

Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024—10:00 a.m.



Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
Los Gatos, California

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Advent Prelude

Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn 56

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”



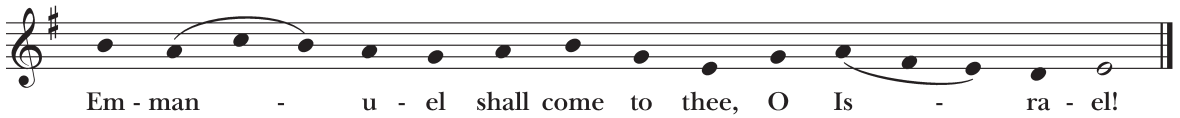
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Our King and Savior now draws near.

People **O come, let us adore him.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of joy and salvation, you sent your Son to bring us to new life: Evermore gladden our hearts this Advent Season with the prospect of your arrival, newly-come yet ever-present, that we may always be prepared to welcome you in love, when you come again in glory this Christmas and in the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Said by all

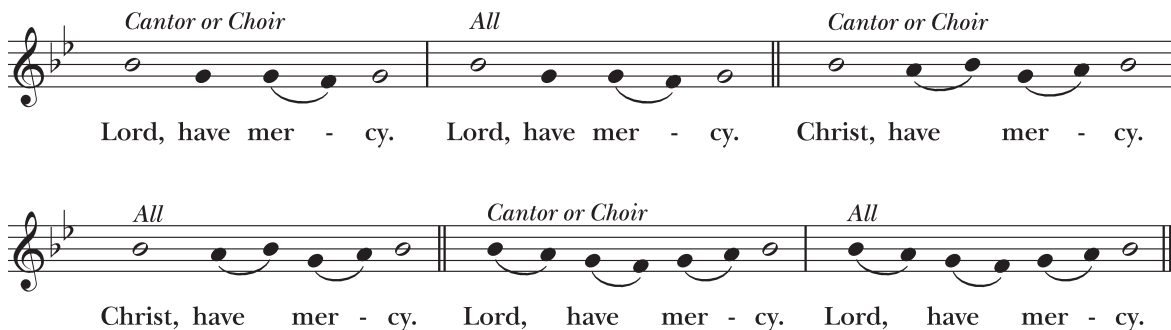
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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.

The Celebrant then says

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

S 95



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The second line has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating that a single note covers multiple syllables.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Micah 5:2–5a

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15

Luke 1:46–55

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 generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5–10

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 265

“The angel Gabriel from heaven came”



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 “For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



his wings as drift - ed snow, his 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,” said he, “thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 “my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name.”
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 “Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–55

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Rev. William S. Stafford

The Nicene Creed

Said by all

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
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.

Prayers of the People

Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for for Justin,
Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Lucinda, our Bishop;
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being
of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in
prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that
they may find and be found by God.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

A Spotless Rose

Herbert Howells

Soloist: David Howard Pitney

A Spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root,
of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;
its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter,
and in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing whereof Isaiah said,
is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;
for through our God's great love and might
the Blessed Babe she bare us
in a cold, cold winter's night.

Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

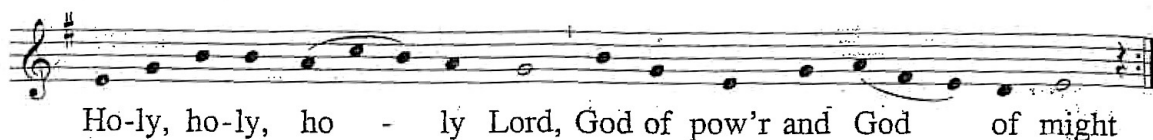
People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

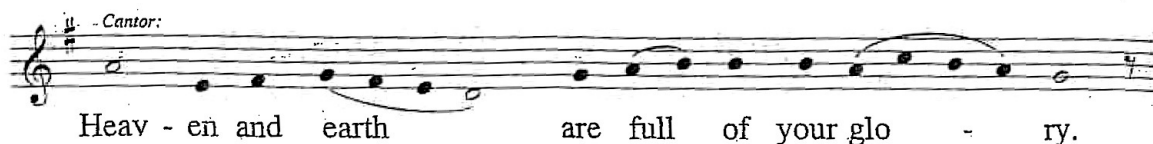
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might

Cantor:

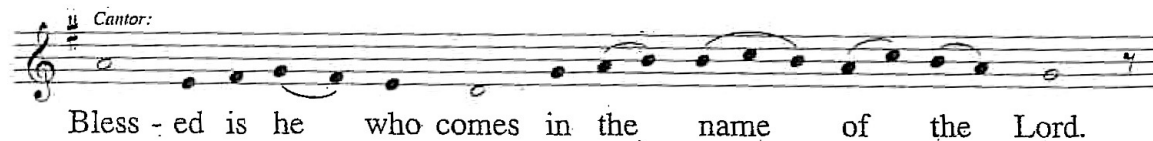


Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor:



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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Elizabeth, blessed Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Said by all

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.

Communion Hymn

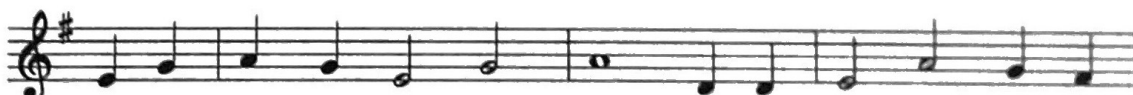
Como Estrella in Clara Cielo



1. Co-mo es - tre - lla en cla - ro cie - lo de ful -
2. Fue un án - gel quien le die - ra be - llas
3. De la pa - ja al ma - de - ro fug a su
4. Glo-ria al Pa - dre y al Hi - jo, y al Es -



1. gen - te res - plan - dor, es - co - gi - da fue Ma - rí - a
2. nue - vas de sa - lud, y a me - dia - dos de u - na no - che
3. hi - jo siem - pre fiel y en - tre lá - gri - mas y ri - sas
4. pí - ri - tu en ver - dad, co - mo e - ra al prin - ci - pio,



1. por de - sig - nio del Se - ñor. Es cual ro - sa que flo -
2. Dios al mun - do en - vió la luz. Es su fru - to en - gen -
3. con - sa - gró su vi - da a Él. Hoy ce - le - bro su a - le -
4. es a - ho - ra y se - rá. Mi a - la - ban - za a Dios se e -



1. re - ce en - tre car - dos de un jar - dín; es don -
2. dra - do, del Crea - dor, su - pre - mo don; es Je -
3. grí - a, hoy ce - le - bro su do - lor, ma - dre
4. le - va co - mo jn - cien - so en el al - tar; yo tam -



1. ce - lla, vir - gen pu - ra, del li - na - je de Da - vid.
2. ús, Ver - bo En - car - na - do, del hu - ma - no, re - den - ción.
3. tier - na y ab - ne - ga - da del ben - di - to Sal - va - dor.
4. bién, co - mo Ma - rí - a, can - to mi Mag - ni - fi - cat.

Translation:

As a star on cloudless evenings
Will with greater brilliance shine
So resplendent was the maiden
Chosen for the Lord's design
Fairest rose in all earth's garden
Blooming on a thorny vine
Virgin mother, pure of spirit
Sprung from David's royal line

When the angel spoke to Mary
His good news brought great delight
He foretold the Light's appearance
When but half-spent was the night
It was God's only begotten
The Creator's gift supreme
Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate
Sent to comfort and redeem

From the stable to the hillside
Mary's faith would never dim
In her tears and in her laughter
She had pledged her life to Him
As I celebrate her gladness
I recall her deepest pain
Tender and unselfish mother
Of the world's most precious Gain

To the Father, Son, and Spirit
Glory, honor, thanks, and praise
As it was in the beginning
And shall be for endless days
Let my prayers rise up like incense
To the Triune God adored
Joining with the song of Mary
I will magnify the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Said by all

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

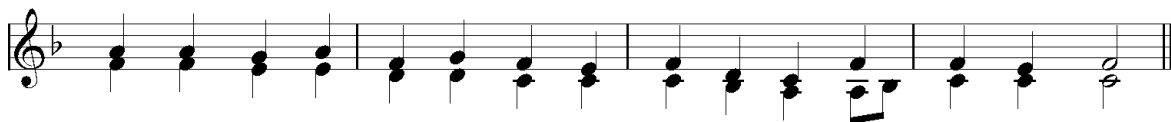
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 66

“Come, thou long expected Jesus”



- 1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
- 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
- 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
- 4 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.

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The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and they respond

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Lovely Rose Is Blooming

Johannes Brahms



Servers—December 22, 2024

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Preacher	The Very Rev. William S. Stafford
Lay Assistant	Roger Fleming
Acolyte	Nicholas Hurley
Lectors	Lillian McMath & Elane O'Rourke
Organist	Laura Green
Singers	St. Luke's Choir
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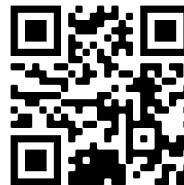
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