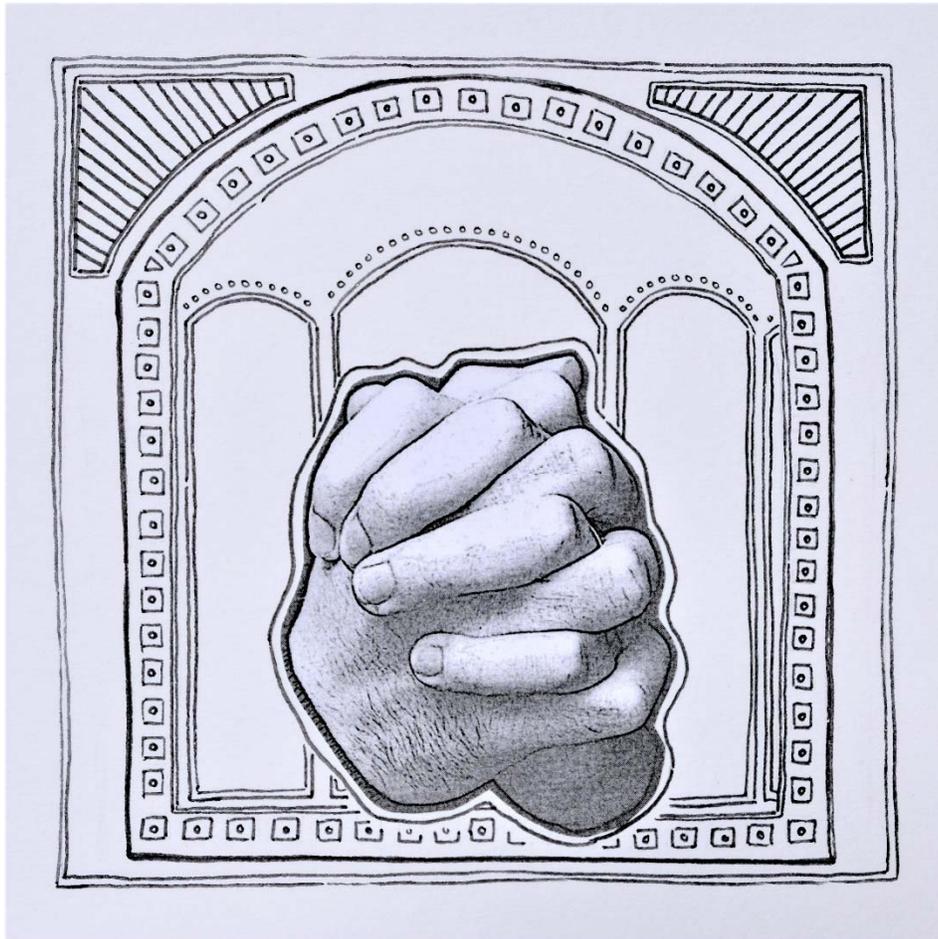


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019 - Sung Eucharist at 9:00am



Gestures of Advent - Love, 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.

Let me seek you in my desire,
Let me desire you in my seeking.
Let me find you by loving you,
Let me love you when I find you.

- St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033–1109)

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, 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.

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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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

Text: Latin; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*; arr. Healey Willan, alt.; ref. desc. and altern. harm. David Willcocks; Tune: Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

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 his Love.

All **Let the love of God be seen in our love for others.**

One A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 7: 14

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.

The fourth candle is lit.

One Jesus, who became human to be God-with-us,

All **Help us to know your love and to share that love with everyone we meet. Through Jesus Christ the one who loves the world. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Reader 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Please remain seated.*

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18—Plainsong

Cantor Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-on the cher-u_bim.

All In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-nas-seh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Cantor Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

All O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your peo-ple?

Cantor You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

All You have made us the derision of our neigh-bours, *
and our ene-mies laugh us to scorn.

Cantor Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
All Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
Cantor And so will we never turn a-way from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your name.
All Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading

Romans 1: 1-7

Reader Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

George Black

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

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
 and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1: 18-25

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller 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 fulfil 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

Please remain standing.

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider Most merciful God,

All 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 neighbours 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal 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 also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn

Text: Attrib. Venantius Fortunatus; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody
Michael Praetorius; harm. G.R. Woodward; Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

The God whom earth, and sea, and sky,
adore, and laud, and magnify,
whose might they own, whose praise they swell,
In Mary's womb vouchsafed to dwell.

The Lord whom sun and moon obey,
whom all things serve from day to day,
was by the Holy Ghost conceived
of her who through his grace believed.

How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
the world's Creator, Lord Divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
once deigned, as in his ark, to lie;

Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
blest by the work the Spirit wrought;
from whom the great Desire of earth
took human flesh and human birth.

O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of
your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you
thanks and praise 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 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.

Sanctus & Benedictus

New English Folk Mass

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate – stand, sit or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

People we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Mass of St. Mark - David Simon

All

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

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion.
 There are three stations for reception: the centre aisle (standing),
 and both side altars (kneel or stand). Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.
 For health reasons, please refrain from dipping the host in the chalice.*

Motet Ave Maria

Heiter Villa-Lobos

Choir

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
 Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
 Sancta Maria, mater Dei, Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
 Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
 Blessed are you among women,
 And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
 Now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Text: St. 1-2, German; tr. Theodore Baker; St. 3, Friedrich Layritz;
 tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth; Music: Melody *Alte Catholische Geistliche
 Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius; Tune: Es Ist Ein'Ros

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind;
 3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen-dour the dark-ness ev - ery-where;

It came, a blos - som bright a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sav - iour, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. *Please stand, as you are able.*
 Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

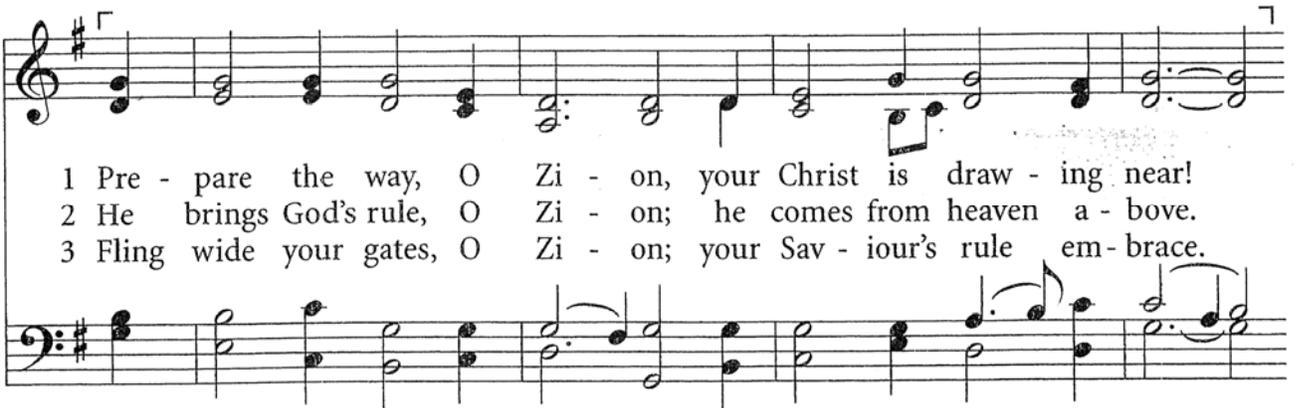
The Blessing

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.

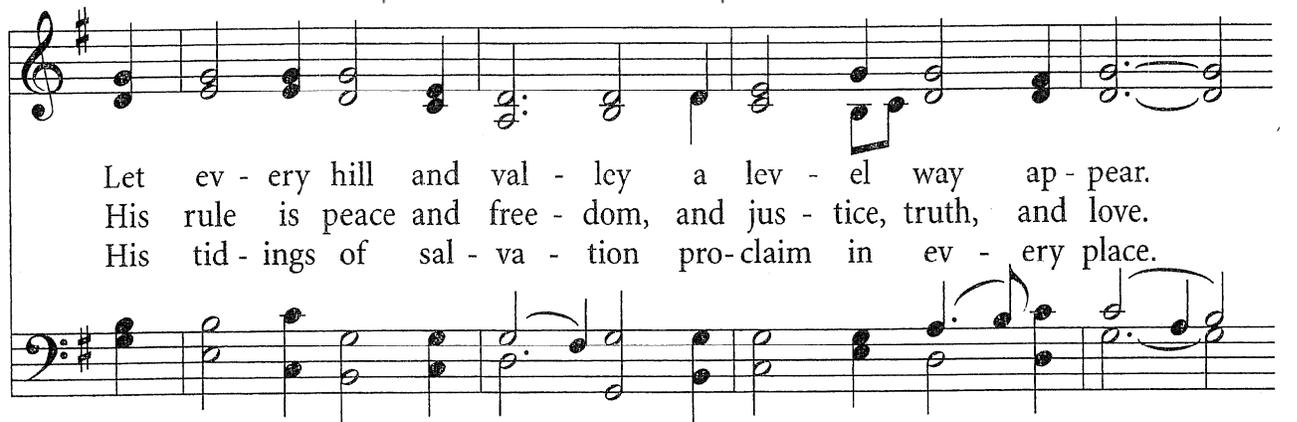
People Amen.

Hymn

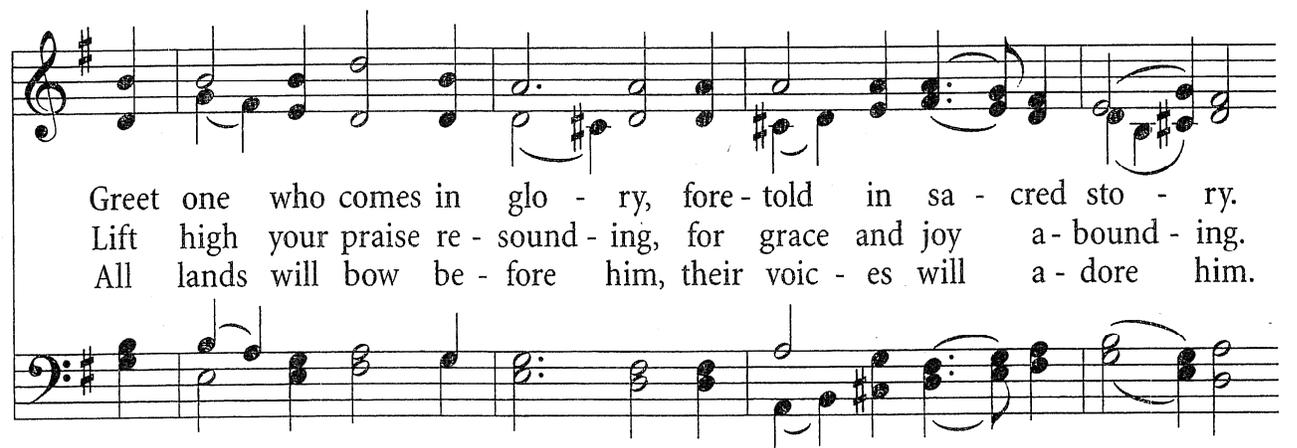
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Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697; harm. Korallbok för Svenska Kyrken, 1939, alt.;
Tune: Bereden Väg För Herran



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 Sav - iour'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.

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew MacDonald • Homilist: The Vicar
Reader: Peggy Crowther • Intercessor: Gloria Wiebe
Communion Ministers: Simon Creary, David Gates, Kate Merriman & Linda Schulz
Stewards: Robert Gilbert & Christine Hillyer
Director of Music: Robert Busiakiewicz • Organist: David Simon
Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Patrick McElcheran
Sung by the Cathedral Parish Choir*

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