

# HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

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*While we're unable to be in church together, we gather today as the church, the Body of Christ. Wherever you are, we hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and receiving spiritual communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!*

## WELCOME INTO THE SILENCE

*In the place of the organ voluntary during the season of Advent, handbells will be rung at one minute intervals beginning five minutes before the service to mark the time of waiting.*

 *All stand as able.*

HYMN (sung by all, next page)

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

(HYMNAL 59)



John the Baptist

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)  
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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presiding Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly al - might - ty One,  
 ho - ly, ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy on us.

Traditional Orthodox liturgy; harm. Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

*Presiding Priest* The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.  
*Presiding Priest* Let us pray.

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

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

*READER: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
**and blotted out all their sins.**

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

*READER: A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

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## ALLELUIA VERSE

Dent Davidson/Gabriel Fauré

Cantor, then all and after the verse:



Cantor: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight: \*  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’ ” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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



## THE SERMON

Karen Haig

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*



## THE NICENE CREED

*Presiding Priest and People*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary; and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us offer our prayers to God, who clothes us in the armor of light and offers us the gift of immortal life, responding, ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For peace throughout the world, that swords of destruction may become tools for good and every heart be filled with the light of hope;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For the Church, that she would grow in the love of God and be a sheltering haven for all who turn to her;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For the grace to choose the path that leads to eternal life, giving generously toward the relief of poverty and despair, homelessness and fear, so that through our actions, the saving love of Christ would be revealed;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For the leaders of the nations of the world, that power would give way to servanthood, that triumph would give way to right actions, that greed would give way to justice and dignity for all people;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For ourselves, that we would hunger for the teachings of the Lord, seeking opportunities for learning, study and communion with those who follow the way of Jesus;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

In thanksgiving for those who stay awake in the dark corners of human experience, abiding faithfully with those who are in any need of healing, peace and comfort, especially \_\_\_\_\_;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

In thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

In anticipation of Jesus' dwelling amongst us, let us offer our own prayers either spoken or unspoken;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

*The celebrant concludes with a Collect, to which the people respond, Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.



*or Silence may be kept.*

**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 Presiding Priest 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.**



## THE PEACE

*Presiding Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please remain seated. When we're together in church, an offering of money is collected.*

[You may make an offering by clicking here.](#)

RECITATIVE & ARIA from "Messiah"

*Comfort ye my people  
Every valley shall be exalted*

Georg Frederic Handel

Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her Iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for Our God. (Isaiah 40:1-3)

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. (Isaiah 40:4)

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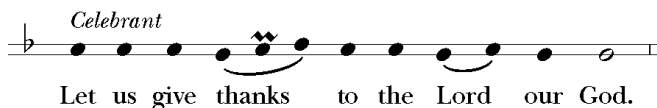
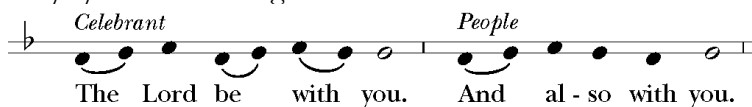


## PRESENTATION ANTHEM

*Presiding Priest* All things come from you, O Lord,

**People** and of your own have we given you.

*The people remain standing as able.*



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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

“German Mass”, Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full,\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blest 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.

*The Presiding Priest continues*

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”



Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presiding Priest and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presiding Priest continues*

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 blessed Barnabas 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.



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

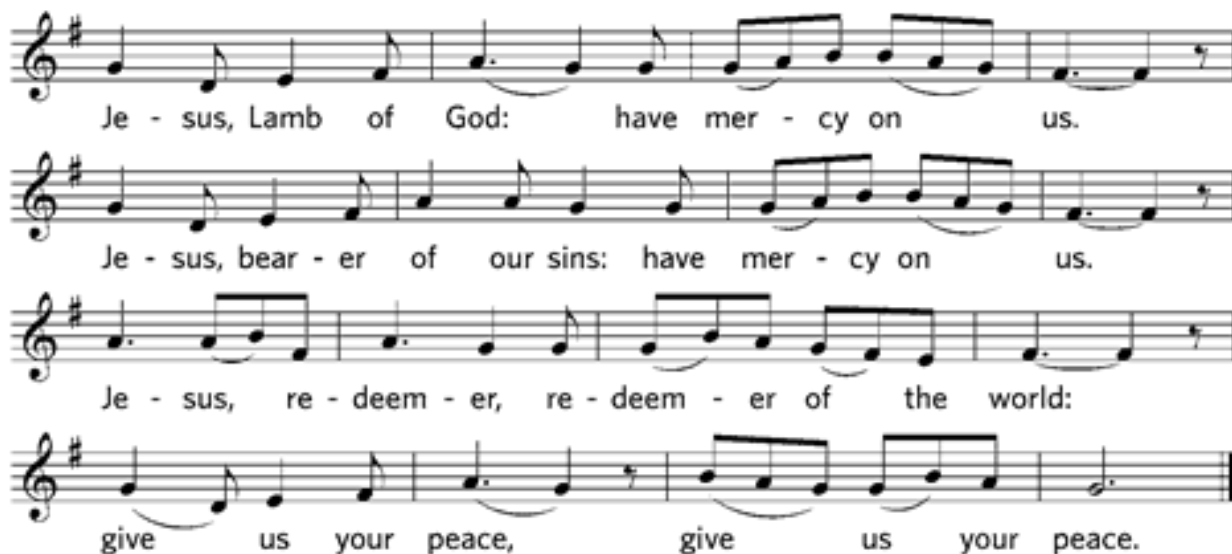
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (sung by all)

“German Mass”,  
Franz Schubert



Let us pray.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

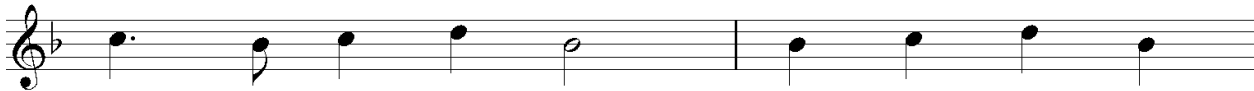
HYMN (sung by all)

*Savior of the nations, come*

(HYMNAL 54)



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

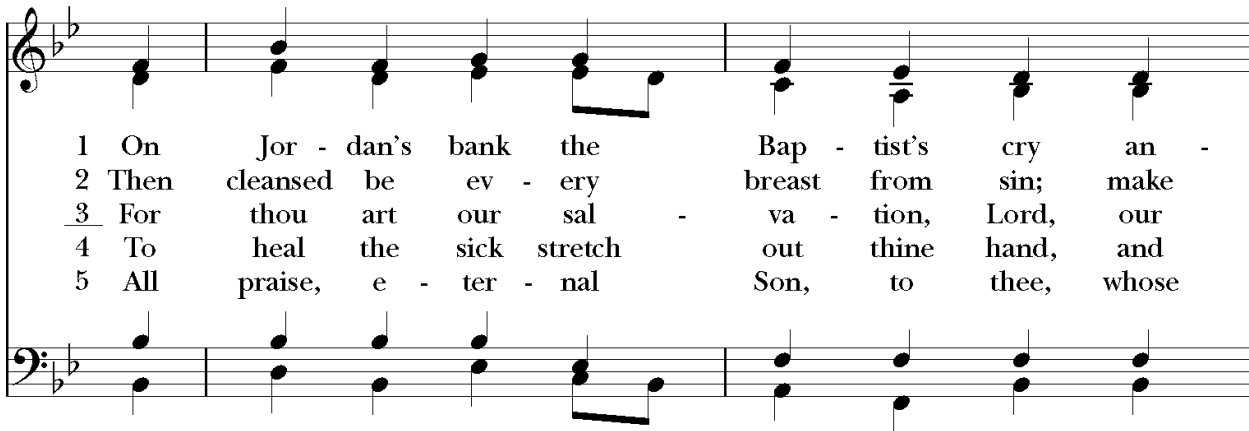
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*Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Melchoir Vulpius (1560?-1616)




### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

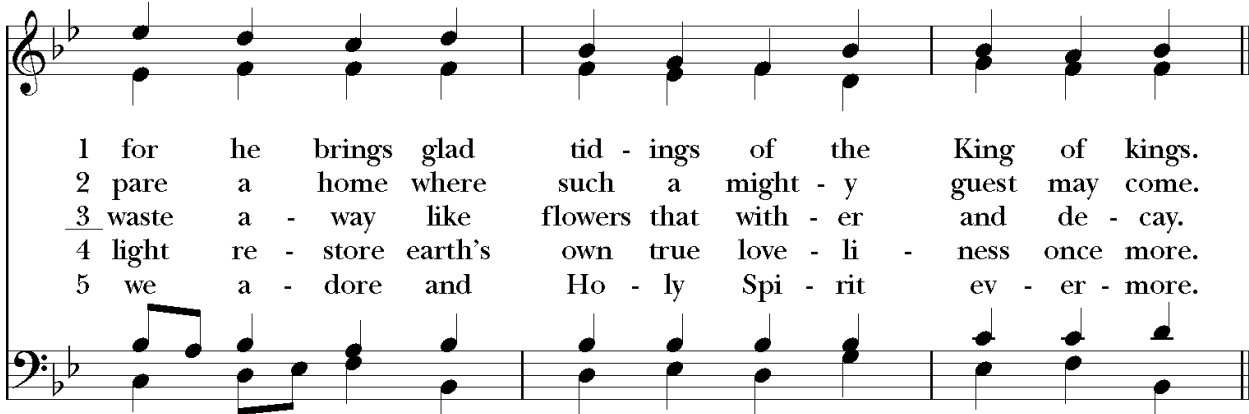
### THE BLESSING



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

PROCESSION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Savior of the nations, come*

Andreas Nikolaus Veters

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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