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Second Sunday of Advent

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baptized.

The restrooms are located downstairs; exit the sanctuary  
through the north doors in the back and follow the stairs down  
to your right into the fellowship hall.

**Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

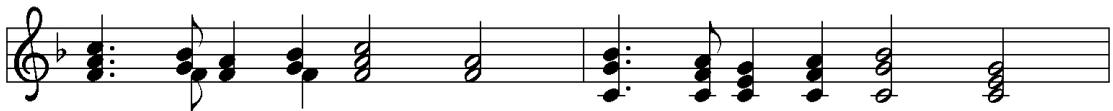
**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

P: We praise you, Heavenly Father, for this Advent Wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the second candle on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen

**Kyrie**

ELW #155



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . .	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . .	have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:Amen.

## First Reading

## Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Taize

## "Raise a Song of Gladness"

Two-voice canon

$\text{♩} = 84$

The musical score is a two-voice canon in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of 84 beats per minute. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. Above the staff, there are circled letters A and B, and chord symbols D, G, and A. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar lyrics. The third and fourth staves provide a second voice part, with lyrics that mirror the first two staves but include a final 'a!' at the end of the fourth staff.

Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter - ra.  
Raise a song of glad - ness, peo - ples of the earth.

Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a.  
Christ has come, bring - ing peace, joy to ev - 'ry heart.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

## Second Reading

## Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation stands and sings the acclamation*

## Gospel Acclamation

**"Alleluia"**

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel**

**Luke 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)**

**Sermon**

Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day

ELW 257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verses 1-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## **Apostle's Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

**A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people  
according to their needs. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

**A: God of majesty, we pray for the advent of your kingdom, and your reign of  
peace throughout the world, when violence and war give way to healing and  
life and the veil of darkness is cast off your world. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: God of grace and truth, let the light of your church shine forth in the world.  
Illuminate your church with the grace and love of your Son and fill your people with gratitude and faith. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: Father in Heaven, we pray for the advent of your Son as glorious Lord of all; bringing light to those who dwell in darkness, joy to those in sorrow, hope to those in fear and despair. We pray especially for *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Perry, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Lola, Morgan, Joe, James, all those diagnosed with COVID-19*, and for those who name before you...Lord, hear our prayer.

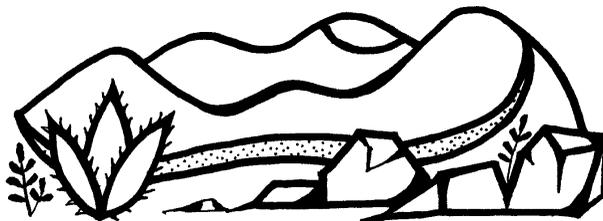
**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

A: Blessed are you, O God, Lord of all creation, we give you thanks for the ministries of our congregation, and the blessings of Concordia Church and Concordia Place . Use us to make radiant the lives of those you have called us to serve. We ask this through him whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Lord, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude  
as we prepare for communion.*

**Offertory**

***“Wait for the Lord”***

## **Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

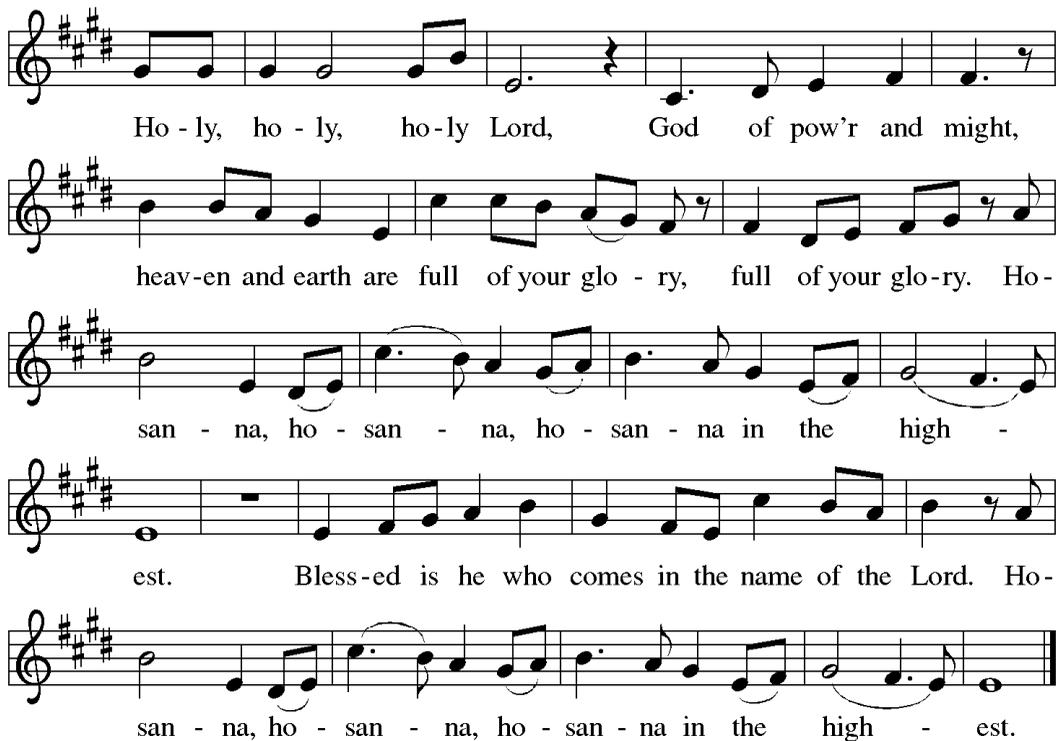
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **Eucharistic Preface**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
 You have filled all creation with light and life;  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.  
 You rescued Israel, your chosen people.  
 Through the prophets you renewed your promise;  
 and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,  
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom  
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,  
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every  
place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.**

### **Communion Invitation**

*We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.*

*Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.*

### **Communion**

**Anthem**

**"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming," by Hugo Distler**

## Post Communion Blessing

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

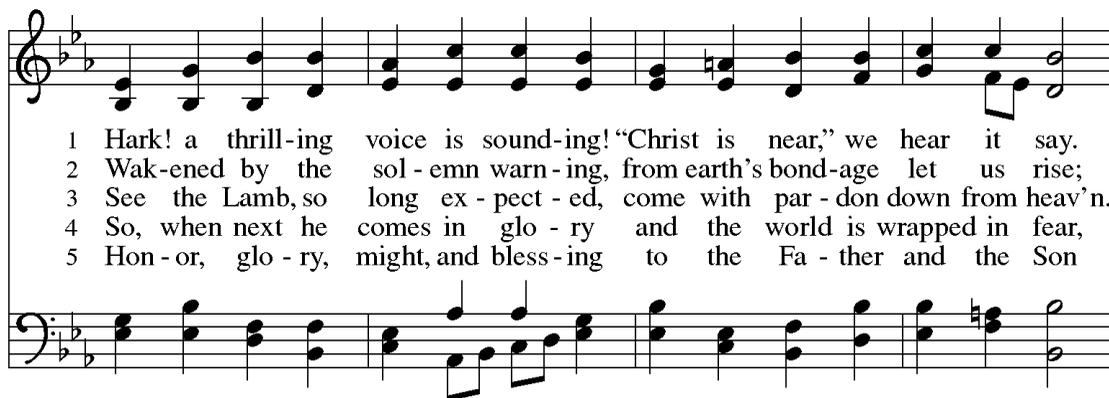
**A:** Holy and gracious God, you have blessed us at this holy meal and united us in the fellowship of our savior, Jesus Christ. Your generous blessings renew us to go forth to serve as your faithful people until your kingdom comes and your rule is established throughout the whole world.

**C:** Amen. Come Lord Jesus, Come.

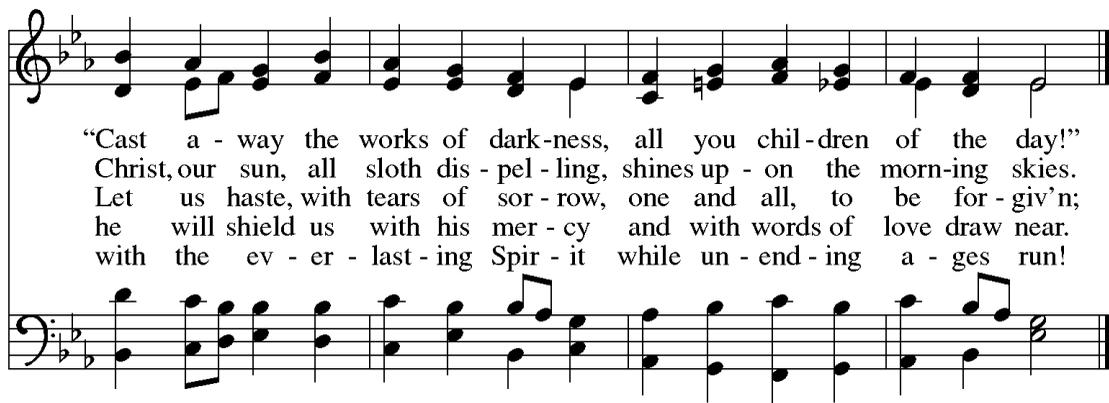


## Closing Hymn

## ELW #246 "Hark! A thrilling Voice is Sounding"



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, come with par- don down from heav'n.  
4 So, when next he comes in 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



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## Announcements

## Blessing

## Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## Improvisation on "Veni Emmanuel"

*The Postlude continues the feeling of our time together as we leave worship and go share God's love with our family, friends, and the community.*

The first Advent Midweek Music Release premiered this past Wednesday evening! If you missed it, you can find it on our website at [www.concordiafaith.org/christmas](http://www.concordiafaith.org/christmas) or on the church's YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago. Look for Part 2 to be released Wednesday, December 8th at 7pm.

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Wishing Stars is back again this year! Help provide a Christmas gift for a child at Concordia Place! Choose an ornament from the tree in the back of the church. The QR code on the ornament links to an Amazon wish list for a child. Once a gift is purchased, the gift is shipped directly to the church, where it is then wrapped and given to the child before Christmas. Each ornament equals one gift, so please take the number of ornaments equivalent to the number of gifts you will purchase.



You can also scan the QR code to the right or visit this link: <https://a.co/5cTZZPr>

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Reserve your seat for “Seasonal Sounds with Lakeshore Brass” on Saturday, December 18th at 7pm. Two familiar faces, Matt and David, are part of this Chicago-based quintet. You’ll hear a variety of seasonal tunes, including both traditional and some lesser known. Admission is free; any donations made will support the music ministry and future Concordia Concerts. For those unable to attend in person, the concert will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago.

Register for in-person attendance at [www.concordiafaith.org/christmas](http://www.concordiafaith.org/christmas)

The Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange is back! On Sunday, December 19th, bring 3 dozen cookies to church and drop them off in the gym before worship. After the service, you will pick up your container with an assortment of cookies in time for the holidays! One note: please bag your cookies in sets of 4 so that cookies can be sorted by bags and not handled individually.

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The Community Service team is excited to announce that through the generous support of monthly sponsors and individual gifts, our commitment to helping our neighbors facing food insecurity (via our partnership with Common Pantry and Swedish Covenant Hospital) is **fully funded** for the entire fiscal year. We give thanks to God for the generous blessings freely given by our Concordia community. We ask, how many more families can we help? Please consider supporting the food pantry in one of the following ways.

Concordia Church continues to partner with the Common Pantry to support a 'Take What You Need' food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital (newly re-named 'The Cupboard'), to support patients on the day of their discharge. **The next delivery date will be December 7th!** Please bring shelf-stable groceries and/or new toiletry items to the marked container(s) in the church's main entrance.

If you'd like to give a monetary gift, simply text the word "CONCORDIA" to 73256 to give using your mobile device and use the drop down list to choose our 'social impact' fund. All donations to this fund benefit our neighbors in need and is a tangible way we express our faith and gratitude for the blessings we've received. Please connect with [Jen Phillips](#) if you have any questions.



# Hope for the holidays



We invite you to join us for the following events this holiday season



## Seasonal Sounds with Lakeshore Brass

*Saturday, December 18th at 7:00pm*

Concert is free in the sanctuary on Seeley. Enjoy the sounds of the season with Chicago-based quintet Lakeshore Brass. Pre-register at the website below.



## Christmas Eve Concert & Service

*Friday, December 24th: Special music at 4:30pm; Worship at 5:00pm*

We rejoice in the coming of Christmas with festive music and celebration!



## Christmas Day Worship

*Saturday, December 25th at 10:00am*

Celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning!

Concert & services offered in-person and virtually  
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### Opening Hymn

*ELW #155*

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

### Taize

*"Raise a Song of Gladness"*

### Gospel Acclamation

Setting Eight

### Hymn of the Day

*ELW #257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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### Sanctus

Setting Eight

### Anthem

*"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming,"* by Hugo Distler

### Closing Hymn

*ELW #246 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"*

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878  
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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