



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT EVENING PRAYER AND HOLY EUCHARIST, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025 5:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION:

We are called to be disciples of Christ,
revealing his life, love, and light to the world.

OUR VISION:

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is a
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teaching the love of Jesus Christ through our
worship, actions, and outreach: transforming
ourselves and the world.

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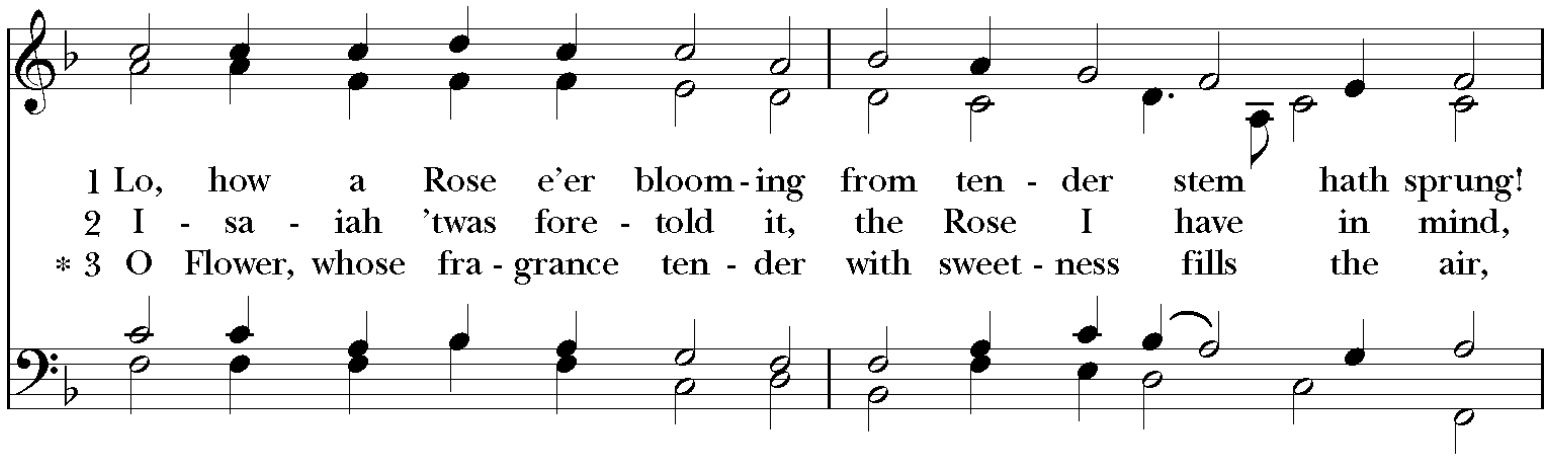
GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING HYMN (see next page)

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

ES IST EIN ROS, 7.6.7.6.6.7.6;
words and music, anon. 16th c.

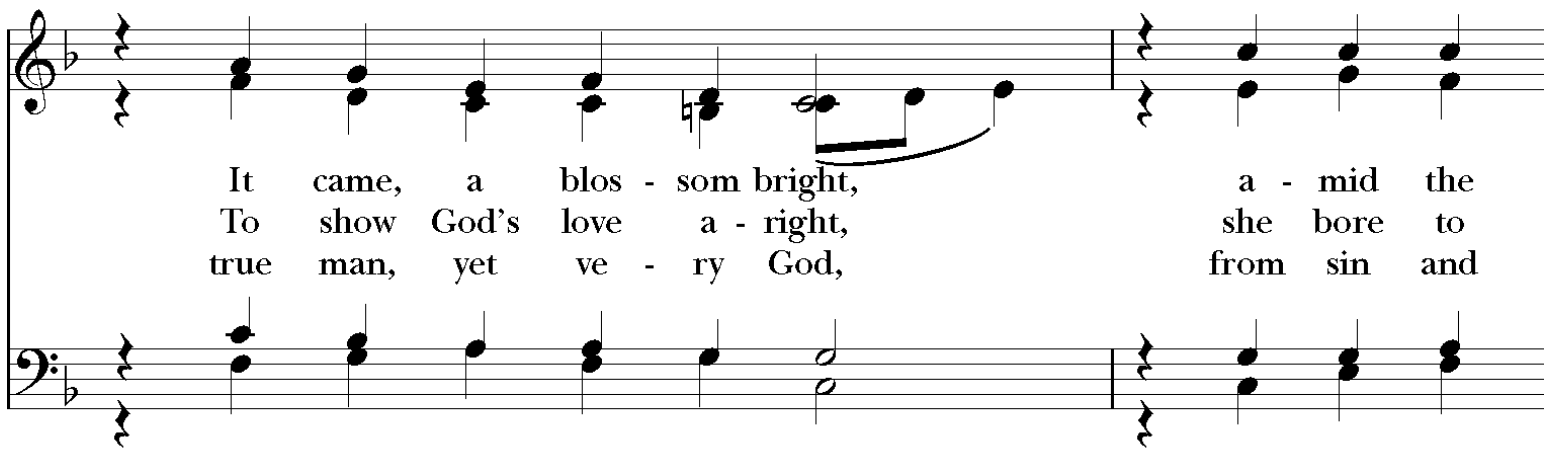
Please stand, as able.



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah '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 Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor 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 Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Presider 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

During the music, the appointed candles in the Advent Wreath are lit.

Sung first by choir, then by all:

Organ

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider The God of love is with us.

People The Spirit of love is in us.

Presider Blessed be the God of the prophets, who foretold the coming of the Light;

People And blessed be the Son, whose coming we await.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

STIR up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10, *The Return of the Redeemed to Zion*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
 and come to Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
 they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE CANTICLE APPOINTED

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary (Magnificat), Luke 1:46-55;
 music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Antiphon sung first by choir, then by all:

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My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord.

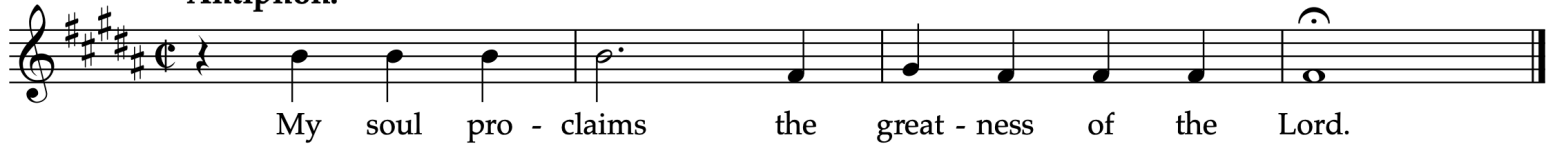
Verses:

All sing the bolded lines as indicated:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my / Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly / servant.
 From this day all generations will call me / blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his / Name.
 He has mercy on those who / fear him *
in every gene- / ration.
 He has shown the strength of his / arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their con- / ceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their / thrones, *
and has lifted up the / lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with / good things, *
and the rich he has sent away / empty.

He has come to the help of his servant / Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of / mercy,
 The promise he made to our / fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for / ever.

Antiphon:



THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-10, *Patience in Suffering*

A reading from the letter of James.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

THE GRADUAL

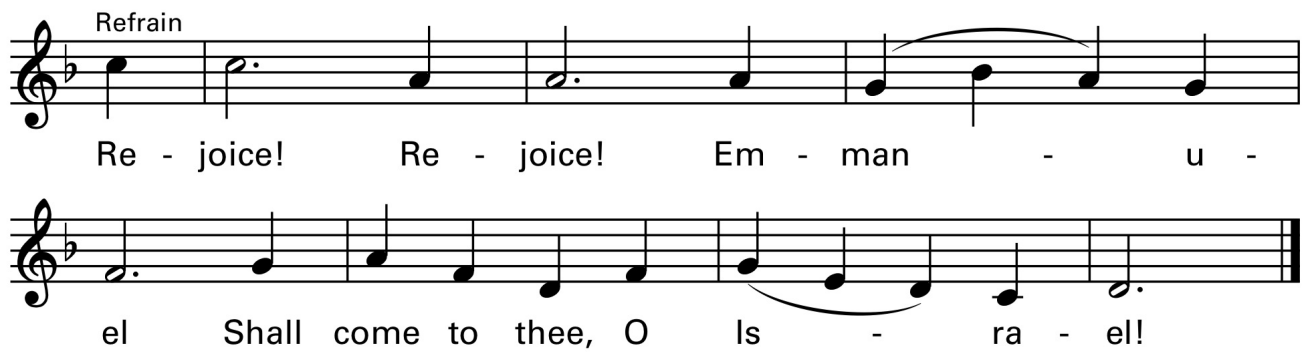
Verse 5 before the Gospel, verse 6 after.

Verses

5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
 6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And

5. o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing night; Dis - perse the gloom - y

5. leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
 6. clouds of night, And death's dark shad-ow put to flight.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11, *Messengers from John the Baptist*

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

WHEN John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following verse 6 of the Gradual, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; for _____; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone; especially _____; that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

People Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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 on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Gaudete”

music, anon. 16th c.

*Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria
virgine, gaudete!*

*Tempus adest gratiæ, hoc quod optabamus
Carmina lætitiæ devote reddamus.*

*Deus homo factus est natura mirante,
Mundus renovatus est a Christo regnante.*

*Ezechielis porta clausa pertransitur
Unde Lux est orta salus invenitur.*

*Ergo nostra contio psallat iam in lustro,
Benedicat Domino salus Regi nostro.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin
Mary, rejoice! The time of grace has come for
which we have prayed.*

*Let us devoutly sing songs of joy.
God is made man, while nature wonders
The world is renewed by Christ the King.
The closed gate of Ezekiel has been passed
through; from where the light has risen,
salvation is found. Therefore let our assembly
sing praises now at this time of purification
Let it bless the Lord: greetings to our King.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

GREENSLEEVES, 8.7.8.7 with refrain;
words, William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898);
music, trad. English ballad, 16th c.

Please stand, as able.

So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant king, to own him;
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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 him thanks and praise.

IT is truly right to offer you praise, O God, Father of all life and source of all sound. Though our days are like vapor, and the echoes of creation fade in the distance, the voice of your Spirit resounds through all history. For you spoke through the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, and sent your Son to redeem us from the powers of evil and death. And so with all creation, with the wind that howls and the breeze that whispers, with the trumpets of heaven's messengers and crying out of the prophets, we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we say:

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.

Blessed are you, O God, for you have spoken through the prophets to announce the advent of your Kingdom; calling your people to hear the cry of the poor and act with mercy, and to await your coming in glory. We bless you for sending the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son, to be born of the Virgin Mary, whose life and death bore your love to the world. By his rising again, he saved our souls from despair, and by the gift of the Holy Spirit, he has given us courage and hope in the face of evil and death.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Following a brief silence, the Presider leads:

People Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Made one with him, and one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness, that in receiving them into ourselves we may be made whole again, strengthened not merely to hear your voice, but to follow it. And in the age to come, when you return in glory, may we join Bartholomew and all the saints in the chorus of your eternal praise. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Presider continues:

COME to this table, those who have much faith and those who would like to have more; those who have been to this sacrament often and those who have not been for a long time; those who have tried to follow Jesus and those who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

AGNUS DEI

music, John L. Bell (b. 1949)

D D/F# G Bm Em⁷ A(sus4) A

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

D D/F# G Bm Em G F#(sus4) F#

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

Bm Bm/A G Bm Em⁷ G/A D

have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Please be seated once you receive Communion.

All are welcome to receive at St. Bartholomew's.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"There is a Longing"

music, Anne Quigley

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us;
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.*

*For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer,
In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, O God...*

*For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, in weakness, in fear...
For healing, for wholeness, for new life, in sickness, in death...*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

Presider Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your participation in today's service; your presence is a blessing to us.

"All are welcome. No exceptions."

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as they mark this day; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *(see next page)*

"My Soul Proclaims Your Glory"

DUKE STREET, 8.8.8.8;
words, Paul Gibson (1932-2016);
music, John Warrington Hatton (ca. 1710-1793)

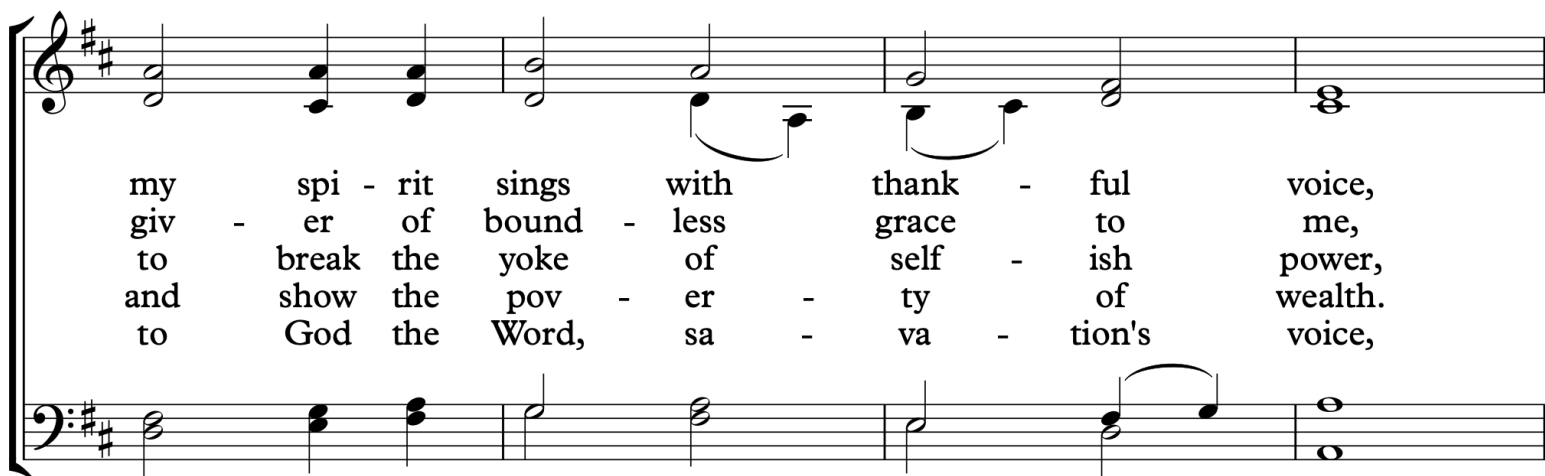
THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



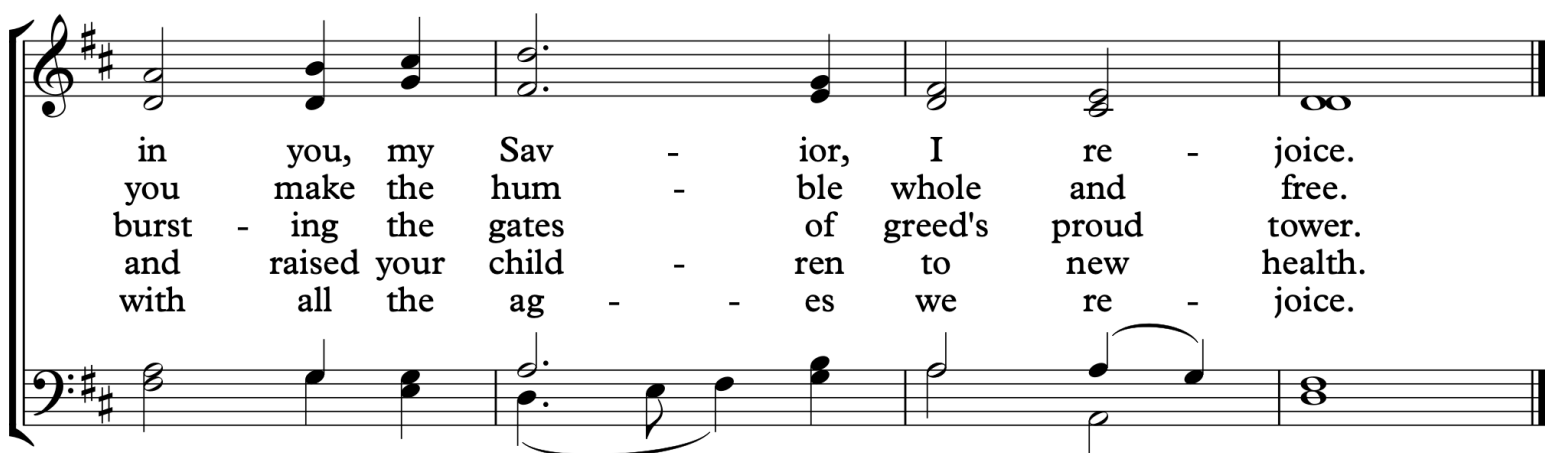
1. My soul pro - claims your glo - ry, Lord,
 2. Na - tions un - born will bless your name,
 3. You have made bare your might - y arm
 4. You fill the hun - gry mouths with food,
 5. Glo - ry to God, all be - ing's Spring,



my spi - rit sings with thank - ful voice,
 giv - er of bound - less grace to me,
 to break the yoke of self - ish power,
 and show the pov - er - ty of wealth.
 to God the Word, sa - va - tion's voice,



for you my low - ly prayer have heard:
 in ev - 'ry age - you are the same:
 and lift your bro - ken ones from harm,
 Your an - cient vow you have made good,
 to God the Spi - rit, praise we sing:



in you, my Sav - ior, I re - joice.
 you make the hum - ble whole and free.
 burst - ing the gates of greed's proud tower.
 and raised your child - ren to new health.
 with all the ag - es we re - joice.

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