

# St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

### Welcome to St. Barnabas!

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

*Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.\*\**

*A bell tolls.*

*We invite you to quiet your hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.*

### THE PRELUDE

*Noël for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

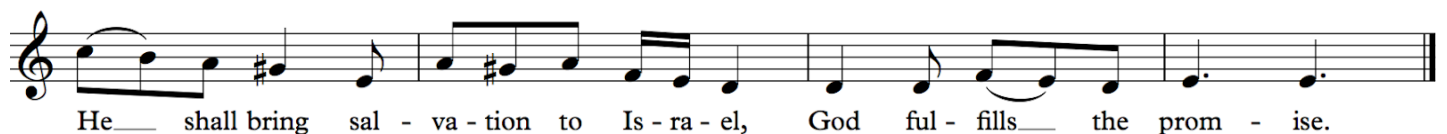
Alexis Chauvet

*Please remain seated.*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

#### The Wreath Hymn

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



## The Wreath Blessing: Hope

*Reader One:* When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

*Reader Two:* When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer — and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

*Reader One:* In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

*Reader Two:* In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope...

*The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.*

*Reader One:* May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

*Reader Two:* May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

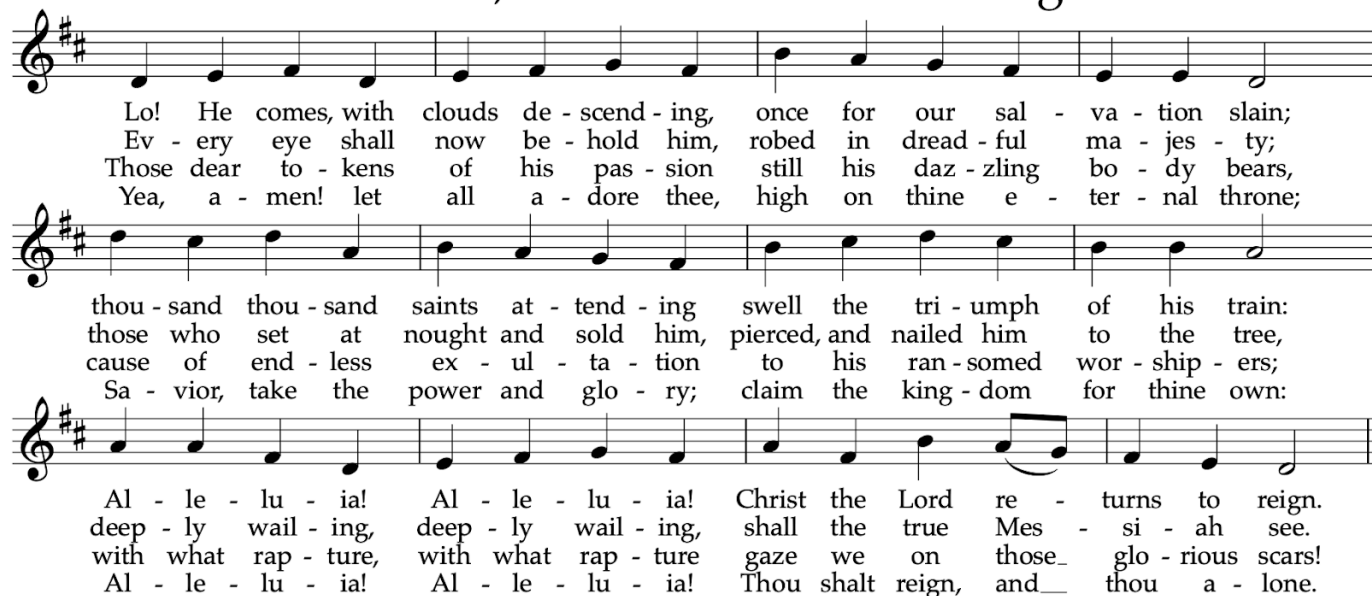
*Reader One:* Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

## *The Liturgy of Gathering*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### THE GATHERING HYMN \*

## Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending H-58



Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful ma - jes - ty;  
Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling bo - dy bears,  
Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his train:  
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers;  
Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine own:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

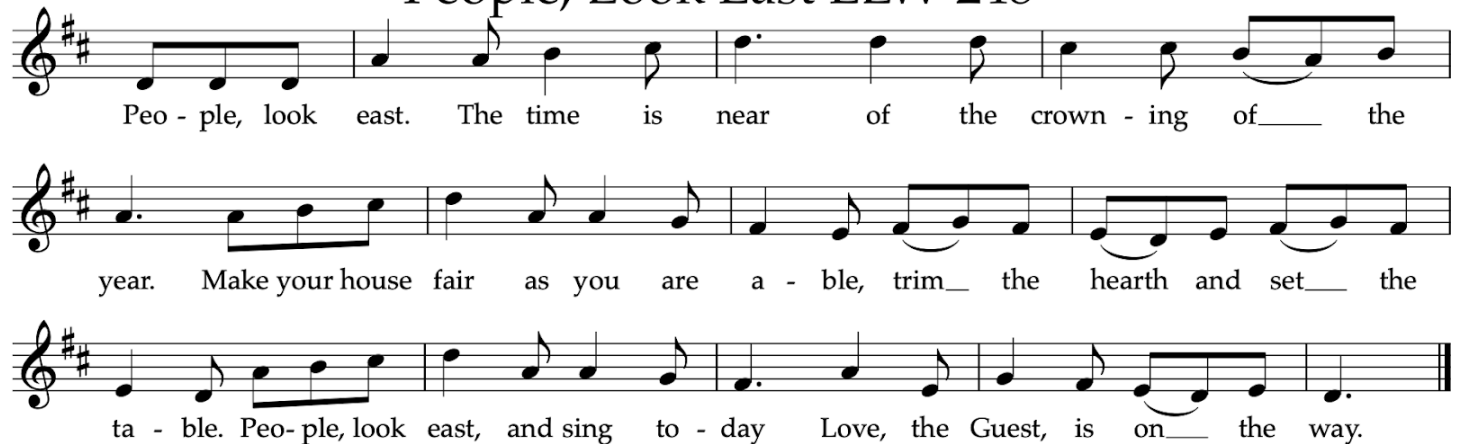
**And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray: **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 HYMN OF PRAISE\*

### People, Look East ELW-248



Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of the  
year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
ta - ble. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day Love, the Guest, is on the way.

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Please sit.*

### THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.\*\**

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*A brief silence, then:*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25:1-9**                      ***Ad te, Domine, levavi***

*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)*

*The psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate  
Word, and Holy Spirit; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for ever. Amen.**

## THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

### *I Thessalonians 3:9-13*

*Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.\*\**

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*A brief silence, then:*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \***

## Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Come, thou long ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 21:25-36*

*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they

will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*A brief silence, then:*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**THE HOMILY**

Pastoral Associate Patti Walter, with Claire Trautman and Pax Sefton

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died.*

*The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung once. \**

## Wait for the Lord ELW-262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

*Bidder:* In this Season of Advent, trusting that God is in all that is to come, we hold up these intercessions in silence.

For a deeper faith for all who seek you — including each of us — as we listen for your call in our lives.

*A brief silence is kept.*

For the Anglican Communion, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Sean Rowe, and Bishop of Colorado Kym Lucas, that they may point a path for us in this season of expectation.

*A brief silence is kept.*

For all the peoples of the world, that we may live together in peace.

*A brief silence is kept.*

For our planet, that we, the people, discover ways to care for creation, to ensure a home for all who come after us.

*A brief silence is kept.*

For our country as it anticipates change, that our leaders may be aware of whom they serve and advance the common good.

*A brief silence is kept.*

For the Parish of St Barnabas as we explore new paths, trusting that you are guiding us and holding us in this time of transition.

*A brief silence is kept.*

For our parish, as we seek to carry out your purposes and to serve those in need, especially for the Denver Black Reparations Council as they move our community closer to racial justice.

*A brief silence is kept.*

For those who lead us at St. Barnabas: Interim Rector Stephanie, Pastoral Associate Patti, Wardens Jolene and Jim, and the Vestry.

*A brief silence is kept.*

For all those who have sought our prayers for healing in body or spirit: Selah, Claire, the Long family, Atlee, Meghann and Kai, the Alden family, Brian, Greg, Kate, Jill, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the people in the Middle East, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster, all victims of gun violence, and those we name aloud or in silence,

*A brief silence is kept.*

We ask for solace for those who grieve and we commit to you all whom we love but see no more, especially Charles, and those we name in silence or aloud.

*A brief silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Trusting that you hear our prayers held in our silence, we gratefully offer these petitions to you.

**Amen.**

*The refrain is sung once more. \**

## Wait for the Lord ELW-262

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!"

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A brief silence is kept.*

**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.**

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**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All share a greeting of peace.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELERS**

*For our St. Barnabas family, here and elsewhere.*

#### **Birthday Prayer**

**Watch over your children, O God, as their days increase; 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.**

#### **Anniversary Prayer**

**Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **A Prayer for Travelers**

**Almighty God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# The Liturgy of the Meal

## THE OFFERTORY

### The Offertory Sentence

*Please sit.*

### The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

### The Choir Anthem

*Sleepers Wake!* Advent Hymn

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### The Presentation of the Gifts

### The Offertory Hymn\*

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW-257

O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,  
O come, O Wis-dom from on high, em-brac-ing all things far and nigh:  
that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap-pear.  
in strength and beau-ty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### The Preface and Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 Sanctus\*

# Holy, Holy, Holy Lord S-125

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea - ven and earth \_\_\_ are full \_\_\_ of your  
glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes \_ in the  
name \_ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. \_\_\_\_\_

### *The Celebrant continues*

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.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Charles, 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.*

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins  
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al,  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM\*

### Alleluia S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Receive who you are, and become what you receive.

*Please sit.*

*This is the table of God. As Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place a wafer into your hand. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Nina G.B. Pergolesi; Lily Sefton, viola

## THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

# *The Liturgy of Sending*

## THE BLESSING

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the Blessing of God Almighty: the Father, +the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING HYMN

### Sleepers Wake H-61

"Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a-stounds us, the shout of ram-part - guards sur - rounds \_ us, "A -  
Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels sing be - fore \_ you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem \_ a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their  
wakes and hur - ries through \_ the night. Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in  
harps and cym-bals swell \_ the sound. Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: through

ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo - ken; "The time has come, O maid - ens wise! Rise  
strength of grace, \_ in truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n, her light \_ grows bright. Now  
them we stream \_ to join the - im - mor - tals as we with joy your thrown \_ sur - round. No

up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your  
come most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We  
eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light: Al - le - lu - ia! There -

lamps pre - pare and \_ has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast \_ may share."  
fol - low all and \_ heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
fore we sing to \_ greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **THE POSTLUDE**

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

Theophil Forchhammer

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