

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

*Purple was the traditional color of Advent, a color that represents penitence and fasting, as well, as royalty.*

*Purple will continue to be the traditional color of Lent. But for Advent, we shall use deep blue, as other churches have come to do, because deep blue represents the Advent themes of expectation, hope and anticipation of the dawn of Christ. It is the color in the sky before the sun rises, encouraging us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ to break over the horizon, changing night into day. The use of blue has deep historical roots.*

*The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four blue or purple candles in a circle of evergreens, with a central white candle lit on Christmas Eve and Day. The meaning assigned to each candle varies by tradition.*

## Holy Baptism

*Prelude*

*Air in D - Bach*

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*  
The Processional Hymn

**Sleeper, Wake!**

**Hymn #61**

The Opening Acclamation

✠ Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.

**People There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People One God and Father of all**

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*

The Collect for Purity

**All 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Celebrant:**The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic  
**Deacon/Preacher:** The Rev. Jude Lyons

## First Sunday of Advent

*A family steps forward, one reads, and after this prayer, a member lights the candle:*

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

*The candle is lit.*

*"We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20)*

**People:** **Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**

Let us pray together:

**All** **In you we find our true joy, O God. Let this Advent season be a time to become mindful and alert in service to your people. Open our minds, hearts and hands to receive your transforming grace. We pray through the Christ who is always coming among us. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson      Isaiah 2:1-5

1st Reader      A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

1st Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

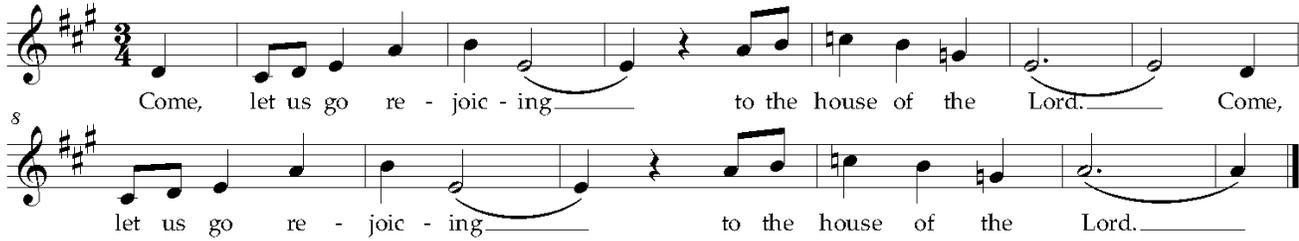


*Please remain seated, and join in singing,*

**The Response**

**Psalm 122**

*Haugen*



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Come, let us go re - joice - ing to the house of the Lord. Come,  
let us go re - joice - ing to the house of the Lord.

Text from Psalm 122. Music by Marty Haugen ©1983 by GIA Publishing. Used by permission OneLicense.net A-709118

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of the Lord." And now our feet are standing within Jerusalem.*

*Pray for peace in Jerusalem, peace in our homes, and peace within us forever.*

*For the love of my family and friends, may the peace of our God be with you.*

*For love of the house of the Lord, I will pray that his kindness be with you.*

**The Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14**

**2nd Reader** A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**2nd Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

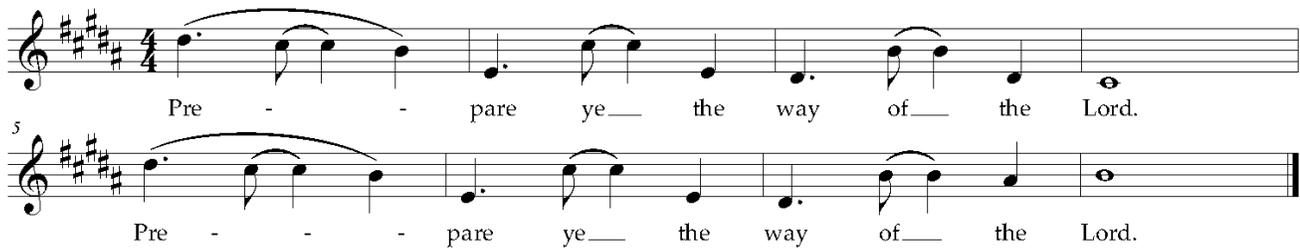
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able, and join in singing,*

**The Gospel Procession**

**Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord**

*Schwartz*



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Pre - - pare ye the way of the Lord.  
Pre - - pare ye the way of the Lord.

From Godspell by Stephen Schwartz.

**The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44**

† **Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please join in singing 'Prepare Ye'.*

*Please remain seated for*

† **The Sermon**

The Rev. Jude Lyons

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

# The Liturgy of Holy Baptism

Candidate for Baptism

**Jack Alexander Allison**

Parents and Sponsors

*Parents*

James Richard Allison IV, Francesca Dolce Allison

*Godparents/sponsors*

Marcello Chua Dolce, Jennifer Nolvvia Correa

*Grandparents*

Dr. James Richard Allison III, Pamela Holloman Allison

Edwin Sia Chua, Lorie Josephine Dolce

*Please remain seated.*

Celebrant The Candidate for baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Sponsors: I present Jack to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the Parents & Sponsors*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that Jack is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parent & Sponsors *I will, with God's help.*

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

Parent & Sponsors *I will, with God's help.*

*The Celebrant addresses the whole Congregation*

Celebrant Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Jack and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

**People With the help of God, we will.**

Celebrant Through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask: Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**People I reject them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**People I renounce them.**

*Please STAND, as able for,*

The Profession of Faith

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, parents and sponsors.*

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People I will, with God's help**

*The People join in singing two verses of the Baptismal Hymn as the ministers, family, candidate and sponsors process to the baptismal font.*

The Baptismal Hymn

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit**

*Bunessan*

*(sung to the tune of 'Morning has broken')*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
born of one Father, we are his children,  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

The Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us pray for Jack, who will receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant 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 forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Family pours the water into the font.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it 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.

*The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross in the water, saying*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that Jack, who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### The Baptism

*Jack is presented to the Celebrant who then pours water upon his head three times, saying*

Celebrant Jack, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

### The Chrismation

*The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross with Chrism (blessed oil), saying*

Celebrant Jack, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

**People Amen.**

### The Giving of the Baptismal Candle

Deacon Jack, receive the light of Christ. Let your life shine with the love of God within you.

**People Amen.**

Deacon Let us pray. Gracious God, you have blessed Jack with the new life of grace.

Give him a heart to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**People Amen.**

*The People join in singing one verse of the Baptismal Hymn as the family, friends and ministers process back to the front of the church.*

### The Baptismal Hymn

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit**

*Bunessan*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

*The Celebrant facing the people says,*

Celebrant There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**People Jack, we welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
and we welcome you.**

### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Joy In the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day...for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone.*

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day.*

*There'll be peace and contentment evermore...Every hear, every voice on that day will rejoice.*

*There'll be peace and contentment evermore.*

*And the glory of the Lord will shine! And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.*

*There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere...and the way of the Lord will that day be restored.*

*There'll be love, sweet love everywhere.*

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

Offertory Hymn

What Can I Give Him?

CRANHAM

9  
What can I give him poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Words by Christina Rossetti Music by Gustav Holst

*Please continue STANDING, as able, for*

The Offertory Prayers

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

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant** Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

*Please remain standing for,*

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching Our Worship 1, supplement to The Book of Common Prayer)*

**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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

**From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.**

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

**But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.**

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Santus

Holy, Holy

FOREST GREEN

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-

san - na in th high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the

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

FOREST GREEN Traditional English tune adapt by Ralph Vaughn Williams

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. **The People join in reading the text in bold.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

**To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.**

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

**He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you.

**Do this for the remembrance of me."**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

**Remember all bishops, clergy, and laity who minister in your church. Inspire and equip us to love and serve as you have served.**

Remember all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve , that they may be kept from harm's way.

**Remember those who have no one to care for them here and around the world.** Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. In our own parish family, we pray for those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or simply in need in any form, especially: Andrea, Aidan and Lorcin, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Nathan Reddall, Shelley Reece, Marylen Ruston, and Steve Smith.

**Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ.** Sustain them in eternal joy and light.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

Thank you, Gracious God, for always doing more than we could ask for or even imagine.

Help us be faithful to our calling.

**We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.**

**In the fullness of time bring us, with St Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**

*DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM*

Of the Fath-er's love be - got - ten, e'er the worlds be - gan to be, he is Al - pha  
and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that have \_\_\_\_\_  
been, and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more. \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn # 82, The Hymnal 1982

## The Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread\* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.*

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

*\*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

## Communion Music

*Waiting*

*Pepper Choplin*

*Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Fill the mind 'til we find your light, your truth, your will, your way.*

*Now let us know your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.*

*We welcome you with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.*

*Listening, we are listening, Lord. Draw near, let us hear your Word for us.*

*Patience, give us patience, Lord. When we pray, give us faith that you hear every prayer, as we're waiting.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Holy and eternal God, you have graciously fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Celebrant

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Spirit. May the dawn of Christ's coming be the joy of your strength. And may the blessings of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Spirit our Sanctifier, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Recessional Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right? Your peo - ple long to  
Love caused your in - sar - na - tion, love brought you down to me; your thirst for my sal -  
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high, that will not fail nor  
greet you, my hope, my heart's de-light! O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my  
va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty O love be - yond all tell - ing that led you to em-  
leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly. My heart shall bloom for - ev - er for you with prais - es  
breast to do in spi - rit low - ly all that may please you best.  
brace in love all loves ex - cel - ling our lost and fall - en race.  
new, and from your name shall nev - er with - hold the hon - or due.

Text by Paul Gerhardt, 1653 Music VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1614

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

March - Peeters

