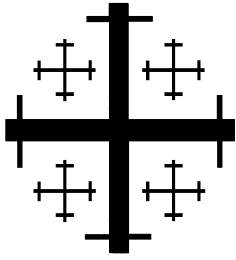


Advent IV

21 December 2025

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

Prelude [8]

[11] *Walking in the Air* original by Howard Blake 1982

Catherine Gollhofer, Cheril Rios, Harps

Amanda Rothe, Soprano Toni Tharp, Flute

Karen Moxley, Violin Patrick O'Dea, Double Bass

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P It is time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near!
Let us make confession to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Faithful God,

C we confess that in thought, word, and deed, we have turned away from you.

We have not eagerly expected your coming.

**We have been slow to serve you and our neighbor.
Restore us, O God of might.**

Let your face shine upon us, filling our hearts with your light and love. Amen.

P Lay aside the works of the night; put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins.

Almighty God grant us forgiveness, keep us in the grace of Christ Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit fill us ✠ with joy and hope.

C Amen

Entrance Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW 257)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Koln, 1710; tr. composite. Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent. Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

Apostolic Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

ALL *Capo 1* D E⁺ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁺ Bm Cm G⁺ma⁷ A⁺ma⁷ Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2) D^(sus4) E⁺(sus4) Bm Cm

For peace in our hearts, the sal - va - tion of our souls,

Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2)

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁺ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁺ Bm Cm G⁺ma⁷ A⁺ma⁷ Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR D E⁺ F⁺m Gm G A⁺ A B⁺

For peace throughout the world; the well be - ing of God's church,

Em Fm A B⁺ Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2)

and the un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁺ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁺ Bm Cm G⁺ma⁷ A⁺ma⁷ Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2) D E⁺ G A⁺

For this ho - ly house and for all who ga - ther here to

Em Fm 3 A B⁺ 2 Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2)

lift up their hearts in wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁺ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁺ Bm Cm G⁺ma⁷ A⁺ma⁷ Em Fm A^(sus2) B⁺(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son

CANTOR D E⁺ F⁺m Gm Em Fm G A⁺ A B⁺ D E⁺

Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us grac - ious Lord.

ALL D E⁺ Em Fm A B⁺ D^(sus4) E⁺(sus4)

A men.

Music: Viktor Andersson © 1999 Calvary Lutheran Church

Hymn Of Praise

1. Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. A - gain we
 2. Is hea - ven's mo - ment far or near? And when will

pray, "Your will be done." May Ad - vent blue to us for -
 Je - sus re - ap - pear? The com - ing dawn is our de -

tell the ec - ho of Em - man u - el.
 light in this, the dark - est hour of night.

3. We could in - side the church re - main, like dry ground
 watch - ing for the rain. We could de - cide to sit and

wa - it, as Je - sus we an - ti - ci - pate.

4. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is
 both not yet and now, Our faith in - forms what we shall

do. May Christ re - turn and find us
 true. May Christ re - turn and find us true.

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Blessing & Lighting The Advent Wreath

*We sing the verse below before **and** after the blessing.*



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P We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Please be seated for today's readings.

First Lesson Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore 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. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For 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."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(8 only) Psalm 80 *Cantor/choir sing refrain,
all echo & sing ff. Verses*

Refrain



God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on
us and we shall be saved.

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1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us Shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **Refrain**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand had planted. **Refrain**
3. May your hand be on the one you have chosen, the one you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. **Refrain**

Second Lesson Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Advent Verse & Gospel Acclamations

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer - ci - ful.
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁸Now 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. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But 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. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Kyle

Silent Reflection

Hymn Of The Day *Savior of the Nations, Come* (ELW 263)



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
- 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
- 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
- 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

- 5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.
- 6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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(8) Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(8) Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

(11) Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation

Promise

P People of God, do you promise to support [Kyrie Ruth](#) and pray for [her](#) new life in Christ?

C We do.

Prayers of the Faithful

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

C Amen.

Thanksgiving over Water

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Renunciation of Evil

Profession of Faith

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Baptism, Anointing with Oil & Signing with the Cross of Christ

Blessing

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Prayer

Proclamation

P Through Baptism God has made [this new sister a member](#) of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offertory

[8] *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Tune: Cranham (Gustav Holst, 1874-1934)

Setting: Emily Maxon Porter (b. 1942)

[11] *Water, Flowing Spirit*

Viktor Andersson 2025

Sanctuary Choir

Water flowing Spirit of life.

Dear child of God we welcome you into our family of faith and love. By water and the word, by prayer and Pascal light we bless and seal you with the sign of Christ's cross.

We offer love. We offer hope. We offer faith that heals each spirit. We offer love. We offer hope. We welcome you.

Water, showering wisdom of faith.

Sweet child of God, we promise you to gently nurture this covenant. We'll teach you of God's grace poured out on you today to die and rise to new life in Christ.

Receive our love. Receive our hope. Receive our faith that heals each spirit. Receive our love.

Receive our hope, Receive our faith.

Water, wondrous vessel of grace.

O precious one, we celebrate Baptismal joining communion of saints. For now you are reborn safe in God's loving arms, refreshed and gently bathed in this gift of grace. Bathed in God's love. Bathed in God's hope. Bathed in the faith that heals each spirit.

Bathed in God's love.

Bathed in God's hope.

Grow in God's grace.



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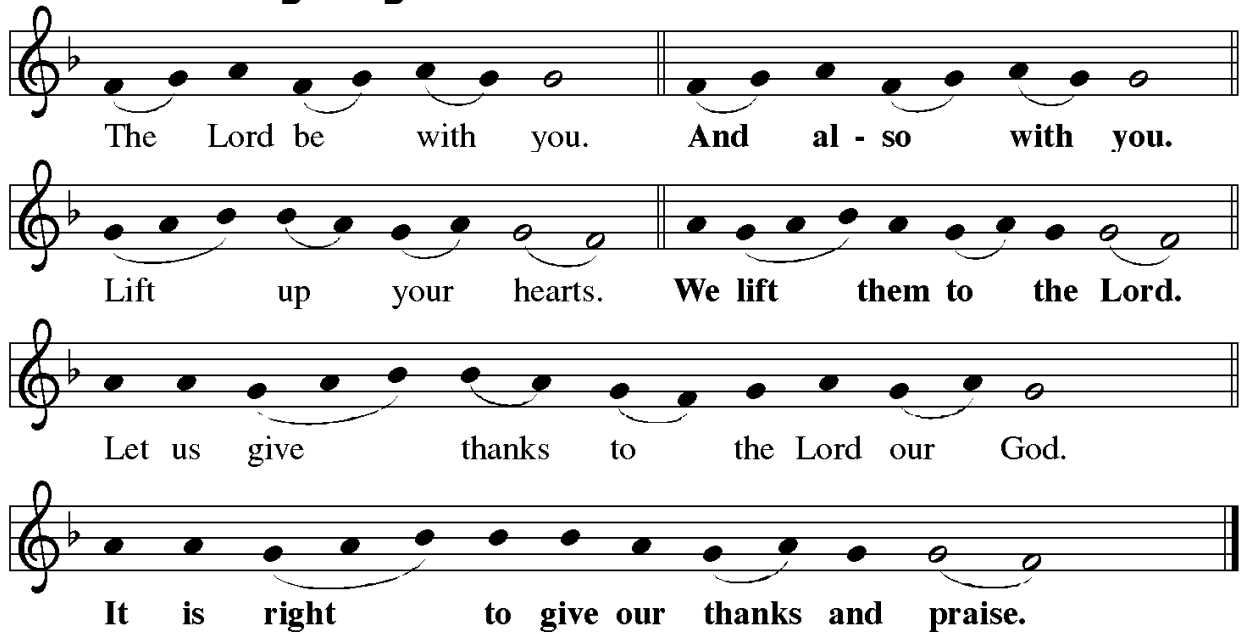
Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?
I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing
and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the
pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer note values and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation

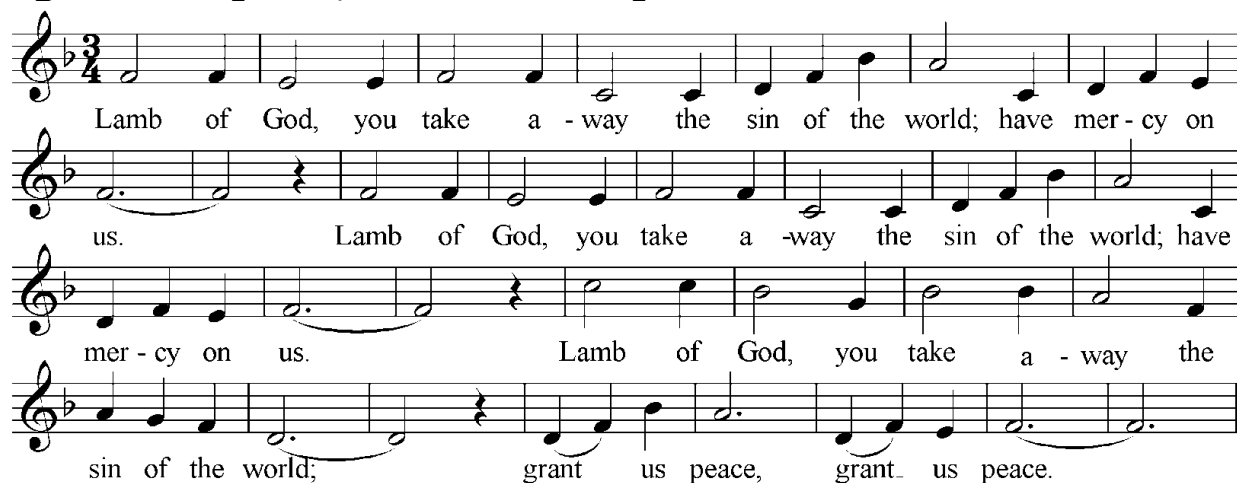
We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e-brate your ris - ing; we
break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer note values and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- C **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, forever and ever. Amen**

P Body of Christ given for you.
Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [*Latin, Lamb of God*]



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HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: We commune at the Altar.
Ushers will guide.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home,
commune with those in attendance at the same time.
We encourage you to communion each other and bless
children who have not received First Communion. Consider
giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."



[11] Peaceful Silent Night Ruth Elaine Schram 1997

Anna Fisher, Lillian Hoover, Adeline Hoover,
Karter Mae Johnson, quartet

**[11] Peace, Peace, Peace Rick & Sylvia Powell,
arr. Fred Bock (1969)**

Catherine Gollhofer, Cheril Rios, *Harps*
Pete Moxley, Amanda Rothe, *Vocals* Toni Tharp, *Flute*
Karen Moxley, *Violin* Patrick O'Dea, *Double Bass*

Songs that may be sung during distribution of the sacrament

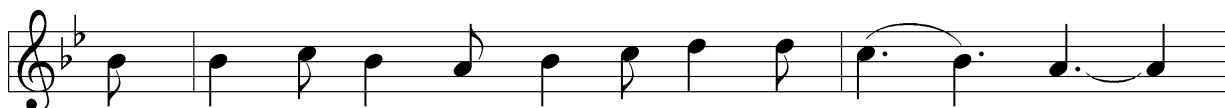
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (ELW 265)



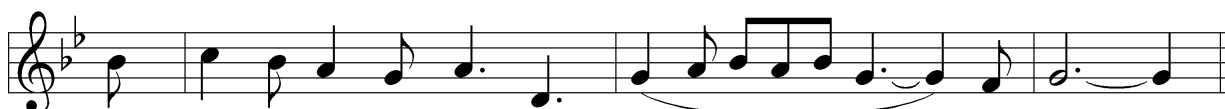
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with 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 to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



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

Text: Basque carol, para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly (WOV 634)

Capo 1

Sing of Mar- y, pure and low- ly, vir- gin
 Sing of Je- sus, son of Mar- y, in the
 Glo- ry be to God the Fa- ther; glo- ry

moth- er wise and mild. Sing of God's own Son most ho- ly, who be-
 home at Naz- a- reth. Toil and Ia- bor to can- not wea- ry love en-
 be to God the Son, glo- ry be to God the Spir- it, glo-

came her lit- tle child. Fair- est child of fair- est moth- er God the
 dur- ing un- to death. Con- stant was the love he gave her, though he
 to the Three in One. From the heart of bless- ed Mar- y from all

Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our ver- y
 went forth from her side, forth to preach, and heal, and
 saints the song as- cends, and the church the strain re-

broth- er, takes our ua- ture by his birth.
 suf- fer, till on Cal- va- ry he died.
 ech- oes un- to earth's re- mot- est ends.

Text: Roland F. Palmer Music: Skinner Chavez-Melo © 1985 Estate of Skinner-Chavez-Melo

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
 and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle

Inspired by an Easter homily
of St. Augustine

The monks of Weston Priory
Vermont

With bro- ken bread in our hands, your
word a fire in our hearts, we now pro - claim our own
myst- 'ry: in this jour- ney from death in -
to your new life, we are your bread, we your bo - dy.

A Let us pray... God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C Amen

P The Benediction ✠

C Amen

Please turn in place, facing the cross carried by the crucifer.

Recessional Hymn *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -
 room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing, and
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.;
 arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

[8] *My Lord What a Morning* Tune: Burleigh

Setting: Vincent M. Ryan (b. 1971)

[11] Surprise Postlude ! Sanctuary Choir

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	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Stephen, Deacon and Martyr **Friday, December 26, 2025**

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

John, Apostle and Evangelist **Saturday, December 27, 2025**

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

Today's Offertory anthem at the 11 am Eucharist.

Today's world premier of this piece on the Winter Solstice honors and celebrates the baptism of Kyrie Ruth Wood, daughter of Michaelann and Nathan Wood.

The title: *Water, Flowing Spirit*

The title derives from a remark made during a leisurely early evening cruise up the Isis (Cherwell) River in Oxford. One of the guests aboard our college punt was Gunter, an itinerate scholar from Germany who had simply shown up one day at my college. Not matriculated as a pupil, he had arrived to take in the university lectures, all of which are free and open to the public.

As I maneuvered the pole, propelling then steering the flat-bottomed punt, an enchanting mist gently floated up from the river, surrounding us.

Gunter broke the silence, speaking softly: "Water spirits."

The words and music

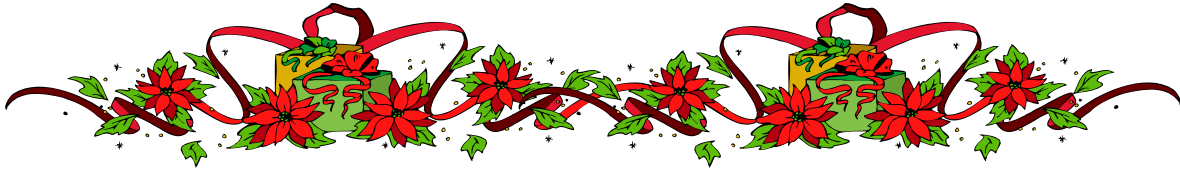
In 2004, I composed a hymn for the baptism of Charissa Lillian Short, the daughter of Pastors Matthew and Jessica Short. Matt was our intern at Calvary Lutheran that year.

I composed the hymn while on retreat in the woods adjoining the shore of Lake Michigan, north of South Haven. Michigan.

This work is based on that hymn.

Soli Deo Gloria

+ Viktor Andersson



KYRIE PUB CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

Tonight, Sunday, December 21st at 5pm. Shaw's Patio & Grill (1051 W Magnolia, FTW).

CALVARY BLUE CHRISTMAS WINTER SOLSTICE

Tonight, December 21st at 6pm

Also known as *A service for the Longest Night*, this service acknowledges that Christmas can be a very lonely, depressing, "blue" time for those grieving the loss of loved ones or other losses. Through liturgy and song and shared meal we bring our pain and sorrow to the Christ child who is the light shining in the darkness and seek the consolation and healing of God's presence.

CALVARY CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th at 4, 6, 8, & 11pm

All services include candlelight singing of "Silent Night"

6 pm & 8 pm also livestreamed online

Nursery available during 4 pm & 6 pm services

4, 6, 8 pm Lessons Carols Eucharist

15 minute carol sing prior to each of these services

4 – Children's Choir and soloists, Children's Blessing of the Creche

6 – Harp ensemble, Handbell choir, and soloists

8 – Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir and soloists

11 pm Midnight Mass

The full liturgy with Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir, and soloists