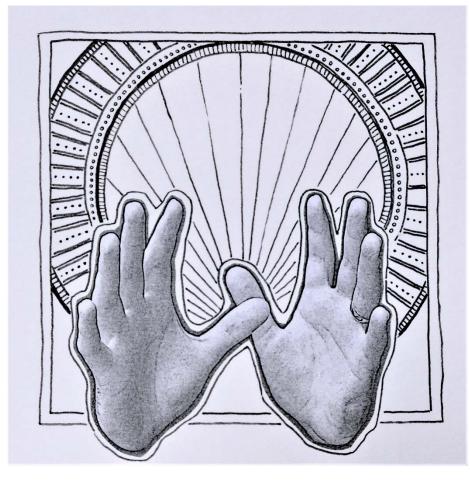
# The Cathedral Church of St. James

## The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019 - Choral Eucharist at 11:00am



Gestures of Advent - Joy, Harriet Dixon 2019

This series of mixed media images explores the four themes of Advent – hope, peace, joy and love – reflected through hand gestures and inspired by ancient practices. Each image is accompanied by the words of an historic Saint, a reminder of our communion with Christian peoples throughout time, as we wait together in expectation this Advent.

Happy, indeed, is she to whom it is given to share this sacred banquet, to cling with all her heart to Him whose beauty all the heavenly hosts admire unceasingly. - *St. Clare of Assisi (1194 – 1253)* 

## Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum

Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Information about Cathedral events and ministries announcements can be found at the back of this booklet after the service program.

Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

## Children & Families

**Sunday School** is offered at 11:00am for all children aged 5-12, including visitors, in the Library of the Cathedral Centre. Children and their families are invited to gather in the reserved pews near the entrance of the Cathedral with Children & Youth Coordinator Andrew Kuhl. During the Collect, Andrew will bring the group to the Library, returning to the service for the Eucharist. Speak to Andrew directly about registration or email him at **akuhl@stjamescathedral.ca**.

Nursery Care for preschoolers is available from 8:45am – 12:30pm on Sundays, in the Library (Cathedral Centre).

## **Accessibility**

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit. Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

## Coffee Hour

Join us for coffee after the 9:00 and 11:00am services in Snell Hall of the Cathedral Centre. The Cathedral Centre is the glass and brick building located behind the Cathedral on Church Street.

## **Parking**

There are a variety of inexpensive parking lots available around the Cathedral. Please see the leaflets at the back of the Cathedral or online at **stjamescathedral.ca/contact** for more information.

## **Connect with the Cathedral**

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As this is a very public and open space please be aware of your personal belongings. Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre. Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning. Please ensure that cell phones are turned off and refrain from taking photographs during the liturgy.

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Fidelis

Percy Whitlock

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#### Welcome and Announcements

Introit

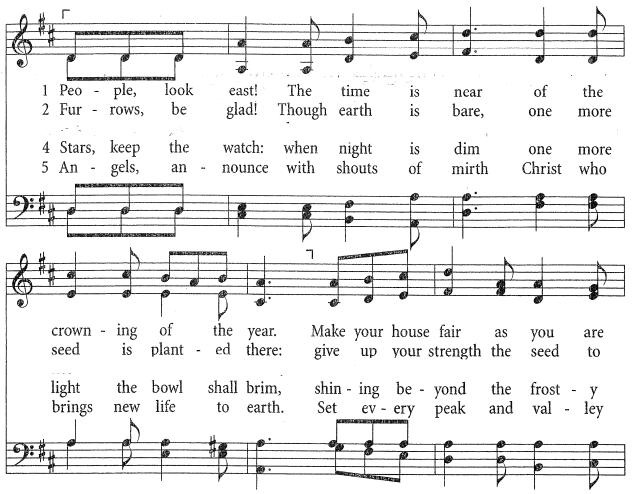
Text from Philippians 4: 4-6, Psalm 85: 1

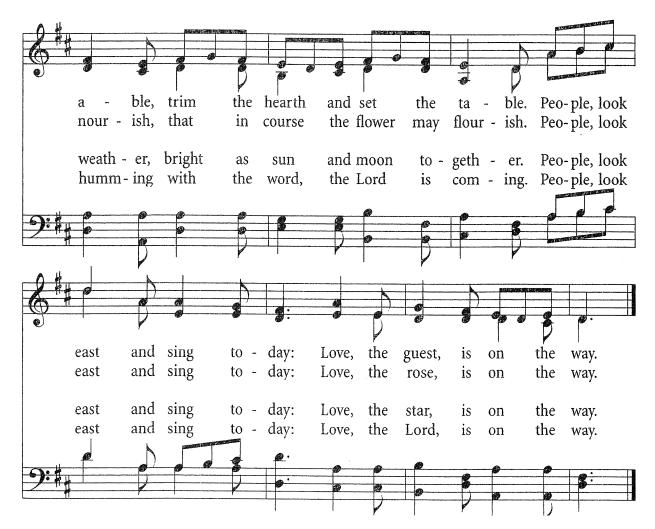
Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti Domine terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in every thing by prayer let your requests be made known to God. Lord, thou hast blessed thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

## Hymn

Text: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Melody French trad.; harm. Martin Shaw, alt.; Tune: Besançon





PresiderThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the<br/>fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.PeopleAnd with the spirit

## *People* And with thy spirit.

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- *One* You are the light of the World,
- All Let us share the light of Christ with the world.
- One Jesus gives us Joy!
- All Let the joy of Christ in our lives shine bright in the world.
- One A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 35: 1-2a

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The third candle is lit.

*One* Jesus, in you we find life,

All And in your presence we rejoice. Teach us to find joy, in your saving work that renews all things so that our life reflects you, the Joy of the world. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Please kneel, as you are able.

Missa Pastores Loquebantur – Cornelius Canis (1500-1562)

Choir Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Children between the ages of 5-12 are invited to go to Sunday School (in the Cathedral Centre Library) by meeting Andrew Kuhl at the entrance to the Cathedral; they will return for the Eucharist.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### **The First Reading**

Reader The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not

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Please be seated.

Isaiah 35: 1-10

travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

People

Reader

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 146: 4-10 – Chant by Barry Ferguson

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Choir

Please remain seated. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, and whose hope is in the LORD his God; Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; who keepeth his promise for ever; Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; who feedeth the hungry. The LORD looseth men out of prison: the LORD giveth sight to the blind. The LORD raiseth up them that are fallen: the LORD loveth the righteous. The LORD careth for the strangers; he upholdeth the fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The LORD thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore, and throughout all generations.

## The Second Reading

Reader Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. Reader People

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospeller in the centre aisle.

- Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! People Cantor The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Cantor
- because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! People

## James 5: 7-10

Veni Emmanuel

Thanks be to God.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11: 2-11

GospellerThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory be to thee, O Lord.GospellerWhen John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent was

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Gospeller People The Gospel of Christ.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Homily

All

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand, as you are able.* 

Merbecke

*Presider* I believe in one God

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us all and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Intercession

Presider	Dear friends in Christ, rejoicing in the coming of the Saviour, let us pray for the Church and the world. <i>Please kneel, as you are able.</i>
Intercessor	We pray to you, Lord.
People	Lord Jesus, come soon.
	At the Thanksgiving for the departed:
Intercessor	Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
People	And let light perpetual shine upon them.
Presider	God of joy, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people. Mercifully accept our requests and grant that we may wait with patience and hope for your Son's Advent among us. We ask this for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People	Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God. Almighty God,

All Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: 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.

- *Presider* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- People Amen.

#### The Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

	We offer each other a sign of peace.
	A handshake or a simple bow are appropriate.
Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And with thy spirit.

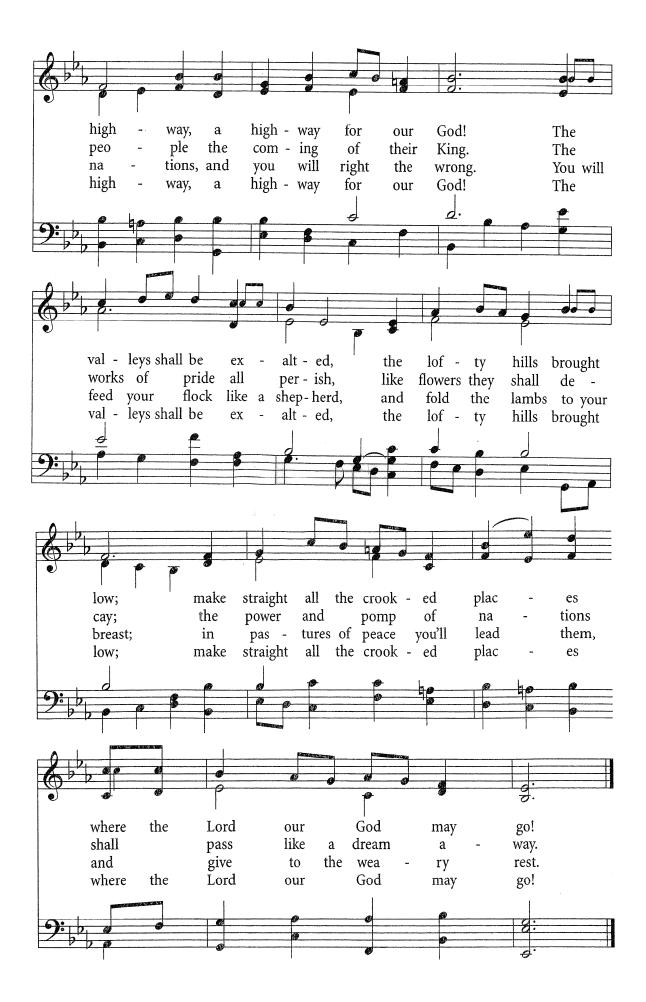
#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

An offering will now be taken for the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

## **Offertory Hymn**

Text: Is. 40.3-11; para. James Lewis Milligan, alt.; Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft; Tune: Ascension





Presider Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.People Amen.

## Thanksgiving & Consecration

- PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them up unto the Lord.PresiderLet us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- *People* It is meet and right so to do.
- *Presider* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Please kneel, as you are able.

## Sanctus & BenedictusMissa Pastores Loquebantur – Cornelius Canis (1500-1562)

Choir Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

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.

*Presider* 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, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Merbecke

- *Presider* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say: Our Father,
- All 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

PresiderGod of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.AllHappy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

## The Communion

PresiderThe gifts of God for the People of God.PeopleThanks be to God.

## Agnus Dei

Missa Pastores Loquebantur – Cornelius Canis (1500-1562)

Choir

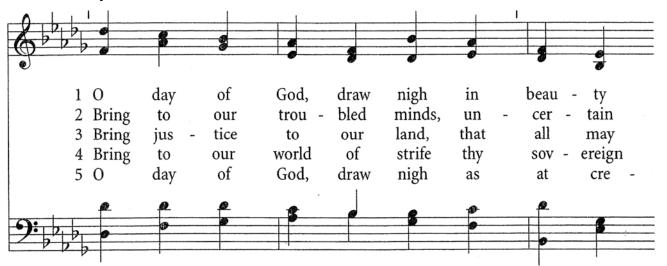
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

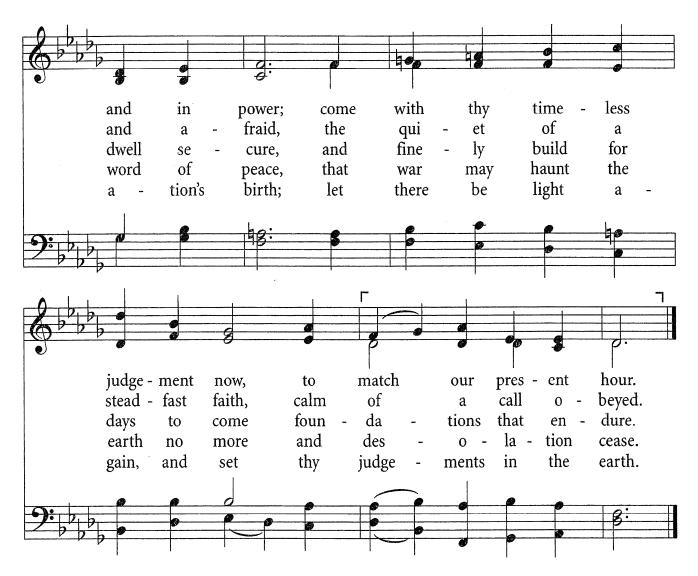
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest. Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Lady Chapel.

**Communion Hymn** 

Text: R.B.Y. Scott; Music: James Hopkirk; Tune: Bellwoods





Motet Rejoice In The Lord Alway

*Text: Philippians 4: 4-6; Music: Anonymous* 

Choir Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

PresiderLet us pray.Please stand, as you are able.Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with<br/>unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this<br/>in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.PeopleAmen.

## The Blessing

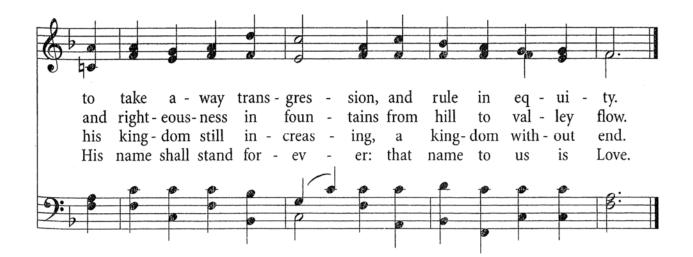
*Presider* Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

## Hymn

Text: James Montgomery, alt.; Music: Melody Johann Crüger; adapt. William Henry Monk; Tune: Crüger





#### Dismissal

- *Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- *People* Thanks be to God.
- Postlude People Awaiting the Saviour

Marcel Dupré

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