

The First Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist

November 29, 2026

10 o'clock in the morning

Year B

The Entrance

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light that lightens the world; grant that this wreath and its candles may be to us a sign of your coming; and so kindle our hearts with the fire of your love that we may willingly make room to receive you with joy and gladness and evermore stand fast in the faith for your sake. *Amen*.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: *You come to your people and set them free.*

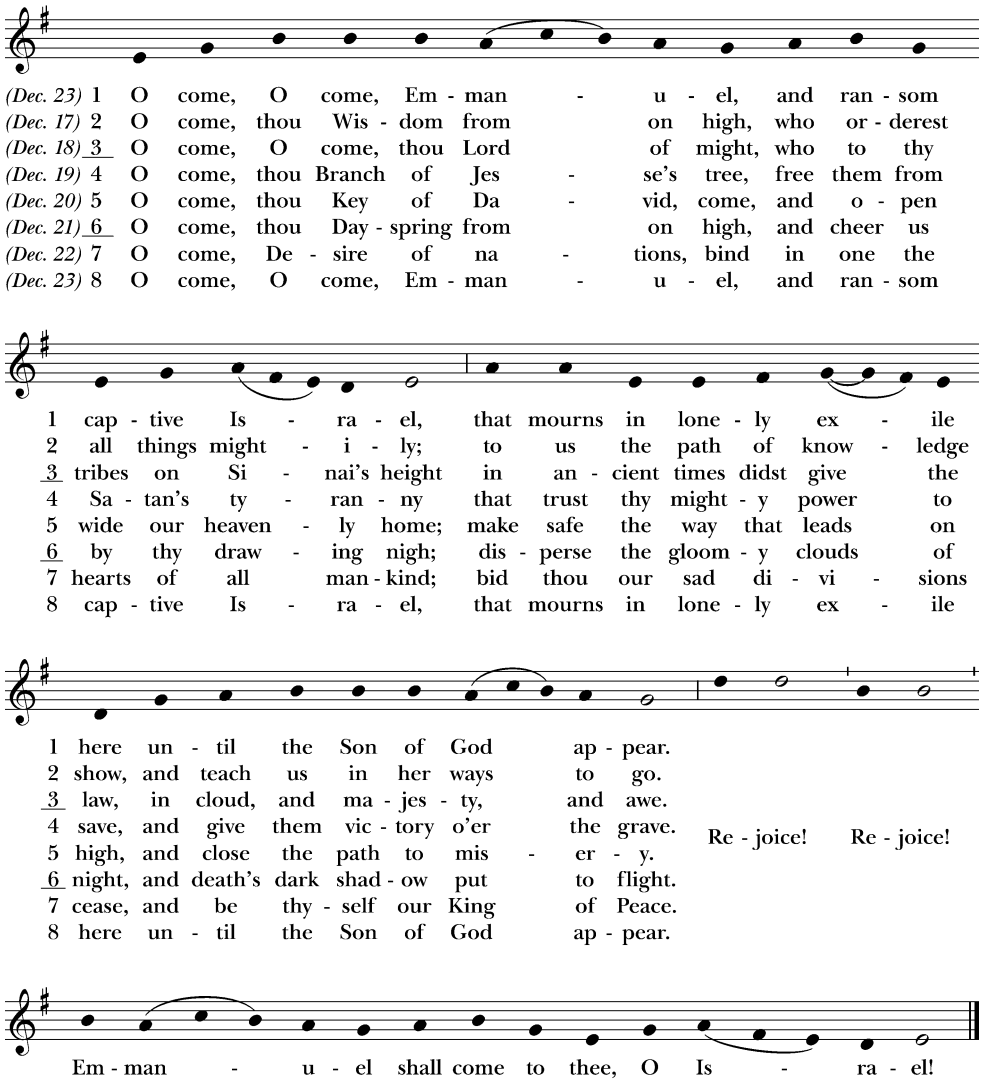
The Confession and Absolution

Deacon: The Sun of Righteousness has dawned, bringing light to things now hidden in darkness. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.*

Hymn No. 56 (v. 1-2) *Veni, veni Emmanuel*



Salutation

The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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 Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself, we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Leader: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

*People: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, **
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*People: O Lord God of hosts, **
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

*People: You have made us the derision of our neighbors, **
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*People: Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, **
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

Leader: And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

*People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; **
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

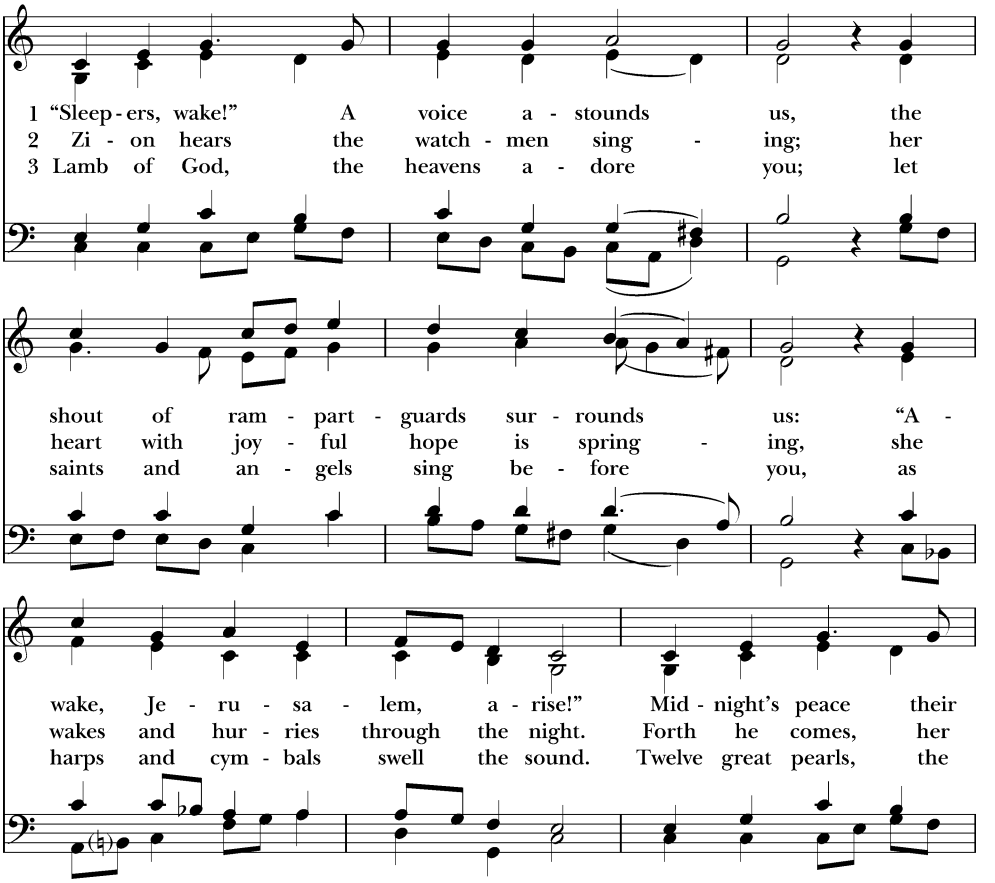
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

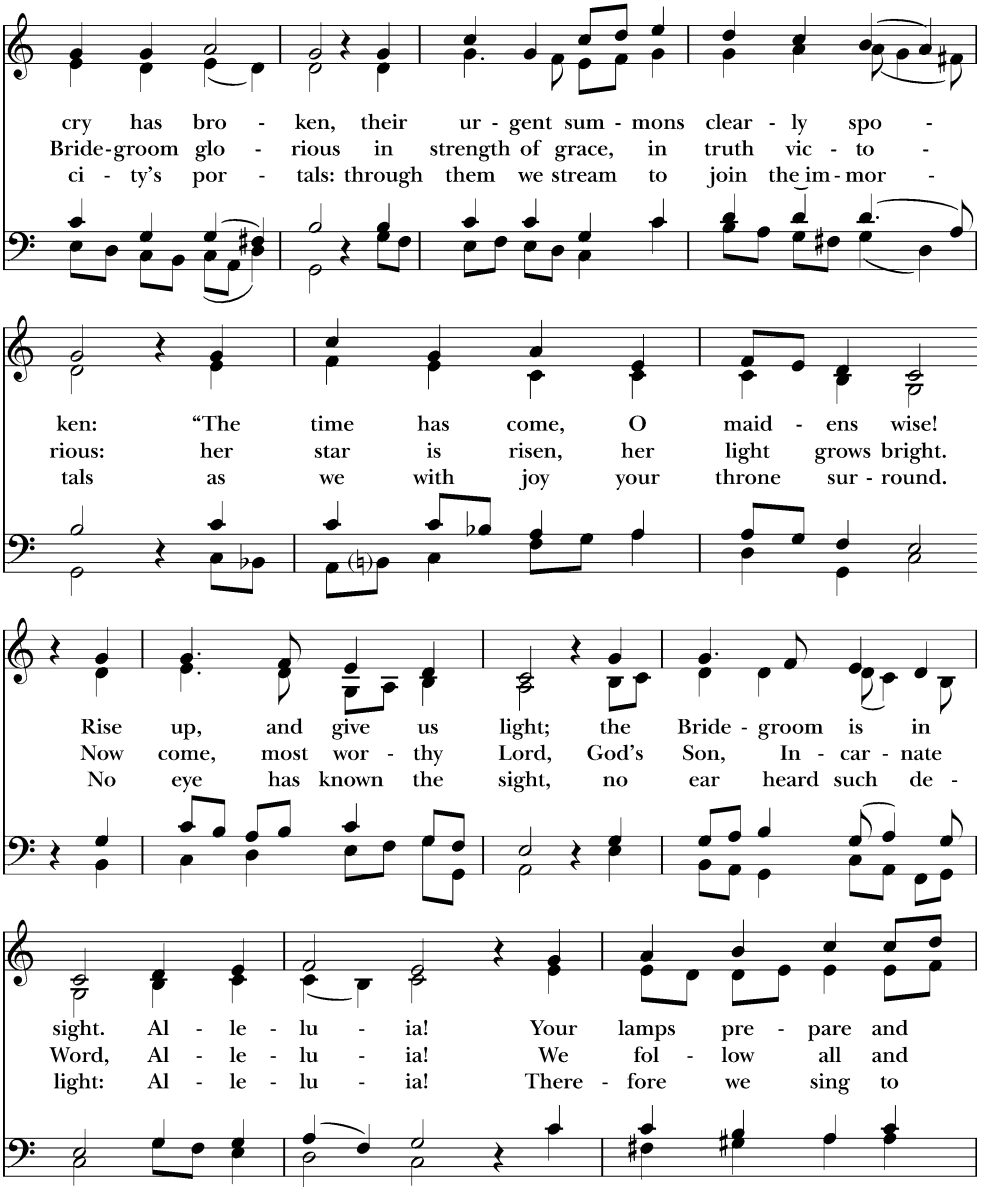
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been

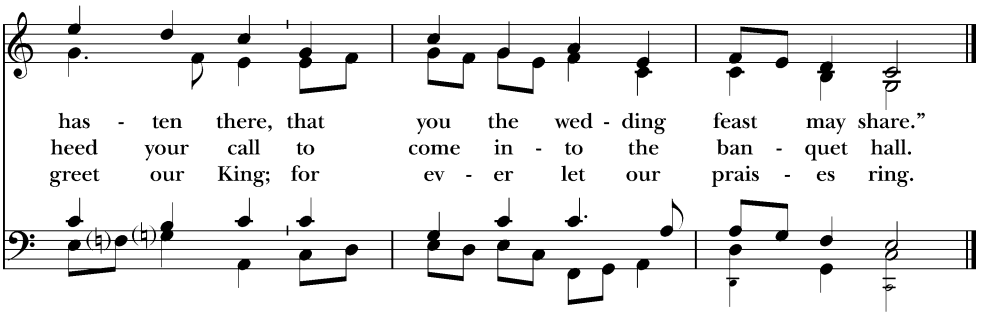
strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 61 *Wahet auf*




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Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -
ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.
Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -
sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to



The Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon The Rev. Kathleen Liles

The Nicene Creed

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 Prayers of the People *(Form I)*

The Deacon says:

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Leader: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Andrea, Stephen, Debbie, Sue, Wendy, Sophia, John, Beverly, Jason, Jacob, Ron, Nicole, Justin, Caroline, Susan, Reg, Paul, Evan, and William, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

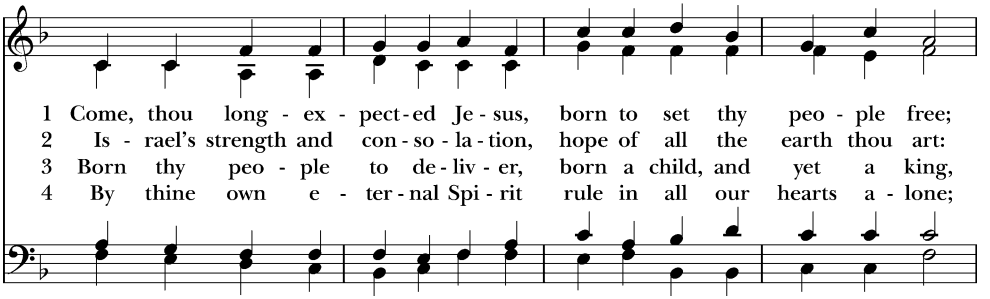
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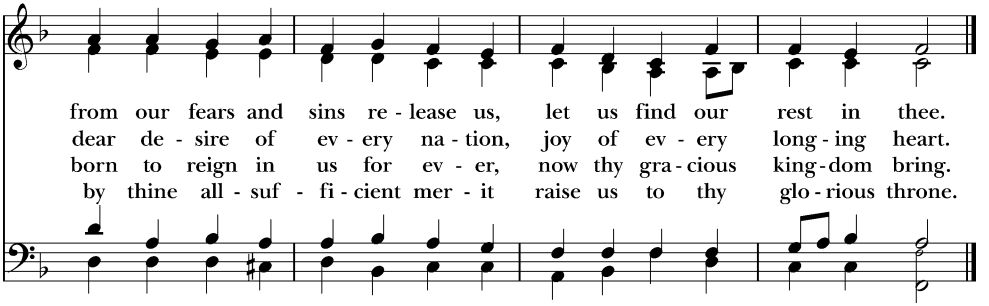
The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn 66 *Stuttgart*





All are invited to the Lord's Table

In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons, including those from other Christian Churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

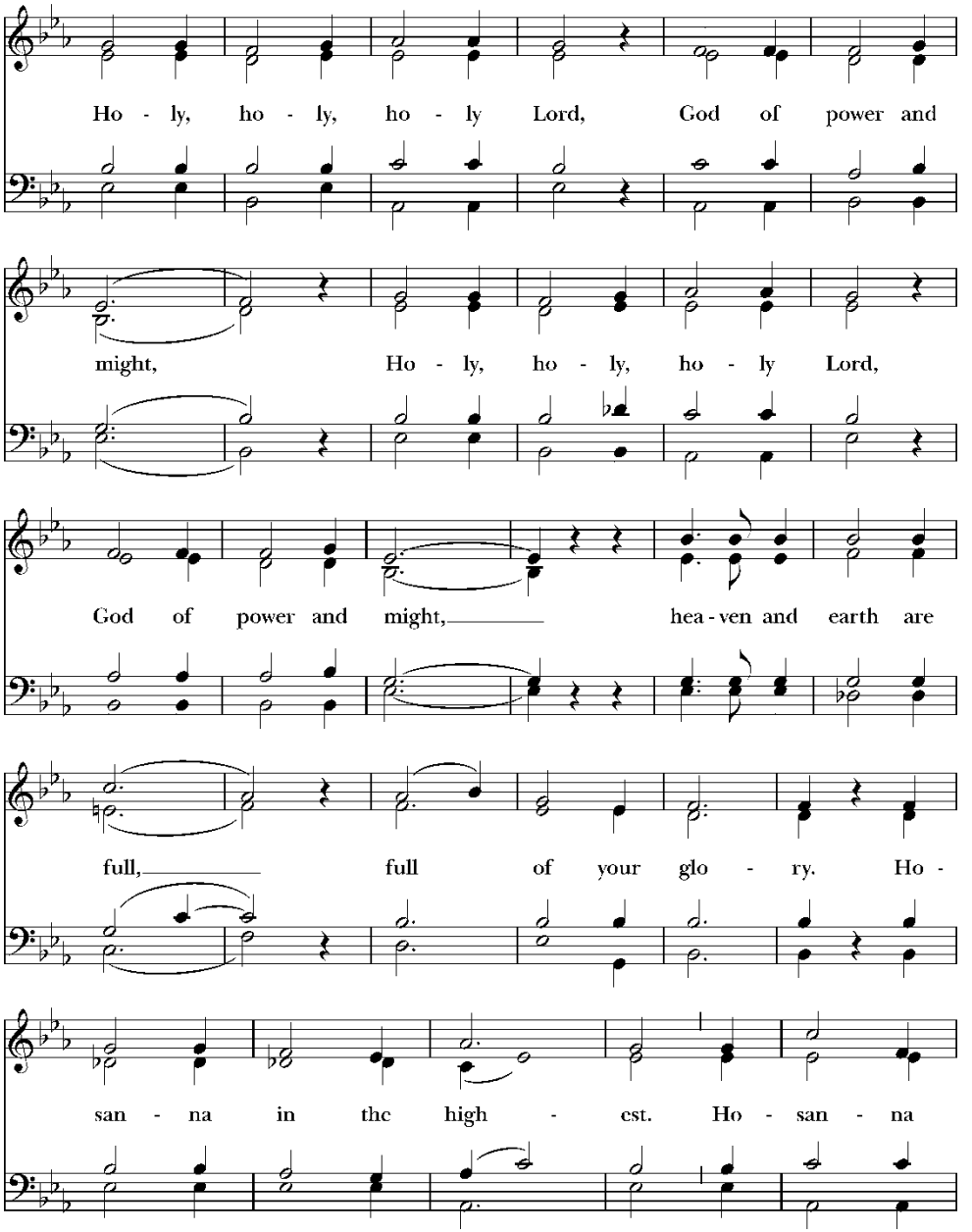
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

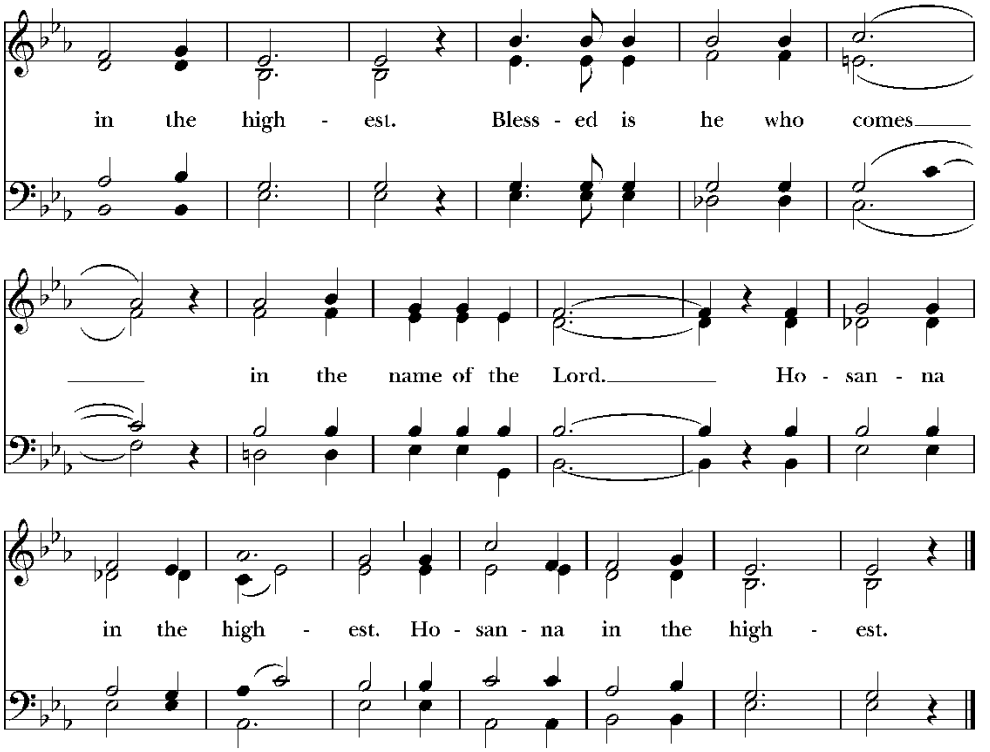
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore 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

Santus S130


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

The Celebrant continues

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

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

All: 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn Instrumental

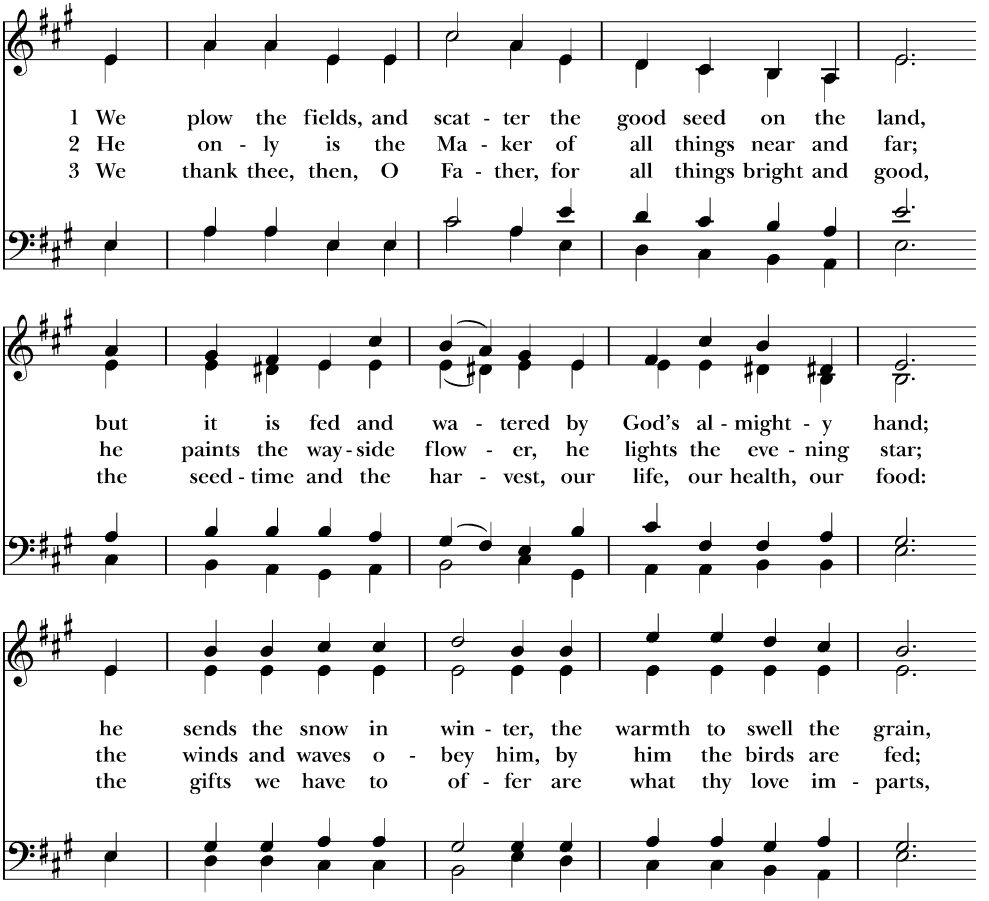
The Post Communion Prayer

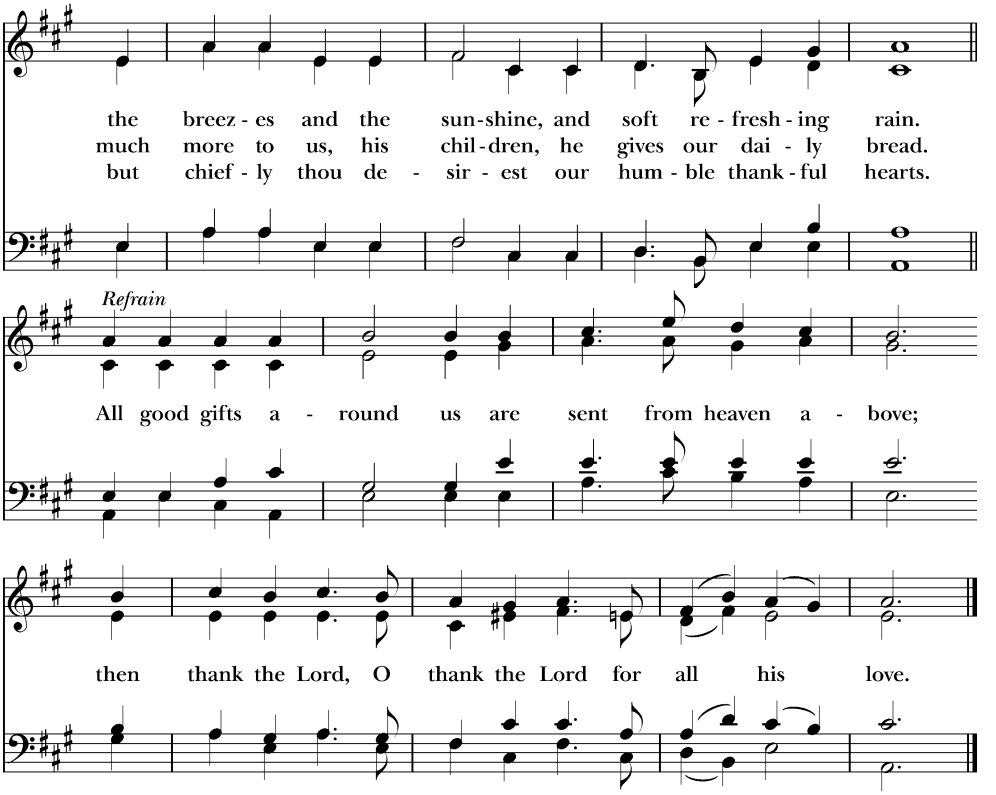
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Retiring Hymn 291 *Wir pflugen*





The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Parish Notices

Advent Lunch and Bible Study begins this week – TUESDAY

Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians: Finding the Courage to be Joyful

In this undisputed letter from Saint Paul to the followers of Jesus in the ancient Greek city of Philippi, we see a fully approachable apostle who rejoices in his friendships there. Famously, the letter contains a hymn to Christ that many believe is the oldest piece of Christian literature we have. We will consider what makes this particular text so enduring and beloved. A main theme of Paul's letter has to do with persistence in faith in the face of opposition and the threat of death. We see in his words an apostle and early Christian community who find mutuality and joy in Christ, even in times of uncertainty and hardship. Everyone is welcome to join these discussions as we ask what it might be saying to us in our own troubled times. **December 1, 8, and 15** - **Noon to 2:00 pm in our parish hall**. A light lunch will be provided.

Is Baptism, Confirmation, or Reception for YOU? - The Bishop of Connecticut, the Rt. Rev. Jeffery Mello, will be with us on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, January 10, 2027. On that day we will have Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception into this Communion of Christ's One, Holy, and Catholic Church. Most of us are familiar with baptism and confirmation. Reception is appropriate for those who were Confirmed in another tradition to be 'officially' welcomed into this Communion by the Bishop. If you are interested in exploring if baptism, confirmation or reception might be for you, call the office at 203-268-5566 to leave a message, and Mother Kathleen will get in touch to give you more information.

Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall immediately following the service for refreshments and conversation. Thanks to those who brought the goodies!



Serving at Today's Liturgy

Celebrant: The Rev. Kathleen Liles
Deacon: The Rev. Lee Forshaw
Musician: Sean O'Reilly
Lector: Peter Ulisse
Altar Guild: Alyson Connole

UPCOMING SERVICE: December 6th – The Second Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist (Spoken) at 9am and Holy Eucharist (with hymns) at 10am followed by Coffee Hour.

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