



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2024 ▪ 10:00 AM

*Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy!
Wherever you are on your spiritual
journey, and whether you are joining us in
the church building or via the livestream,
we are glad you are here!*

*If you are new here and would like to learn
more, please introduce yourself to the clergy
after the service. If you would like to be
added to our mailing list so that we may
keep you informed of upcoming events,
please contact the church office.*

*Infants and children (and their
accompanying noises) enliven our services.
Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are
available in the children's area, just to the
left of the front pews.*

*We acknowledge with respect that we
worship on the traditional, ancestral, and
unceded territory of the Coast Salish
Peoples, and we pray that we may live more
deeply into the calls to action from Canada's
Truth and Reconciliation Commission.*

*A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep silence for prayer
and preparation.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

PRELUDE *Jesu, meine Freude* BWV753

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN

WINCHESTER NEW

1 On Jor - dan's bank, the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge,
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in. Pre - pare we in our
and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
fal - len sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
doth thy peo - ple free, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
hearts a home, where such a might - y guest may come.
waste a - way, like flowers that wi - ther and de - cay.
light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- ⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- ⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;
- ⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
- ⁷ The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- ⁸ The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ⁹ The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
- ¹⁰ Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —
 2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God ——— en - du - reth, the ———



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The —
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they ——— per - ish, like
 feed his ——— flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our ——— God ——— may go!
 na - tions shall ——— pass like a dream ——— a - way;
 lead them, and ——— bring them ——— safe to his fold.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, ——— al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Refrain*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Sponsors I present Josephine Elizabeth Linde McQuillan to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents and Sponsors I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Sponsors I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Sponsors I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for Josephine,
who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

The Cantor leads the petitions



Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

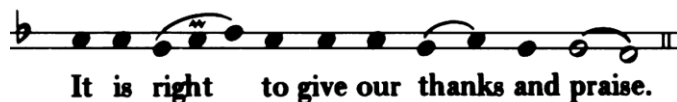
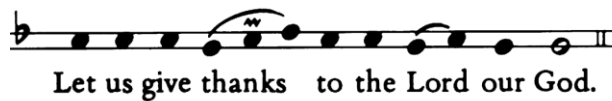
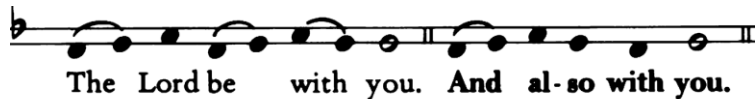
Bring her to the fulness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes,

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ
your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to
come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER



We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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 to the dead. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? **I will, with God's help.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant pours water on the candidate, saying

Josephine, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then uses chrism to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized, saying

Josephine, I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The Celebrant prays over the newly baptized, saying

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

The Celebrant gives the newly baptized a lighted candle, saying

Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

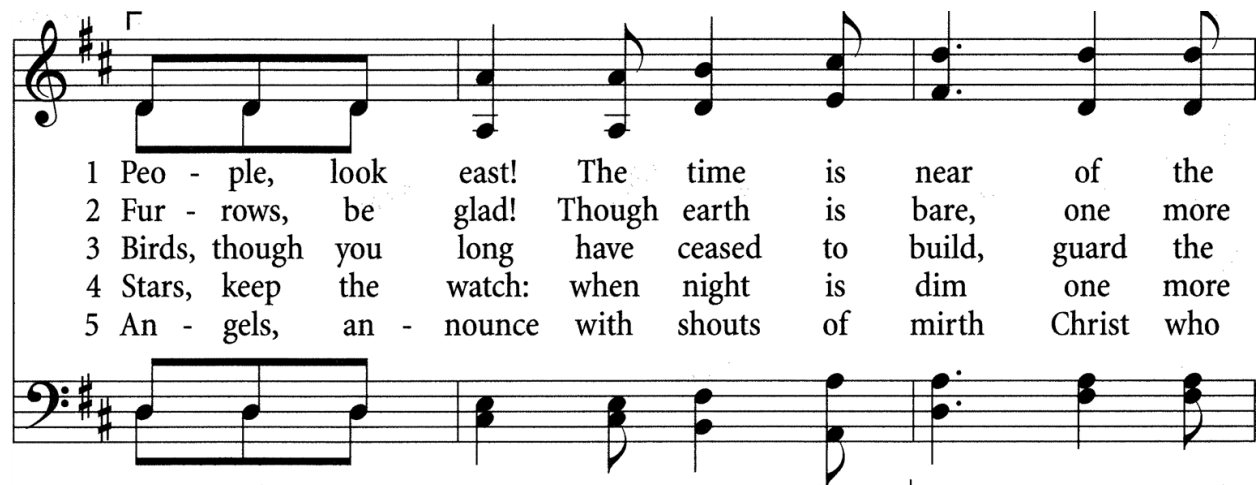
THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



HYMN

BESANÇON



1 Peo - ple, look east! The time is near of the
2 Fur - rows, be glad! Though earth is bare, one more
3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
4 Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim one more
5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled; e - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 humm - ing with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

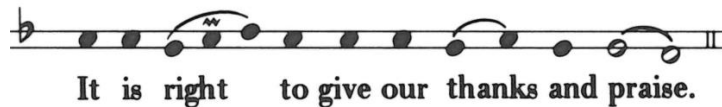
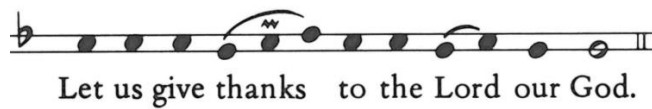
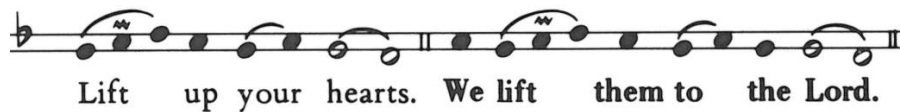
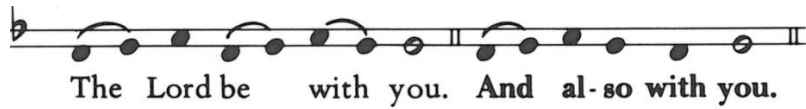
east and sing to - day: Love, the guest, is on the way.
 east and sing to - day: Love, the rose, is on the way.
 east and sing to - day: Love, the bird, is on the way.
 east and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.
 east and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

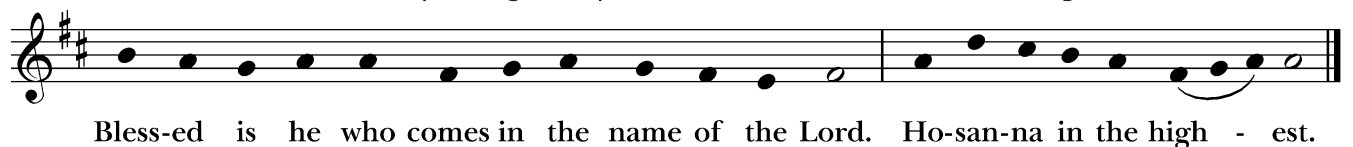
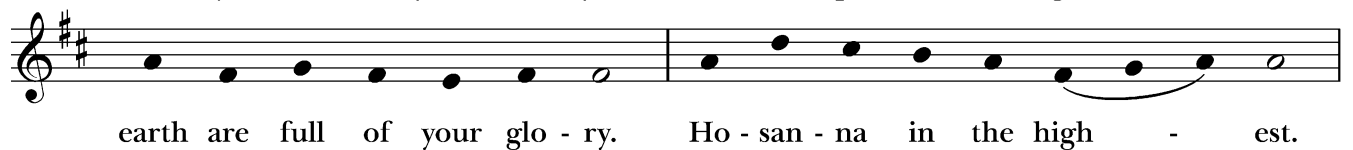
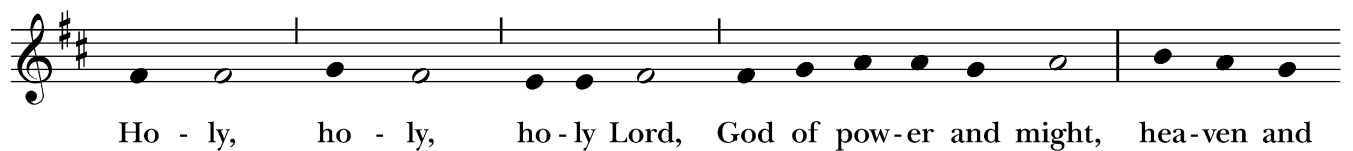
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 the 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.

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *New Plainsong*

David Hurd (b. 1950)



The Celebrant continues

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,

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

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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

New Plainsong

David Hurd

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.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

ANTHEM

There is no Rose

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu,
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space.
Resmiranda.

By that rose we may well see There be one God in Persons Three:
Pares forma.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth And follow this joyous birth:
Transeamus.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birth of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE NOTICES

Please stand as you are able.

THE BLESSING

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.**

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; born a
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, rule in

set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
 all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
 child and yet a King; born to reign in
 all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -

sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 us for - ev - er: now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* BWV 659

J.S. Bach

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