

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Reverend Canon Eva Suarez, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, *Preacher*

The Cathedral Choir

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Light in darkness

Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir; the People remain seated.

While Mary Slept

Helena Paish (b. 2002)

THE Child-Christ watched sweet Mary's face the while she slept; And for the woe that must claim his place the Child-Christ wept: And on her breast laid kisses four as a cross is made To heal those wounds which forever more should be on her laid. And his little feet in her bosom

pressed, Where her soft hair trailed, To comfort her with remembrance blessed When his feet were nailed: And laid his face on your face in sleep to prevent the tears, When the crown of thorns with his blood should weep in the coming years.

Alice Archer Sewall (1870-1955)

ENTRANCE HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.

The Choir sings a verse in Latin. Then All join in singing the hymn.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel captivum solve Israel,
qui gemit in exsilio, privatus Dei Filio.
Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel nascetur pro te Israel!



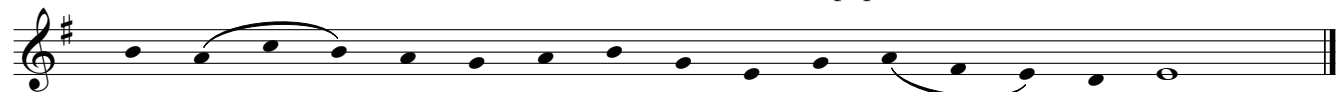
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might, who to thy
4 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give _____ the
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear. Re - joice, re - joice,
show, and teach us in her ways _____ to go.
law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, _____ and awe.
here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.



Em - man - nu - el shall come to thee O Is - ra - el.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th c.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

WELCOME

The presider welcomes the People, orients them to the service, and calls them to prayer.

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

TRISAGION

Sung by All, standing as able.

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Text: Trisagion (Early Church)

Music: Alexander Arkhangelsky (1846-1924)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the collect, and the People respond, "Amen." The People are seated.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

(40:1-11)

After the reading is said:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

*Sung by the Choir.**Benedixisti, Domine*

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
 and blotted out all their sins.
 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.
 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
 that his glory may dwell in our land.
 Mercy and truth have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
 and our land will yield its increase.
 Righteousness shall go before him,
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Chant: Raymond Nagem (b. 1986)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.

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 heav'n;
 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,

"Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - giv'n;
 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 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)

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF MARK

(1:1-8)

Preacher The ✚ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ*The Preacher reads the gospel, followed by the words:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee

*Vicar**A time of silence is observed after the sermon, then the Celebrant leads the assembly in the Creed, standing as able.***THE NICENE CREED***Said by all.***W**E 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***The People are asked to pray for the Church, the nations
and their leaders, those in need, and the dead.**After each petition, the People say*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.***THE PEACE***Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

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. Silence is kept. Then is sung

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: Plainsong;
adapt. Mason Martens
(1933-1991)

The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.

THE COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

COMMUNION MUSIC

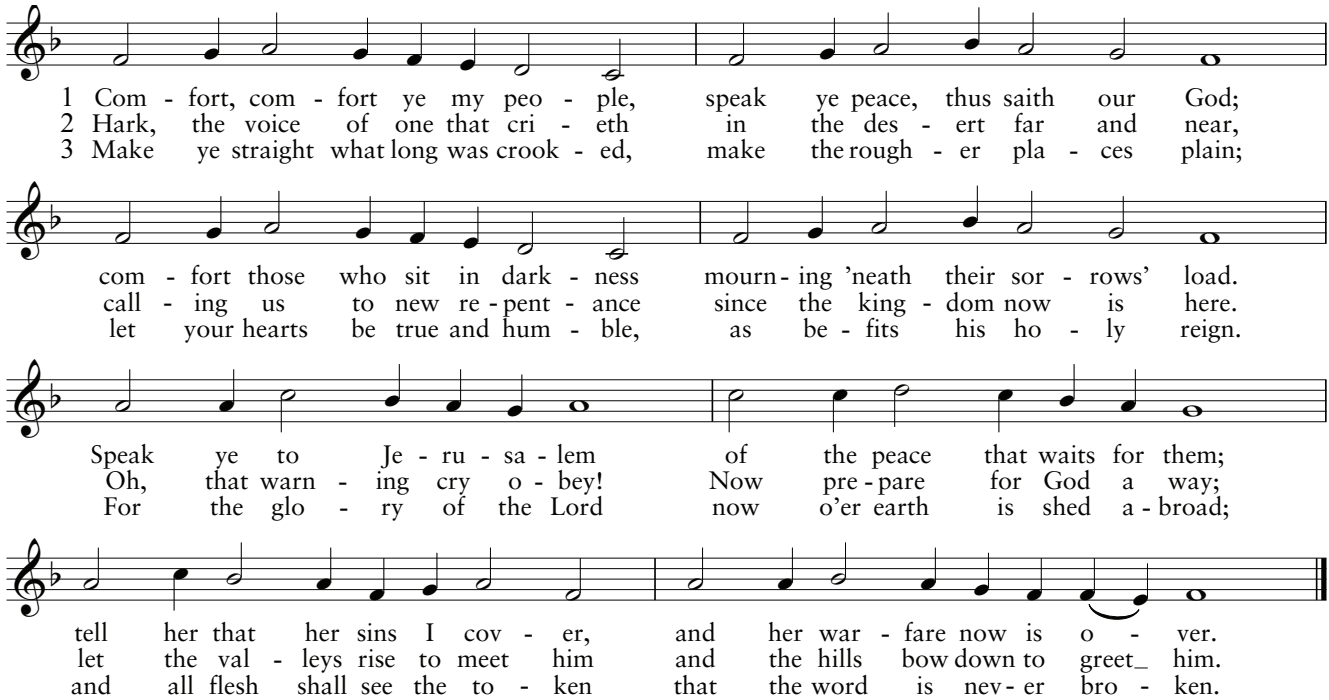
Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door African American Spiritual

Please join the Choir in singing the refrain:

Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

A time of silence is observed after the Holy Communion, then the hymn is sung by all, standing as able.

POST COMMUNION HYMN



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
 call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt.
 Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514–1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All say together.

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 DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1685–1750)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER

4 PM

Choral Evensong. The Cathedral Choir sings music of Ayleward, Purcell, and Taverner.

5 PM

Post-Evensong Recital. The Rutheneum Concert Choir from Thuringia, Germany.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

For so many people, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine is a beloved part of their Christmas celebrations. Whether decades-long traditions such as the Christmas concert or new traditions such as Blue Christmas (a gathering for people without family during the holiday season), the Cathedral is a source of joy, comfort, and wonder.

We hope that you will once again join us in making magic this season when we rejoice in the Nativity of Jesus. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral's Christmas Flower Fund. Gifts can be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one and will be acknowledged in our Christmas Eve service bulletin if received by December 15, 2023. Please scan the QR code to make a gift or go to the Cathedral's website <https://www.stjohndivine.org/support/donate> and choose Christmas Flower Fund from the drop down menu.

