

SECOND SUNDAY *of* ADVENT

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Watch live <https://youtu.be/Tnh1FRtszlY>

PRELUDE

Son of God – arr. Mark Hayes
Christopher Vehmas, Piano

LIGHTING *of the* ADVENT CANDLE

Patrick Edelbach, Samantha McDevitt and Gianna Torielli

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Quartet and Congregation

**O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

CALL *to* WORSHIP

A voice cries:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*HYMN 10 – *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Cleansing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond.

A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways.

You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your searching hand.

Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life.

Look with mercy upon us, O God, and forgive us.

**Clear a place within us so that something new might be born,
something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI - HYMN 579

*PASSING *of the* PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-4 – Patrick Edelbach

MUSICAL OFFERING

Breath of Heaven – arr. Craig Courtney

Vera Coleman, Soprano - Carol Schmiedecke, Mezzo

Joshua LeRose, Tenor - Mike Schuil, Baritone and Christopher Vehmas, Piano

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside. And I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your son. I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone? Be with me now. Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven. Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me Your holiness for You are holy, Breath of Heaven. Do You wonder as You watch my face, if another should have had my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan. Help me be strong, help me be, help me. Breath of Heaven....

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:3-11 – Samantha McDevitt

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6 – Gianna Torielli

SERMON – *Living Prepared*

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

OFFERING INVITATION

Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ, drop your offering in the plate on your way out, or mail check to the church. Thank you!



First Pres Ridgewood NJ

@FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ



venmo

THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING of the BREAD

COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

PRAYER after COMMUNION

*HYMN 376 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent – Camile Saint -Saëns, arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Christopher Vehmas, Organ

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Our flowers this morning are given by Jill Critchley
for the Glory and Grace of God.

*Please stand if you are able.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

10

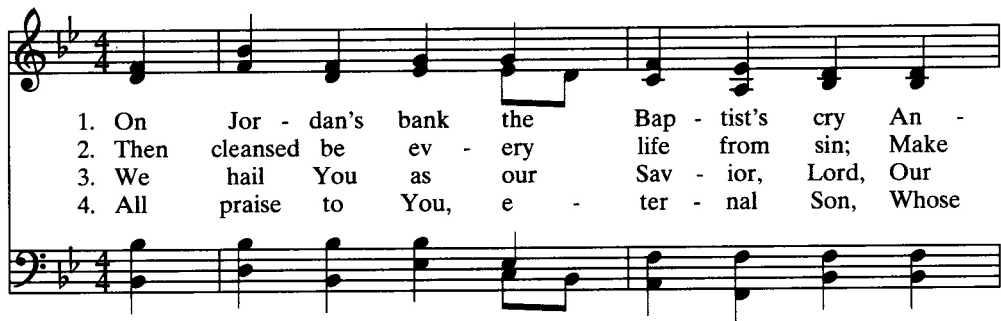
WINCHESTER NEW LM

Charles Coffin, 1736

Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690

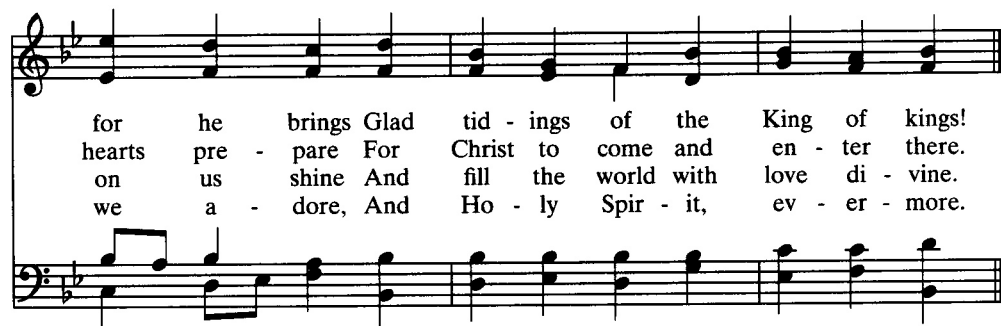
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; Make
 3. We hail You as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our
 4. All praise to You, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, And let us all our
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; O let Your face up -
 ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



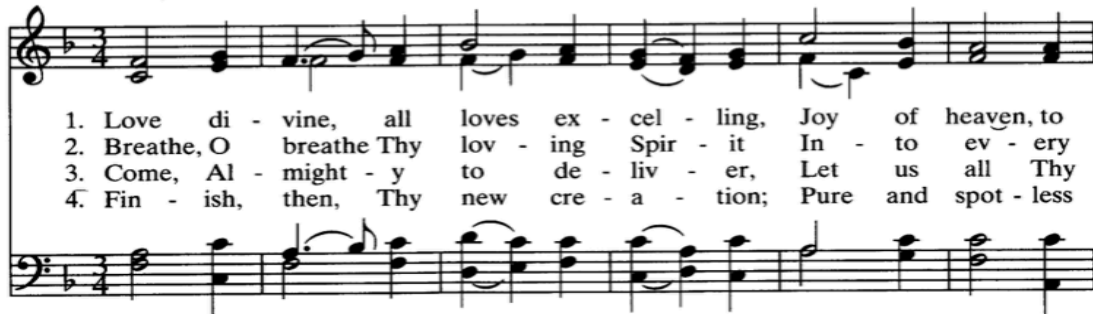
for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D

Charles Wesley, 1747

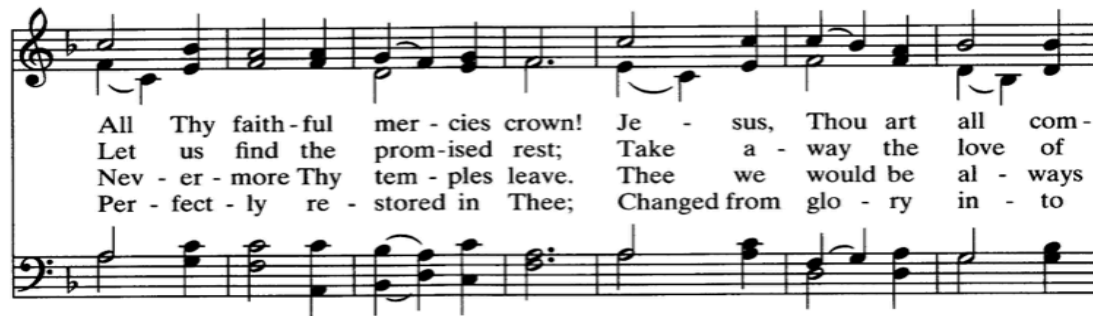
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831



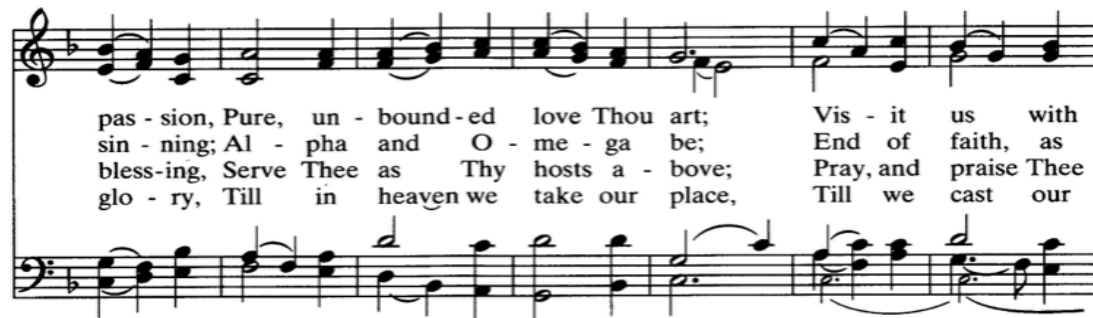
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.