



St. Paul's

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 7, 2025 · 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introit The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Plainsong

The Choir introduces the Antiphon, and then the Choir and Congregation sing the antiphon together. Then, the Choir sings the canticle, and the People are invited to sing as they are comfortable.

Antiphon

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come
to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us
from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.
4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his
ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father
A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,
6. Free to worship him with - out fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the
days of our life. 7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, 8. To give

his people knowledge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness of their sins.

9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us, 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. [Ant.]

Antiphon
In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)
11. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

Antiphon
In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom: now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie eleison

All join in singing:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e -
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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

New Plainsong

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

All are seated.

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE FIRST LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 558.

In our first lesson the prophet foresees a time when God will bring forth a righteous judge and a new spirit of peace in the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 *Deus, judicium*

Please join the Choir in singing the psalm.



- 1 Give the king your justice, O / God, *
and your righteousness to the king's / son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously *
and the poor with / justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, *
and the little hills bring / righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people; *
and shall rescue the poor and crush the op/pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en/dure, *
from one generation to an/other.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown / field, *
like showers that water the / earth.
- † 7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no / more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of / Israel, *
who alone does wondrous / deeds!
- 19 And blessed be God's glorious name for / ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with the glory of the LORD.
Amen. / Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

All are seated.

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE SECOND LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 924.

In our second lesson Paul points to several passages from the Hebrew scriptures to show how God's promise that the Gentile peoples should come to praise God was being fulfilled.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn The advent of our God

St. Thomas



1. The ad - vent of our God with ea - ger prayers we greet,
2. The ev - er - last - ing Son scorns not the Vir - gin's womb;
3. Daugh - ter of Zi - on, rise to meet thy low - ly King;
4. On clouds of daz - zling light, as Judge he comes a - gain,
5. Let e - vil flee a - way, 'ere that great hour shall dawn,



and sing - ing haste u - pon the road his glo - rious gift to meet.
that we from bond - age may be won he bears a bonds-man's doom.
let not thy stub - born heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
his scat - tered peo - ple to u - nite with him in heaven to reign.
let this old A - dam day by day the new Man all put on.

6 Praise to the incarnate Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father and with Spirit One,
To all eternity.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE GOSPEL IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 784.

Our gospel lesson tells of the ministry of John the Baptist, his message of repentance and his prophecy of the mighty one to come.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev'd David Sibley

The sermon is followed by a time of silent reflection.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as you 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 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.

Prayers of the People

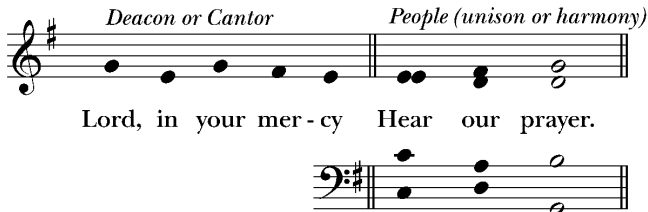
A cantor introduces the prayers singing: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The choir and congregation hum a drone as the lector leads the prayers.

After each petition, the cantor sings "Lord in your mercy" to which the people sing in response "Hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Gretchen, our Bishop, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Church of Bangladesh. We pray for the Diocese of Spokane, especially for the mission and ministry of Grace Church of Dayton and Ellensburg.

Silence



Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Donald, our President, Bob, our Governor, for legislators, judges, and all in public service.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

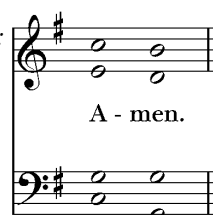
Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. After the collect, the congregation sings:



Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel as they are able. Silence is kept.

Minister 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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

The Peace

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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Thank you for your generous support of God's work at St. Paul's. At each worship service, an offering of money is received as an expression of gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. We invite you to give generously by scanning the code at right, by visiting give.stpaulswv.org, or by texting STPAULSWV to 73256. Together our gifts make the work of Jesus Christ in this community possible. Thank you for your generosity.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty...

The Celebrant continues, offering our thanks for God's work in creation and for God's revelation to God's people throughout the ages. Then the Celebrant says:

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:

Celebrant and People

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 people remain standing. The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

The Celebrant recounts before God how we were made in love and for love, and how, when we fell away from God's purposes, Jesus Christ lived among us to reconcile us to God. The prayer continues, recounting and remembering the Lord's institution of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the last supper to feed God's faithful people throughout this life and in the ages to come.

Then the Celebrant says:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

The Celebrant voices our prayer that the Holy Spirit will descend upon our offerings of bread and wine so that they may be for us Christ's Body and Blood. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will also descend upon us, filling our hearts with God's presence as we prepare to receive them.

The Celebrant concludes:

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Music for Celebration

Celebrant and People

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your
 Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on
 earth as in heav'n. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-
 give us our sins as we for-give those who sin-a-against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from
 e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the
 glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept as the bread is broken for distribution.

Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover

New Plainsong

Celebrant and People

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
 Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;
 there-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come to God's table.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion, may cross their arms over their chests to receive a blessing.

*If you would like to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the clergy after the liturgy;
it would be our joy to walk with you as you enter into life in the body of Christ.*

Following the invitation the congregation may be seated and then come forward at the direction of the ushers.

All wafers used for Holy Communion are gluten free.

Post Communion Hymn Hark what a sound

Highwood

1. Hark what a sound, and too di - vine for hear - ing,
2. Sure - ly he com - eth, and a thou - sand voi - ces
3. This hath he done, and shall we not a - dore him?
4. Yea through life, death, through sor - row and through sin - ning,

stirs on the earth and trem - bles in the air!
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
This shall he do, and can we still de - spair?
he shall suf - fice me, for he hath suf - ficed:

Is it the thun - der of the Lord's a - pear - ring?
sure - ly he com - eth and the earth re - joi - ces,
come, let us quick - ly fling our - selves be - fore him,
Christ is the end, for Christ was the be - gin - ning,

— Is it the mu - sic of his peo - ple's prayer?
— glad in his com - ing who hath sworn: I come!
— cast at his feet the bur - den of our care.
— Christ the be - gin - ning, for the end of is Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Birthday; Anniversary; Milestone Prayer

Any worshipper with a birthday, anniversary, or milestone to mark is invited to come forward at this time.

Offerings are accepted to benefit outreach ministries at St. Paul's, however, no offering is necessary to come forward for prayer.

**O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor on your servants in the journey of *their* lives.
Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the
days of *their* lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Deacon offers a Dismissal.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn in Procession #534 God is working his purpose out

Purpose

Postlude Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach

*We warmly welcome you to join us for refreshments in Campbell Hall following our service,
and, if you're visiting for the first time, we'd love to get to know you!*

We believe Jesus when he says that by his life, death, and resurrection, "I will draw all people to myself."
Following his example, St. Paul's warmly invites all people - of all ages, races, means, politics, sexual orientations, and gender identities - to grow as Jesus' disciples together with us and fully participate in our church's sacramental life.

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Prayers of the People #S-108 from *The Hymnal 1982*. Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950). © 1982, David Hurd.

Offertory Hymn #59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding from *The Hymnal 1982*. Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935). Music: Descant used by permission of Cambridge University Press.

Sursum corda #S-120 Lift up your hearts from *The Hymnal 1982*. Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950).

Sanctus #S-124 Holy, holy, holy Lord from *The Hymnal 1982*. Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950). © 1981, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

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Communion Hymn—Hark what a sound from *Common Praise*, #28. Words: Frederic W. H. Myers (1843-1901). Music: *Highwood*, Richard R. Terry (1865-1938).

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Offertory Hymn #59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

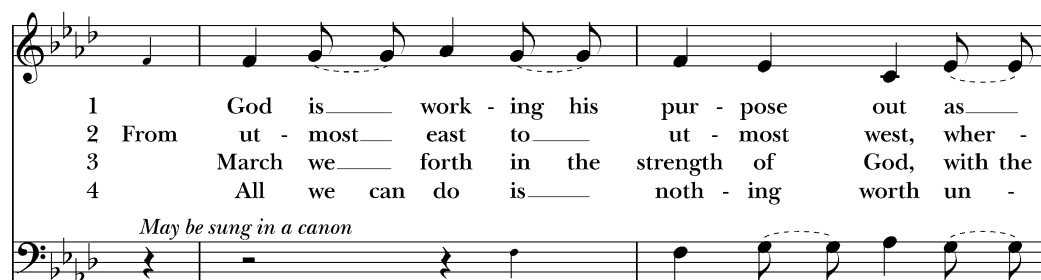
1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Hymn in Procession #534 God is working his purpose out

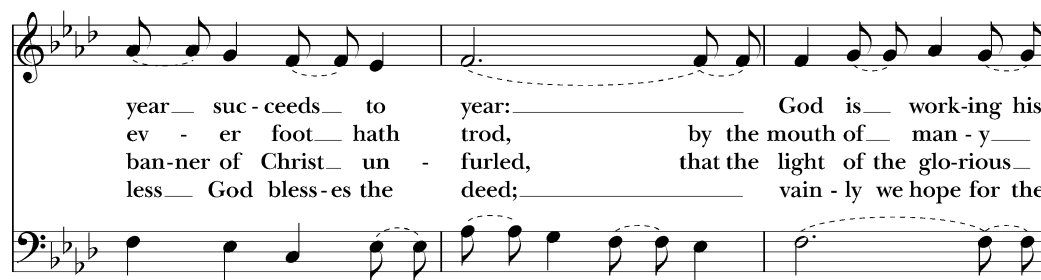
Purpose



1 God is work - ing his pur - pose out as
 2 From ut - most east to ut - most west, wher -
 3 March we forth in the strength of God, with the
 4 All we can do is noth - ing worth un -

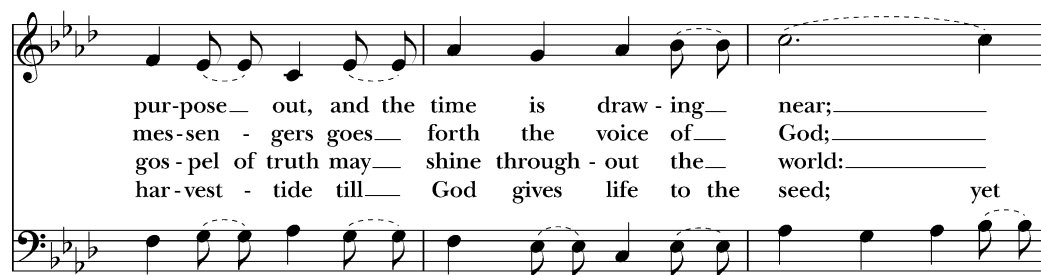
May be sung in a canon

1 God is work - ing his
 2 From ut - most east to
 3 March we forth in the
 4 All we can do is



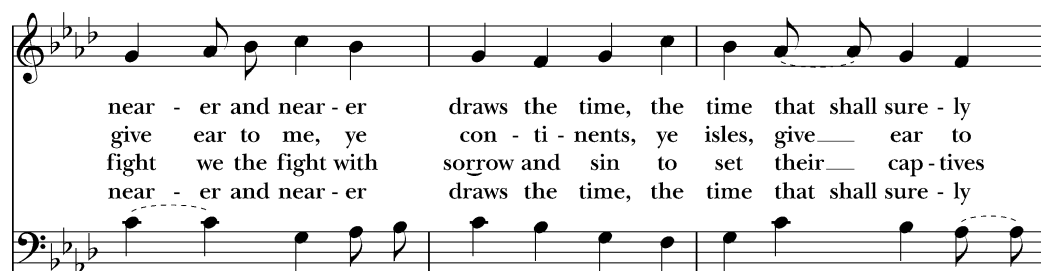
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 ban - ner of Christ un - furled, that the light of the glo - rious
 less God bless - es the deed; vain - ly we hope for the

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 strength of God, with the ban - ner of Christ un - furled, that the
 noth - ing worth un - less God bless - es the deed;



pur - pose out, and the time is draw - ing near;
 mes - sen - gers goes forth the voice of God;
 gos - pel of truth may shine through - out the world:
 har - vest - tide till God gives life to the seed; yet

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 seed; yet near - er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall

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free, that the earth may be filled with the glo - ry of God as the
be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of God as the

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sure - ly be, when the earth shall be filled with the glo - ry of

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God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
God as the wa - ters (cov - er the sea.) cov - er the sea._____