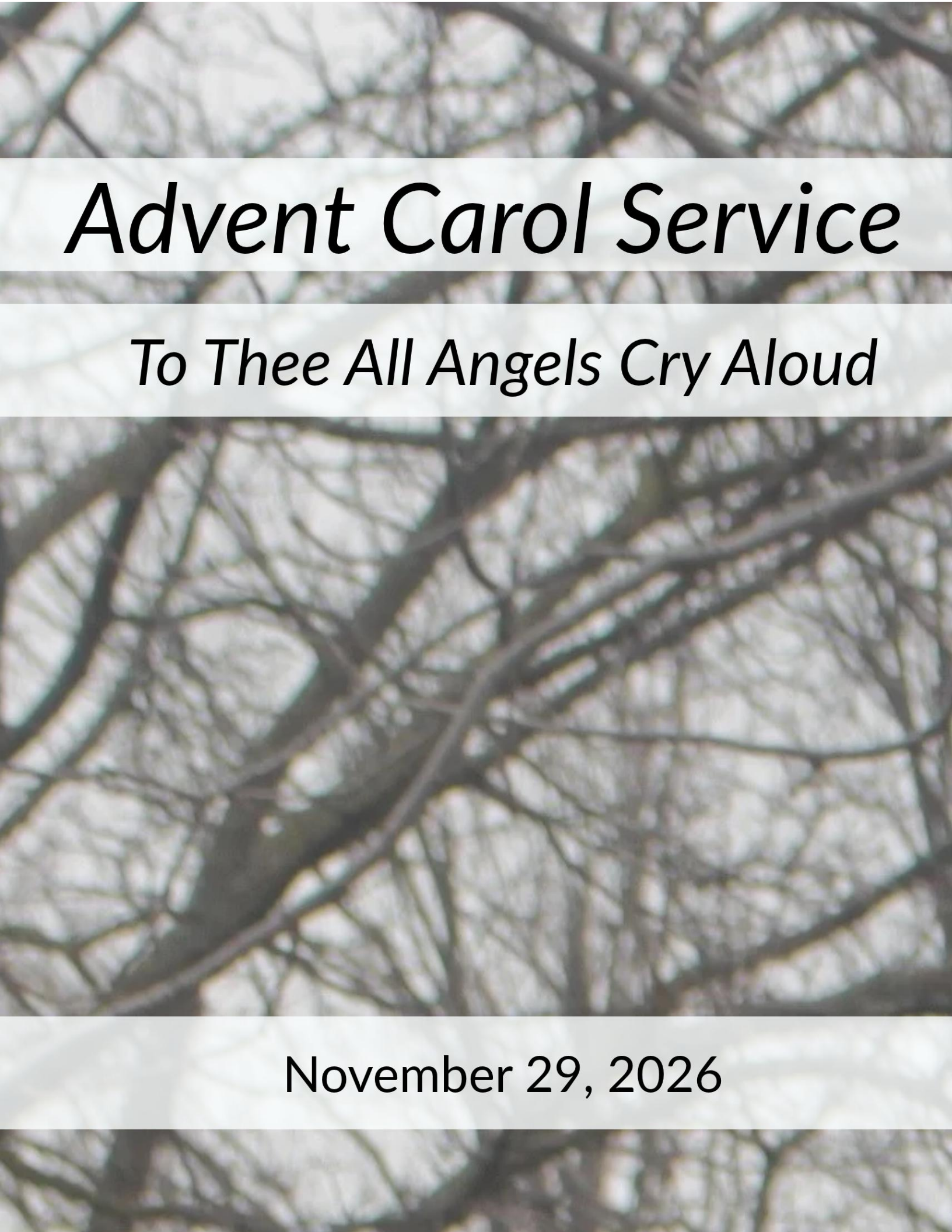


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(indicates the assembly stands)*

Prelude *"Two Chorales on Freu dich Sehr"* E. Hovland & G. Near

Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Choir *"Matin Responsory for Advent"* G. Palestrina

***Hymn** (see page 5) *"O Come, Redeemer"*

First Reading Isaiah 40:21-26

L: Holy One who was, and is, and is to come,

A: fill our hearts with your justice and compassion.

Choir *"Te Deum: We Praise Thee, O God"* G.F. Handel

"Te Deum: To Thee All Angels Cry Aloud"

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (from Dove Sei)

Second Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

L: Holy One who was, and is, and is to come,

A: fill our hearts with your justice and compassion.

***Hymn** (see page 6) *"Filled with Hope and Gratitude"*

Third Reading Luke 1:26-38

L: Holy One who was, and is, and is to come,

A: fill our hearts with your justice and compassion.

Choir *"Te Deum: Day by Day"*

"Te Deum: And We Worship Thy Name"

Fourth Reading Mark 1:9-15

L: Holy One who was, and is, and is to come,

A: fill our hearts with your justice and compassion.

Choir *"Te Deum: Vouchsafe, O Lord"*

"Te Deum: O Lord, in Thee Have I Trusted"

Fifth Reading John 1:1-9

L: Holy One who was, and is, and is to come,

A: fill our hearts with your justice and compassion.

Offering *"O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"* G.F. Handel

***Offering Hymn 239** *"Hark, the Glad Sound"*

***Offering Prayer**

***Prayers**

L: Gather us all under the promise of your Son, who taught us to pray:

A: Our Father 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 forever. Amen.

***Blessing**

L: The peace of God accompany your waiting,
the light of Christ warm your hearts,
and the joy of the Spirit fill you with hope.

A: Amen.

***Hymn 257 v. 1-3, 5** *" Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

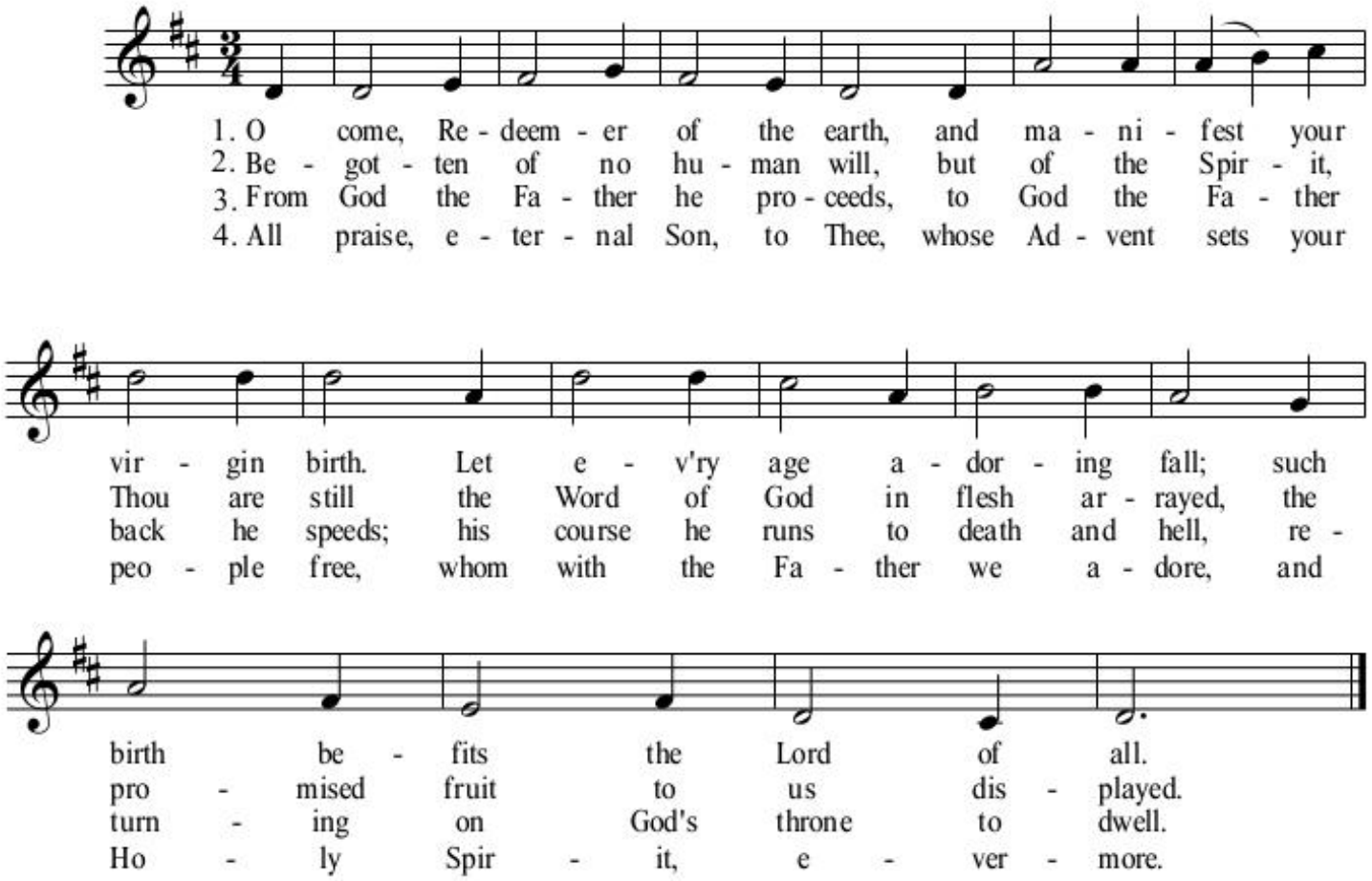
***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Christ is coming soon.

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *"Carillon de Westminster"* L. Vierne

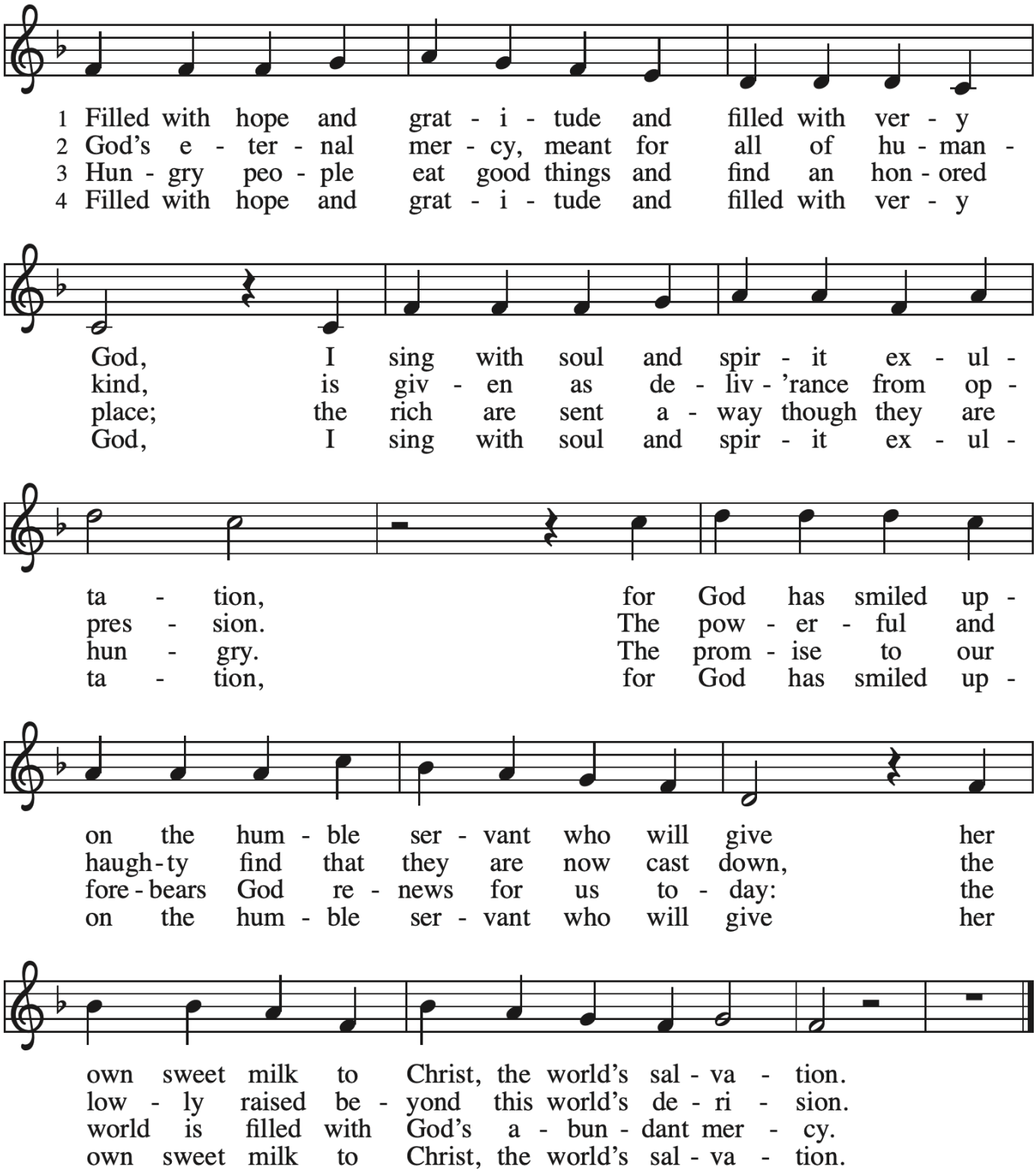
O Come, Redeemer



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Te Deum Laudamus is one of the oldest canticles of the church, traditionally ascribed to St. Ambrose of Milan. George Frideric Handel composed five settings of the Te Deum and the selected movements we sing today are from his last setting in celebration of England's victory in Dettingen. "Holy, Holy, Holy" is an arrangement by Edward Bairstow of Handel's aria "Dove Sei" from the opera Rodelinda. The English lyrics were created by Samuel Arnold (1740-1802) and suit our Advent theme nicely.

Filled with Hope and Gratitude



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Information for tonight's worship

- **Offering:** Will be collected today during the Offering music.
- **Please join us** after the service for refreshments in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

Leading Worship This Evening:

Ministers: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer and Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choir Director: Corey Linforth

Organ Postlude: Mark Himmelman

Violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Sanctuary Choir: Drew Aarssen, Xander Bechard, Julia Crnko, Emmanuel Dye, Ross Gibaut, Nicole Hamilton, Mark Himmelman, Lana Moses, Nathalie Nasr, Bev Roeder, Erika Sattler, Jim Sattler, Tim Schaner, Caroline Schmidt, Lindsay Scott, Jeremy Snyder, Hannah Swiderski

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Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

December 2: Advent Social
December 6: Children's Programming & Financial Town Hall
December 18: Pageant / Dinner Evening 5-7 pm
December 24: German Christmas Eve Service at 5 pm
December 24: English Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 pm
December 25: Christmas Day Service at 9:30 am
December 31: New Year's Eve Service at 4:30 pm

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