

Trinity†St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024



Prelude: Chorale Prelude, "Lo, a Rose breaks forth into bloom"

Johannes Brahms

Holy Eucharist

Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the beginning of our worship.

Hymn

Hymn 56, verses 1-4



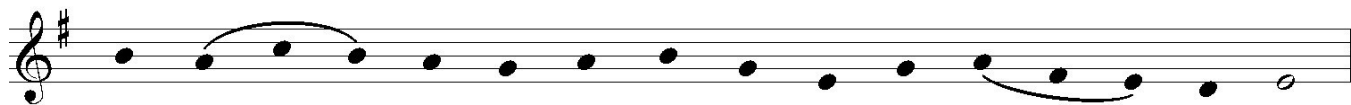
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 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.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

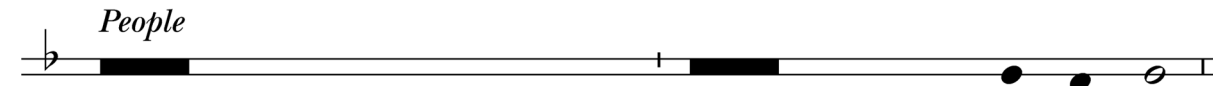
All remaining standing as are able,

Celebrant



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



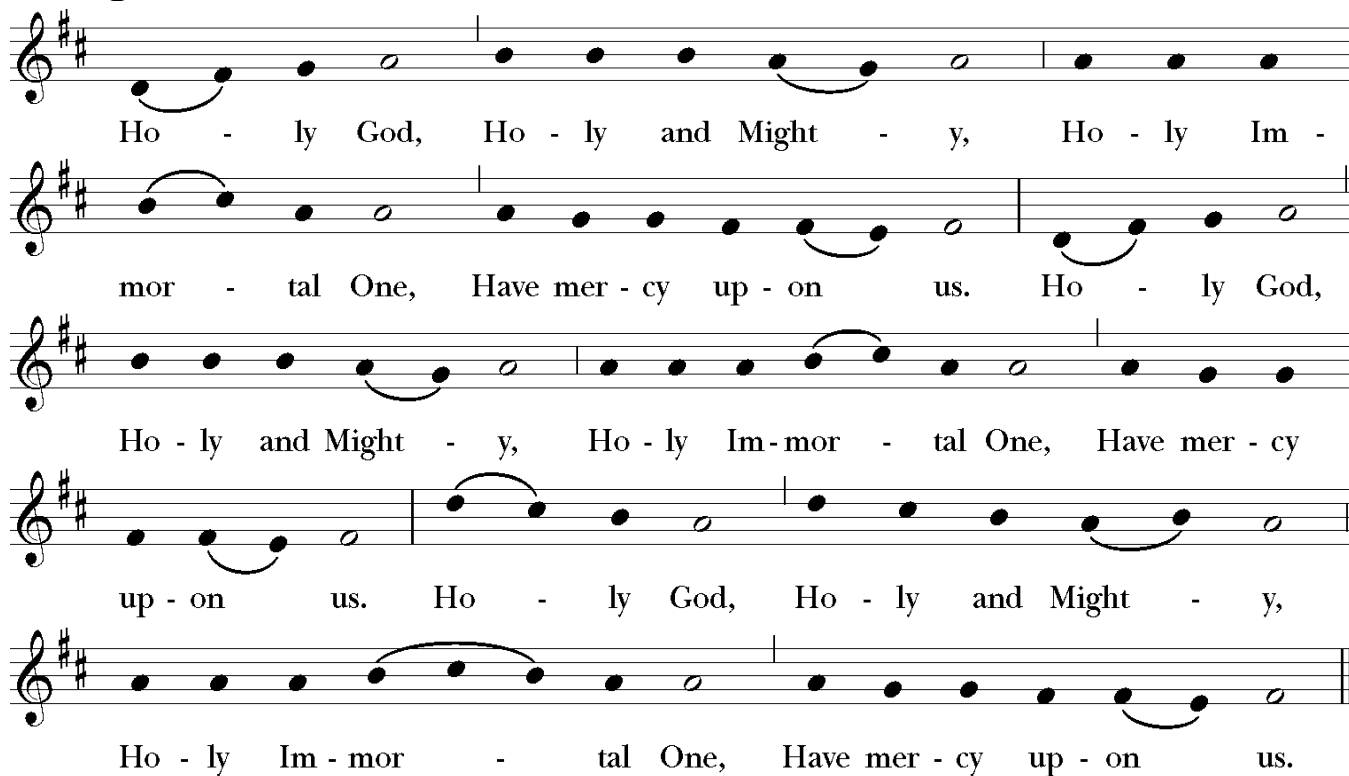
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev-er. A - men.

Celebrant and People

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.

Trisagion

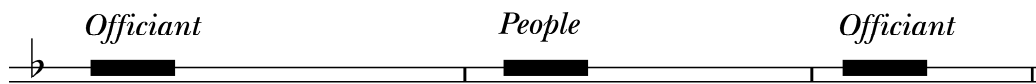
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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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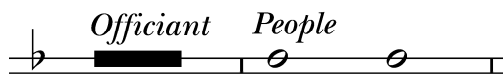
The Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.



A - men.

All sit.

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

All sit.

A Reading from the book of 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response

Canticle 15

Luke 1:46-55

The Song of Mary

Magnificat
Anglican chant

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.*

Second Reading

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as are able.

Hymn

Hymn 278, verses 1-2

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 price of our re - demp-tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign-ing as the Lord of love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

All stand as are able.

Deacon 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."

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

Hymn 278, verses 3-4 (page6)

Sermon

Following the Sermon, a tone is rung to signal a period of silence and reflection. At the double tone, the silence ends.

Nicene Creed

All stand as are able.

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,
 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.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing, as they are able.

Leader May our hearts leap for joy as we again assemble in prayer to await the Lord's coming. With Mary may our souls proclaim God's greatness as we say, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the church: As the celebration of your incarnation draws near, we remember the many ways your revelation is lifted up in the world, and we pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world, and especially for those whose very faith endangers their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For an end to violence, oppression and injustice: As you lead us, Lord, from darkness to light, may we be among those who exalt the lowly and fill the hungry with good things, rooting out the proud of heart and drawing courage from the power of your arm. Lord, in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For our own spirits: May our hearts be magnified and made much bigger than we think possible. May this season of advent stir in us such faith that we exert ourselves to be your light in a darkened world. Lord, in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For this community: May we be enriched by welcoming the stranger and be drawn to a bright future in service to you, while also remembering and honoring those in the past who guided us and to faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For the sick and suffering. May they find healing peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader For the dead and those on the threshold of death period may of any and we be welcomed into the place of glory our Lord has prepared for us. Lord, in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant and People

Lord, we gather up the prayers of this household, confident in your promise to be with us always. Guide us in wisdom and faith, that we might live into the life created for us, trusting in your will. All this we ask through your Son, our redeemer, Jesus, who is your Christ. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel, or remain standing, as they are able.
Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant and People:

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.

Absolution

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand as are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Minister and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service, during which the people may be seated.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. In this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Choral Anthem: “Nova, nova, Ave fit ex Eva”

Hunterian, 15th Century
(Music: Nova, Nova)

Nova, nova, ave fit ex Eva.

Gabriel of high degree, he was sent from the Trinity, to Nazareth in Galilee. Nova.

He met a maiden in that place; there he knelt down before her face and said, “Hail Mary, full of grace.” Nova.

When the maiden heard his song, she was filled with confusion strong and feared that she had done a wrong.” Nova.

Said the angel, “Have no fear; by conception without compare the Savior Jesus shall you bear.” Nova.

“There are yet but six months gone since Elizabeth conceived John, to be the herald of God’s Son.” Nova.

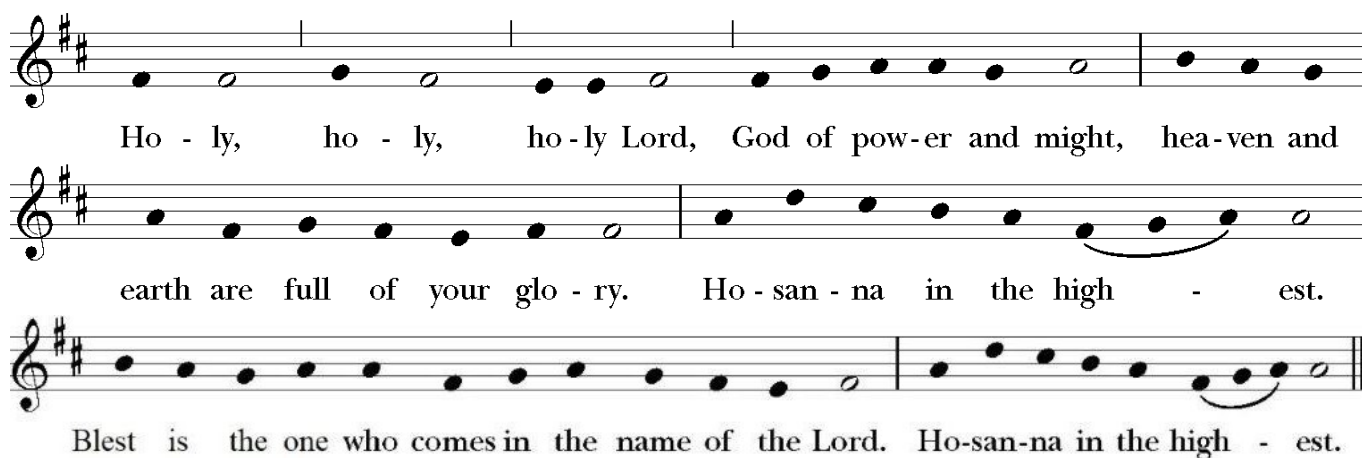
Said the maiden, “Verily, I am your servant right truly, the handmaid of the Lord now see.” Nova.

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

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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.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel, or remain standing, as they are able. Then the Celebrant 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 Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out 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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant 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.

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

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 Saint Peter, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Francis, Saint Clare, the Blessed Virgin Mary 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.

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.



The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father and Mother in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

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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.

The Celebrant says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated; the usher will indicate each row for communion. All who feel called are welcome to receive communion; alternatively, you may cross your arms over your chest if you prefer to receive a blessing.

Hymn

Hymn 277



1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and
2 Sing of Je - sus, son of
3 Glo - ry be to God the



low - ly, vir - gin - mo - ther un - de - filed; sing of
Ma - ry, in the home at Naz - a - reth, toil and
Fa - ther; glo - ry be to God the Son; glo - ry



God's own Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle
lab - or can - not wea - ry love en - dur - ing un - to
be to God the Spi - rit; glo - ry to the Three in



child. Fair - est child of fair - est mo - ther, God the
death. Con - stant was the love he gave her, though he
One. From the heart of bless - ed Ma - ry, from all



Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our ve - ry
went forth from her side, forth to preach, and heal, and
saints the song a - scends, and the Church the strain re -



bro - ther, takes our na - ture by his birth.
suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.
ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

Hymn

“Magnificat”

1. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat, 2. Ma - gní - fi - cat á - ni - ma
me - a Dó - mi - num. 3. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat,
4. Ma - gní - fi - cat á - ni - ma me - a!

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, all standing or kneeling as they are able

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.

Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Hymn
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Hymn 56, verses 5-8

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: Improvisation

Future First Sundays Organ Recital Series, and Evensong, at 5:00 p.m., Spring 2024

February 2 Benjamin Bachmann (St. Paul's Episcopal, Oakland)
March 2 Jerome Lenk (Mission Dolores, San Francisco)
April 6 David Troiano (Gross Point Park, Michigan)
May 4 Evensong and Concert with the Choir of Trinity†St. Peter's
June 1 Dr. Michael Szostak (Warsaw, Poland)

We're glad you joined us this Sunday! If you'd like to learn more about T+SP, please feel free to contact us using the information below or visit our website: trinity-stpeters.org

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