

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



First Sunday *of* Advent

November 27, 2022

10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are so happy you are with us today. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.

Advent Prelude

Opening Hymn *1st verse sung by Cantor, 2nd verse sung by Choir,
Congregation joins on the 3rd.*

The Hymnal 1982 #55
Redeemer of the Nations, Come

Welcome

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Prayers From The Great Litany

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Celebrant Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,
Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of
heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O God of all.

Hear us, O God.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, O God.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, O God.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, O God.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O God.

Give your wisdom and strength to President Biden, Governor Whitmer, and Mayor Mahoney, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O God.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O God.

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O God.

Give us true repentance... and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Amen.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence*

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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.**

The Trisagion is first sung by the Celebrant, then by the Choir, then by the Congregation:

The Hymnal 1982 #S- 99

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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**

The people sit for the readings.

First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

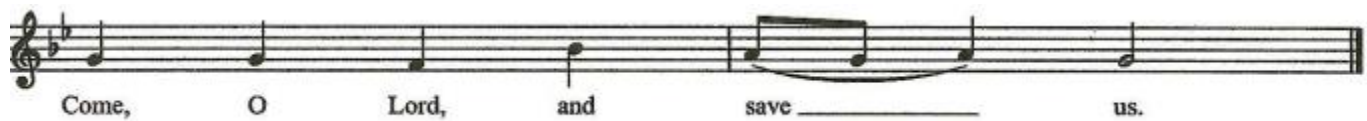
A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

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!

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

Psalm 122

The Cantor sings the verses, and the People sing the refrain.



1 I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD. **Refrain**

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *

"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *

and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *

I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *

I will seek to do you good." **Refrain**

The Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

A Reading from Paul's Letter 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.

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

People **Thanks be to God**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #62
Sleepers Wake!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

All stand

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 Peace

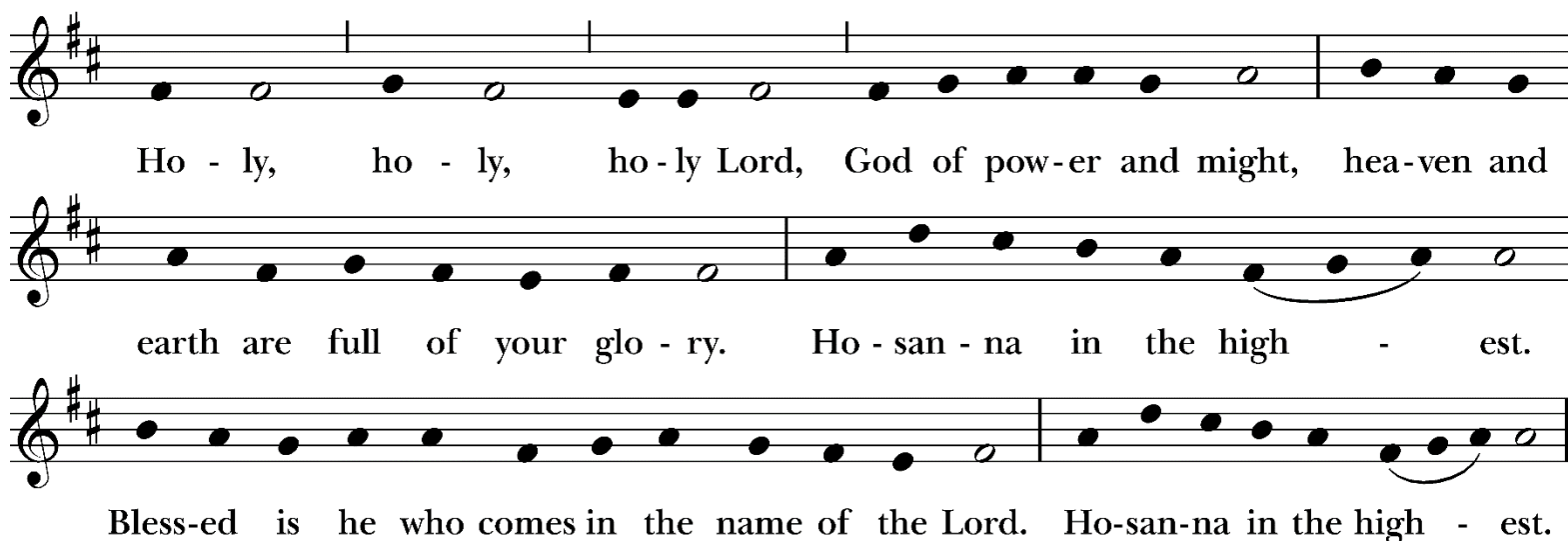
“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.” - *Isaiah 54:10*

Celebrant,

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus, The Hymnal 1982 #S -124



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.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues,

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.



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

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

Agnus Dei, The Hymnal 1982 #S -161

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.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available. If you would prefer to come up for a blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Music

The Hymnal 1982 #54 *Savior of the Nations, Come!*

Celtic Laud
Arr. Craig Courtney
St Paul's Choir with Romelle Frey, flautist

After Communion, the Celebrant prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. Amen.

Celebrant and People,

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 Celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #522
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Johann Heinrich Buttstedt (1666-1727)

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING THANKSGIVING of Family & Friends; And IN LOVING MEMORY of my brother David Sweet by Sue Hammett.
- ❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the Glory of God and IN LOVING MEMORY of my husband Sparry and our dear friends Ruth Mary Hart and Louisa Beaman by Nan Sparks.



Worship Ministers:

The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Celebrant;

Julie Baglien, Director of Music and Organist;

Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director;

Christopher Lock 1st Reader; Robert Lock, 2nd Reader;

Joe Lathrop, LEM; Melaina Magnusson, LEM & Acolyte,

Zoë Magnusson, Acolyte;

And special thanks as always, to our tech team - for their faithfulness & expertise!

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Announcements

- **Advent Daily Devotionals by Living Compass** are available, free, on a first-come basis, in the Narthex! This year's theme is "practicing simplicity with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind." Read a short daily meditation each day during this season of preparation and anticipation. Call or email the church office if you need one mailed to you.
- **Special Advent Book/Bible Study: Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent by Amy-Jill Levine.** Father Jadon invites the whole parish into this short study of the Old Testament passages and Jewish context that are the foundation of Advent and Christmas. **Read or listen to the book on your own or join him for a 4-week discussion group on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at church or Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, beginning with Chapter 1 on November 30.** The book is available on Amazon in paperback, Kindle, and Audible. Father Jadon also has a small quantity available for \$10 cash. Email him at jadon@stpauljxmi.org or call the office to reserve a copy, or if you want to attend the online Zoom sessions.
- **Please check out the Angel Tree in the glass narthex.** St. Paul's Mission & Outreach are adopting six Jackson High School students, as well as a family of five through The Salvation Army, who would not otherwise have any gifts to open this holiday. The tags on the tree indicate the gifts requested and the deadline the gift needs to be brought to St. Paul's.
- **Wednesday 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist will be back beginning Nov. 30th** for the season of Advent.
- **Please submit the CAT (Search Committee assessment tool) by 12/4/22.**
- There will be special treats for the kids at this year's St. Nicholas Party next **Sunday, December 4th** during coffee hour.
- The ECW annual Christmas luncheon will be at the Country Club of Jackson on **Saturday, December 10th** at 11 am. You must R.S.V.P. on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Sunday Dec. 4th. Cost is \$20 per person. Financial help is available if needed, contact Pastor Jadon. All are welcome!

- **Save the Date for The Bishop’s Christmas Open House.** All are joyfully invited to come enjoy Christmas Carols, food and fellowship with the Bishop and friends from around the Diocese here at St. Paul’s **on Friday, Dec. 16th from 6-8 pm.**
- **Our Rector's Discretionary Fund** is the confidential charitable fund from which our church helps members of the community in need. Currently the fund's balance is quite low and our ability to help is very limited. In the spirit of Thanksgiving and the coming holidays, please consider making a gift to this important part of our Mission and Outreach effort.
- **If you might be interested in serving on our Vestry,** the governing body of our parish led by our Rector and Wardens, a nominating committee is forming to recruit a slate of at least four nominees for election in January at our annual meeting. According to our by-laws, vestry members shall be sixteen or older, regular worshipers for at least six months prior to the annual meeting and pledging members who have been confirmed or received communicants in good standing. If you would like to know more or be considered for the slate, please contact Dana Burkey, Deanna Leicht, Tom Bowman, Sue Hammett, or Rhonda Rudolph before December 9th.

This Week at our Parish

TUESDAY	6:00 pm	Toastmasters
	6:00 pm	Search Committee
WEDNESDAY	10:30 am	Advent Book Study
	12:15 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:00 pm	Advent Book Study (Zoom)
THURSDAY	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
SUNDAY	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
		St. Nicholas Party/Coffee Hour

The Hymnal 1982 #55

Redeemer of the Nations, Come

*1st verse sung by Cantor, 2nd verse sung by Choir,
Congregation joins on the 3rd.*



1 Re - deem - er of the na - tions, come;
2 From hu - man will you do not spring,
3 You came forth from the ce - ter - nal God,
4 With God the Fa - ther you are one,
5 Your cra - dle shines with glo - ry's light;
6 All praise, O un - be - got - ten God,



1 re - veal your - self in vir - gin birth,
2 but from the Spi - rit of our God;
3 and you re - turned to that same source.
4 and one with us in hu - man flesh.
5 its splen - dor pierc - es all our gloom.
6 all praise to you, e - ter - nal Word,



1 the birth which a - ges all a - dore,
2 O Word of God, come; take our flesh
3 You suf - fered death and har - rowed hell,
4 Oh, fill our weak and dy - ing frame
5 Our faith re - flects those ra - diant beams;
6 all praise, life - giv - ing Spi - rit, praise,



1 a won - drous birth, be - fit - ting God.
2 and grow as child in Ma - ry's womb.
3 and reigned once more from God's high throne.
4 with god - ly strength which nev - er fails.
5 no night shall o - ver - come it now.
6 all glo - ry to our God Tri - une.

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Sequence Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #62

Sleepers Wake!



1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the shout of ram-part
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur-rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
 sing be - fore you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-mons
 Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
 Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in sight.
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate Word,
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light:



Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there,
 Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and heed your call
 Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King;



that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

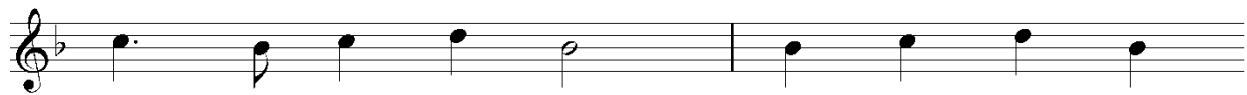
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Communion Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #54

Savior of the Nations, Come!



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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Prepare
 the way
 of the
LORD.
ISAIAH 40:3

Closing Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #522
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raise
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.