Song of Zechariah - Wonder, Love and Praise - (Green paperback songbook) or see below



have the pro-phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
 we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
 shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to



would turn back our en - emies, and all that wish us harm.
 ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
 drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in to peace.
 2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to



rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
 oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
 tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then



Salutation and Collect

Presider- May God be with you.

People- **And also with you.**

Presider - Let us pray.

Silence

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Sacred Text

The Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Creation.

People - **Thanks be to God.**

Silence marked with Tibetan bell

**Sequence Hymn - Mary, when the angels voice - From
Voices Found - See below**



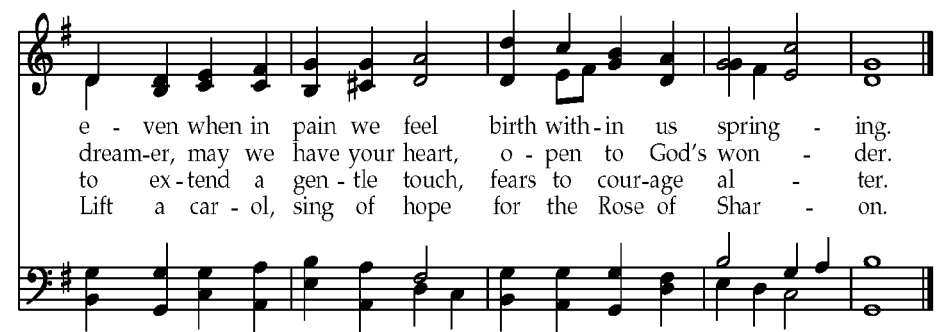
1 Ma - ry, when the an - gel's voice called you high - ly fa - vored,
2 Jo - seph, in your dark - est night, an - gel mes - sage hear - ing,
3 Old and sage E - liz - a - beth, birth an - ti - ci - pat - ing,
4 God whose name we mag - ni - fy, all your child - ren mat - ter.



dread and joy in your heart mixed, pon - dered there and sa - vored.
you cast not your love a - side, scorn and an - ger fear - ing.
nur - tur - ing your cous - in's will, you taught hope - ful wait - ing.
From op - pres - sion raise the poor; proud and might - y scat - ter.



May we learn to wel - come all that our life is bring - ing,
When a loved one brings us grief, rips our world a - sun - der,
So, as wo - men long have done, may we nev - er fal - ter
Seeds be - neath the win - ter snow live, 'tho all seems bar - ren.



e - ven when in pain we feel birth with - in us spring - ing.
dream - er, may we have your heart, o - pen to God's won - der.
to ex - tend a gen - tle touch, fears to cour - age al - ter.
Lift a car - ol, sing of hope for the Rose of Shar - on.

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The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Homily - The 2007 Christmas Pageant

Liberally Adapted by Mary McDonald from Garrison Keillor's
Lake Wobegon Christmas Pageant

The Cast

Narrator - Mary Stevens

Gabriella - Betty Graham

Mary - Anna Atkinson

Joseph - Daniel Cole

Sam Shepherd - Virgil Barstad

The Innkeeper - Connie Tkalcevic

The Star - Rebekah Cole

Customs Officer - Bernadette Pierson

Melchior - Mike Atkinson

Balthasara - Jody Gebhardt

Gaspar - John Crowther

Shem Shepherd - Jackson Cole

Sybil Shepherd - Judy Gossard

Suzie Shepherd - Susan Atkinson

Little Bo Peep - Jordyn Chambers

Sheep - Rachel Cole, Sarah Cole, Coltan Chambers, Devyn Barnett

Angels - Kiki Howard, Dani Siebrecht, Jonathan Parry

The Baby Jesus - Aiden Bennett

Silence

Pageant Hymns

A Little Town of Bethlehem - Congregation sings Verses 1 and 2

1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and praes sit - te sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still, and dear Christ all - a - ters here.
 4 how dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes, once more.
 5 Where - come child - ren, pu - re and low - ly pray, Lord them - blest be thou Child!
 6 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Congregation sings first verse - Solos second and third verse

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

What Child is this - Congregation sings one verse

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

We Three Kings - Congregation sings one verse



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

bring him lead, the babe the son of Ma - ry.

Rise up shepherd and follow - Sung by St. David's choir

Carol of the Animals - Sung by St. David's Choir

Go tell it on the Mountain - Sung by congregation

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

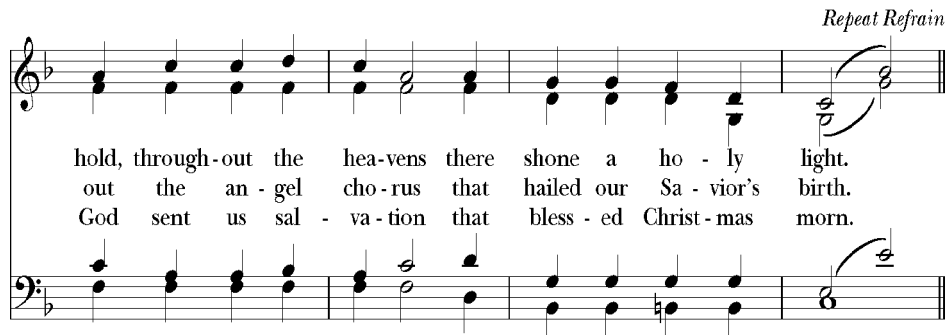
ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
 2 The shep - herds feared and
 3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
 trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
 man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain



hold, through-out the hea-vens there shone a ho-ly light.
 out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sa-vior's birth.
 God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Silence

A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel, begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a small village, of whose coming shepherds saw the sign, and for whom there was no room at the inn.

I believe in the one whose life changed the course of history, over whom the rulers of the earth had no power, and who was not understood by the proud.

I believe in the one to whom the oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind, the injured gave welcome, and accept as Lord and Savior.

I believe in the one who--with love--changed the heart of the proud and with his life showed that it is better to

serve than to be served, and that the greatest joy is giving your life for others.

I believe in peace, which is not the absence of war, but justice among all people and nations and love among all.

I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transforming power of the gospel.

I believe that Christmas is strength and power, and that this world can change if with humility and faith we kneel before the manger.

I believe that I must be the first one to do so. Amen.

Prayers of the People -

Each prayer is read by a different member of the congregation. Please feel free to participate by reading a prayer.

Leader: God of Wonder and Awe, in prayer we prepare our hearts to receive the spirit of God and be the birthplace of Christ, reforming and transforming us into your vision of humanity.

Come, Spirit of Wisdom, to teach and guide the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place. We especially pray for our sister churches St. Jude's in Cedar City, Grace in St. George and Spirit of the Desert in Ivins. In the world, we pray for the church in Ireland. In our own town, we pray for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

(The people add specific prayers for the church either silently or aloud.)

Silence



People : **O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest**



all things mightily;

Leader: Come Spirit of Justice and Peace, to inform and instruct those who hold positions of authority in the nations and in the world. This week we pray for the newly President of South Korea and for a smooth transition in this change of power.

(The people add their own prayers silently or aloud.)

Silence



People: **O Come, Desire of nations, bind, in one the**



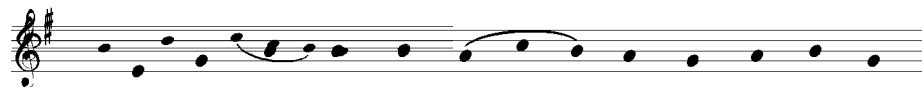
hearts of all mankind;

Leader: Come, Sacred Spirit, to help us see our place in the holy web of creation. This week we give thanks for the United States' sudden reversal at the Climate Change

Conference in Bali, agreeing at the last minute to sign on to the climate deal brokered last Saturday.

(The people may add their own prayers silently or aloud.)

Silence



People: **O Come, o come, Emmanuel! and ransom**



captive Israel,

Leader: Come, Spirit of Wholeness and Compassion; bind us to those who suffer as we ask your healing touch. We pray for WillaDon, Dave, Ryan, Valery, Christy, Don, Norma, Ralph, Kenna, Bernice, Walden, Nancy, Becky, Kevin, Ken, Mary, Judy, Mike, Marian, Mary, Julie, Jeremy, Bill and Linda. Are there others?

(Silence)



People: **O come, thou Key of David, come, and open**



wide our heavenly home;

Leader: Come, Spirit of Comfort and Hope, for those who have died and those who grieve. We especially pray for those Palestinians killed by Israeli airstrikes in the Holy Land this week between Hanukkah and Christmas.

(The people may add their own prayers silently or aloud.)

Silence



People: **O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from**



Satan's tyranny;

Leader: Come, Spirit of Truth and Love, awaken us to the blessing of life. We especially give thanks for all of those who worked so hard this past month to prepare this most wonderful Christmas pageant as we continue to prepare for the world changing event that occurs tomorrow night.

(The people may add their own thanksgivings and blessings.)

Silence



People: **O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high and cheer us**



by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of



night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice!



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

Presider:

We praise and thank you, Creator God,

For you have not left us alone.

Each year you come to us, Emmanuel.

God with us in a manger.

Each time you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.

In time or out of time you will be revealed,

and we shall see you face to face. **Amen**

Confession of Sin

Presider - Let us lay aside the works of darkness.

People - And put on the armor of light.

Silence

The Presider begins and all respond with parts in bold:

God, you come to us but we do not recognize you;

you call but we do not follow;

you command but we do not obey,

you bless us but we do not thank you.

Please forgive us and help us.

God, you accept us but we do not accept others;

you forgive us but we do not forgive those who wrong us;

you love us but we do not love our neighbors.

Please forgive and help us.

God, you showed us how to carry out your mission,

but we still insist on our own;

you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy and the poor,

but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;

you suffered and died for the sake of all,

but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

Please forgive us and help us.

Presider- Hear the Good News;

Nothing in all creation,

neither what we do nor what has been done to us,

can separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus

Christ and poured out upon the earth through the Spirit.

Go in peace; your sins have been put away.

People - Thanks be to God.

The Peace -

Presider - The Peace of God be always with you.

People - And also with you.

Birthdays - Anniversaries

We Offer Our World to God

Offertory Sentence - Presider

If you are visiting us for the first time, please do not put anything in the offering. Your presence is gift enough for God and for us.

Offertory Hymn - Marvel Not, Joseph - Song and Music - English Traditional - Mary McDonald and Virgil Barstad

Doxology - *Old 100th*

**Speak to us Lord from Mountain height,
From snow-clad spires Your day proclaim,
Your glacial cascades boast delight,
While aspens whisper out your name.**

**Your valleys, rivers, desert, herds,
Your forest creatures all adore,
A God whose Love surpasses words,
Whom all our hearts must raise yet more.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and 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, and waters;

and every living thing.

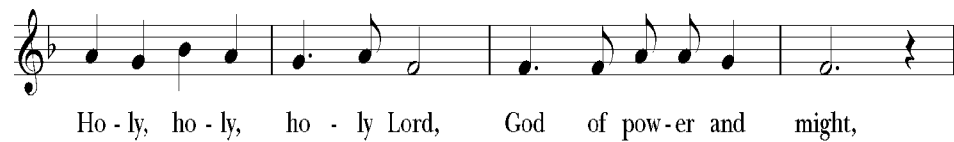
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

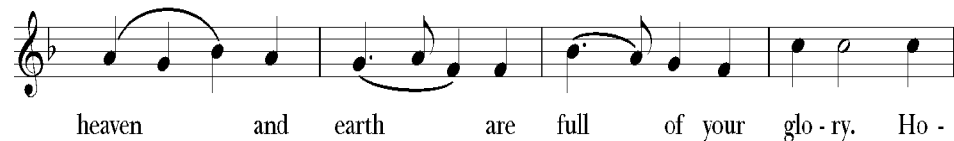
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing :

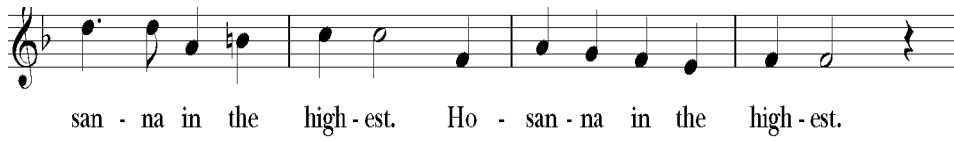
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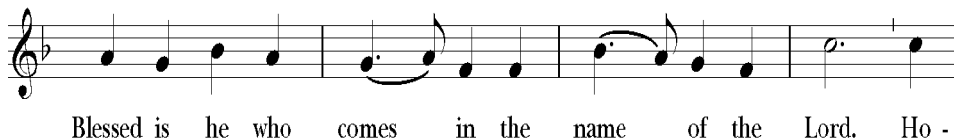
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



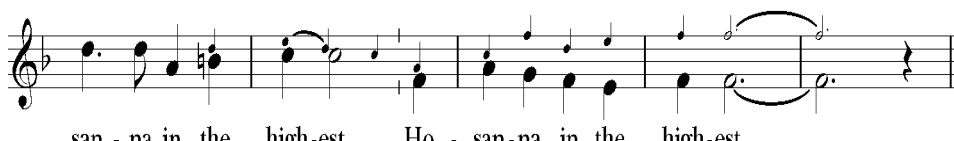
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

All continue -

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.
Presider - 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 to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.
At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to
hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup,
to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel
containing the wine to be consecrated.
On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, 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.”
All - Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our 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 David, Thomas, Stephen and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer - (Traditional)

As now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Breaking of the Bread - Silence

Fraction Anthem - S-164 - Jesus, Lamb of God - Hymnal
 (Blue hardback book or see below)

We Receive from God the World Made New

Presider - The Gifts of God for the People of God
 The Communion of the People of God

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to receive communion at St. David's. The wine used at St. David's is non-alcoholic, so that all may partake. Gluten free bread is also available. It is appropriate to stand or kneel.

Communion Music - Mary McDonald and Virgil Barstad

Post Communion Prayer -

Presider - Let us pray.

All - Gracious and loving God,
you have made us one in the Body of Christ,
and nourished us at your table
with holy food and drink.

Now send us forth

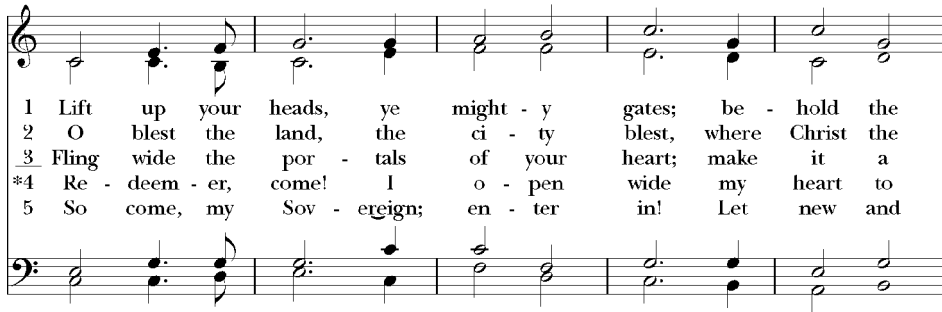
to be your people in the world.

Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil,

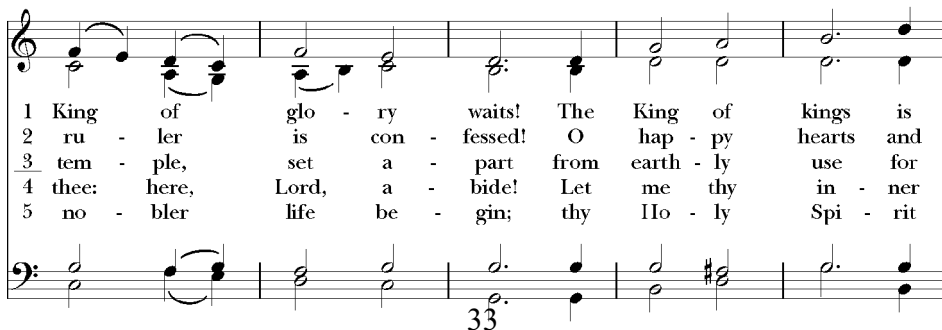
and to proclaim in all we say and do

your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

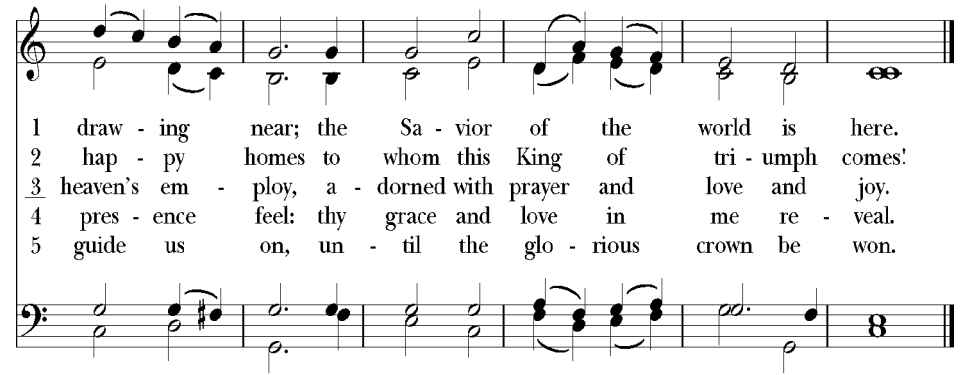
Advent Blessing



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter
the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among
you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**Closing Hymn - # 436 - Lift up your heads, ye mighty
gates** - The Hymnal - (Blue Hardback Book) or see below

Dismissal -

Presider - The Spirit of God is upon us.

People - **God has anointed us to bring
good news to the afflicted,**

Presider - to bind up the brokenhearted,

People - **to proclaim freedom to the captives,**

Presider - to open the prisons of those who are bound.

People - **We go in the Name of Christ.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We return at **7 PM tomorrow** for the unbelievable Eve of the Nativity service. Remember, this is our only Nativity service as we will not have a Eucharist on Tuesday. It's also of course, a night for the children, so make sure they come too!

There will be no service this coming Wednesday as our staff collapses. Taize' worship returns Wednesday, January 2. Don't forget that Christmas is 12 days long. We will be back with our Christmas One service **next Sunday**. After that service, Bernadette Pierson and Kathalin Walker will have an **open house** at their place, 865 Sandpiper from 3 PM to 6 PM. Food and fun for all!