



The Second Sunday of Advent

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

December 7, 2025
A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

Prelude: *Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Music: John Hughes arr. by Keith D Rowley

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #59 *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Words: Latin ca. 6th century; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).
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Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day."
Christ our sun all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

All pray together: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MHSO #61 *Prepare the Way of the Lord* (Sung 3 times)

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Canon

1 2

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and

3 4

all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Give the king your justice O God:

and your righteousness to a king's son,

that he may judge your people rightly:

and uphold the poor with justice.

Let the mountains bring forth peace for the people:

and the hills prosperity with justice.

May the king defend the cause of the poor among the people:

save the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun endures:

as long as the moon from age to age.

May he come down like rain upon the grass:

like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish:

and abundance of peace till the moon is no more.

Blessèd are you O Lord our God:

for you alone do marvelous things.

Blessèd be your glorious name for ever:

let the whole earth be filled with your glory.

Amen. Amen.

At the conclusion of the psalm, all say together:

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) Music: *Psalm 42* Claude Groudimel (1514-1572)

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Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,
Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain:



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

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

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

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Thom Sinclair

The Nicene Creed

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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

God of the prophets, we come to you in hope, praying for the needs of all the earth as we say:
Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

Strengthen us, your Church, to live the Gospel without surrendering to fear. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop and Mariann our bishop, for Connie our rector, Wendy our deacon intern, and for the people of St. George's. May we speak the truth of Jesus and follow his way of compassion.
Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

We pray for the leaders of nations, that they might bring a just peace to all your people. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

We pray for all those caught in warfare and violence. We pray for the people of Ukraine and Haiti, Sudan and Gaza and other places of conflict, that they may find a just peace. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

Open our eyes to the beauty and wonder of your creation. Help us to preserve and protect this planet and the forms of life it nurtures. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

Give healing to those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who are in need. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

We pray for those who are hungry, those who are poor, and those who have no safe place to sleep. For the families of Gaywood Elementary School, those served by the Warm Nights program, and the clients of the Bowie food pantry we pray. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

Rejoicing with those who rejoice, we remember those now celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other joyous occasions. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn. *The people may add their own petitions.* May we, with them, rise with Christ and live in glory with all your saints. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

God our healer, whose mercy is a refining fire: touch us with your judgment, and confront us with your tenderness, that, being comforted by you, we may reach out to a troubled world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: In this holy season of waiting, we confess not only our sin, but our weariness, our distractions, and our hesitations to hope. Let us bring to the Lord the truth of our lives and trust in the mercy that meets us here, as we pray together:

Holy and Compassionate God, we confess that we have not lived as people of your coming kingdom. We have spoken when we should have listened; we have been silent when we should have spoken. We have waited without hope and lived without trust. Forgive us and renew us, O God, and turn our hearts again to your way. Make us ready for the coming of Christ, who brings grace enough for all. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org. (*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*



Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #14 *Soon and Very Soon*

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Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.
No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.



Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

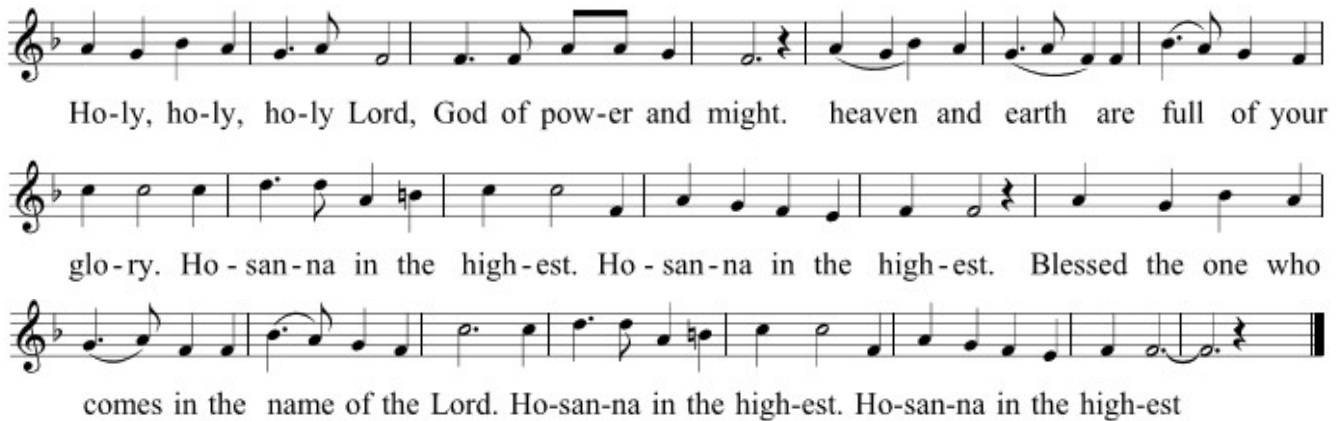
It is right to give unceasing thanks and boundless praise to you, Holy God, ruler of the universe and giver of life. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, Jesus fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Hymnal 1982 # S-125. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heaven and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that we might serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived among us as one of us. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you O God.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all of us who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Living Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

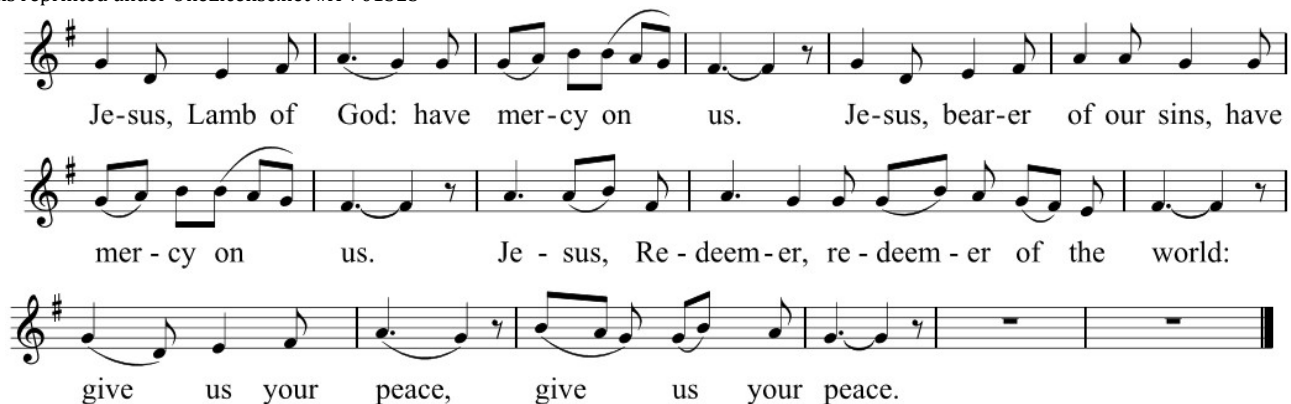
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory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

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God

Setting: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1790-1828). Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Hymnal 1982 # S 164.
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Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion



Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing; cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.

Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #325 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual Arr. David Hurd (b. 1950). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #66 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart* from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schone Gesange*, 1715
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Come, thou long ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child, and yet a King,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Communion Hymn 3: Gospel Hymn: Gather #256 *Wait for the Lord*

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7. The Taize Community, 1984. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) © 1984 Les Presses de Taize, G.I.A Publications.
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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **God of new beginnings, we thank you for drawing near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen us with your love and to renew us for your service. Kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, that your light would so shine through us that all may welcome your son at his coming. This we ask in the name of Jesus Emmanuel, who was and is and is to come. Amen.**

The people may be seated for announcements.

Announcements

The Blessing

May God be with you as you keep watch for the One whose Advent is promised. **Amen.**
May God embolden your witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way. **Amen.**
May you be found ready at Christ's return, at peace in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**
And may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who gives us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #65 *Prepare the way, O Zion*

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. Charles P. Price (b 1920). Music: *Bereden vag for Herran* from *Then Swenska Psalmboken*, 1697
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Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior'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.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Grant Unto Us Thy Peace, O Lord*

Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Christmas Services at St. George's

Wednesday, December 24: 5:00 pm Family Service with Pageant

This service includes the Christmas pageant followed by Holy Communion, a wonderful celebration of the magic and mystery of Christmas Eve.

Wednesday, December 24: 9:00 pm Festive Eucharist

This service of Holy Communion begins with special music by the choir. Come and celebrate Jesus' birth with word and song, bread and wine. Joy to the world!

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day 9:00 am Eucharist

We continue the celebration of the Incarnation with a service of Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

**As we move into the Season of Advent,
join our Advent program.**

We will gather via Zoom at 7:00 pm on
Monday, December 8.

Our materials from the Advent Devotional center on the theme
Angels of the Bible

