Trinity Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed & Loved

Sunday, November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent



PRELUDE My Lord What A Morning arr. Haan

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #57 Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

SALUTATION *(BCP 355)*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever, Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(BCP 355)*

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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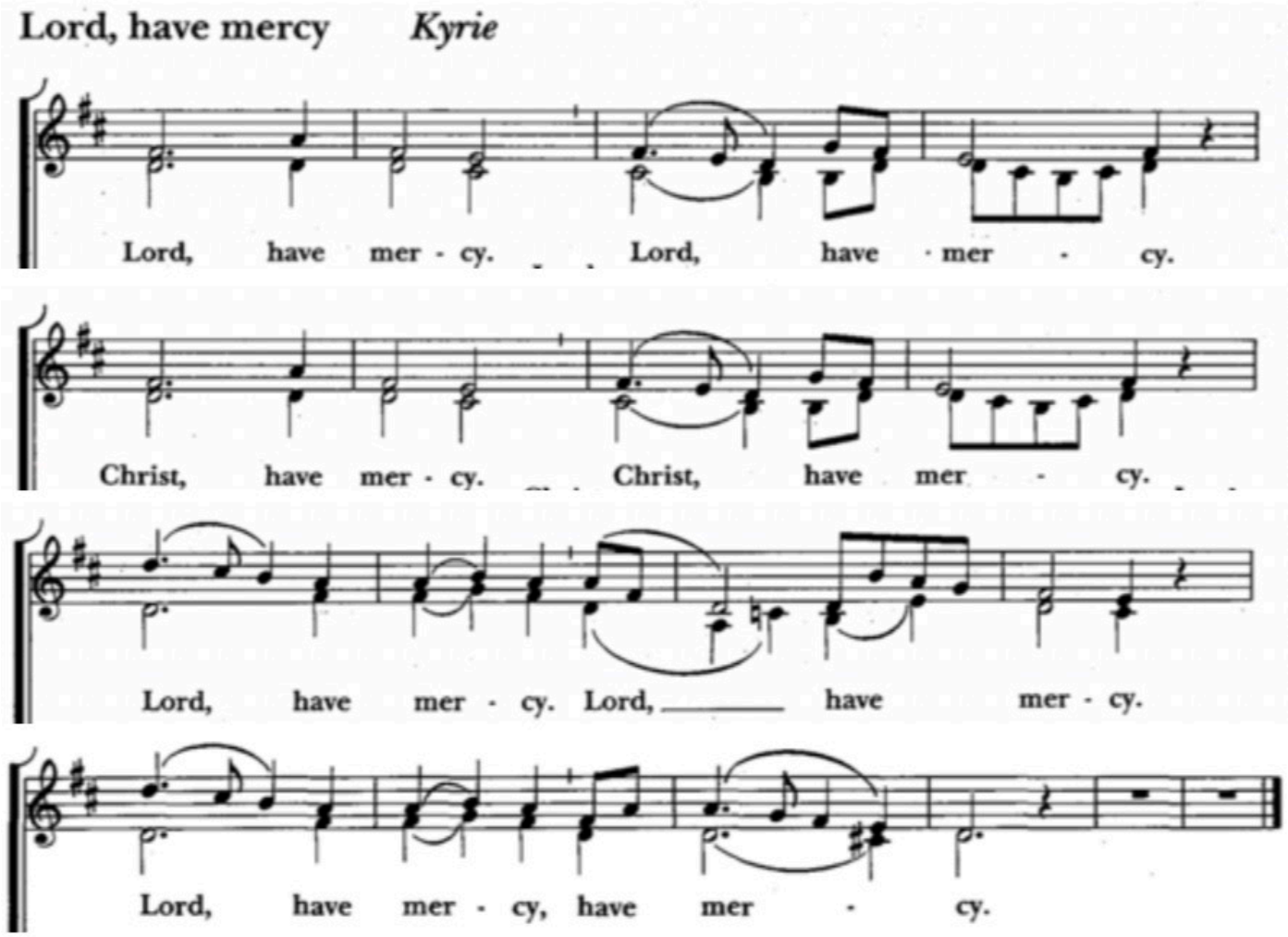

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9
A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

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

A RESPONSE: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1Corinthians 1:3-9
A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

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

GOSPEL HYMN #61 Sleepers, Wake!

THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant 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."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Joseph Wood

THE NICENE CREED *(BCP 358)*

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 II *(BCP 388)*

In this season of expectancy, you are invited to respond to the petitions in prayerful silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops: Mark, Gayle, and Mark; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Divine.
Pray that they may find and be found.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

PARISH PRAYER LIST *Please keep in mind these people as you pray: Phillip H., Marci H., Taylor H., James B., Charles L., Danielle S., Tony L., Ron M., The P. Family, The M. Family, Mary Jo G., Maramis C., George D., Mark G., Lisa K., Griffin, Richard & Marilyn P., Randy & Margaret M., Marian P., Courtney, Todd L., Doug B., Nancy & Susan, Schuyler K., Greg K., Debra B., Maryanne C., Phyllis C., Chris N., Cindy P., Ilona P., J.P., Jocelyn R., Janice D., Donnie A., Andrew W., Bill H., Wes S., Ginger D., Barbara Y., Judy, Lillian H., Craig S., Mark Y., Ervie Anne E., Joseph F., Christina H. & Family, Sharyn H. & Family, Mary H., Patti J., Richard M., Melissa N., Gretchen S.*

We kindly invite individuals to submit their prayer requests for the parish prayer list. Please email info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org to add a name to our prayer list.

A CONCLUDING COLLECT

CONFESSION OF SIN *(Enriching Our Worship 1)*
Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All
God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

THE PEACE (*BCP 360)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on this your servant as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

Gracious God, we bring before you this couple. Keep them safe all the days of their lives, comfort them in adversity, and support them in prosperity as you fill their home with blessings. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM My Lord What A Morning

PRESENTATION HYMN Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship 1)*

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy; 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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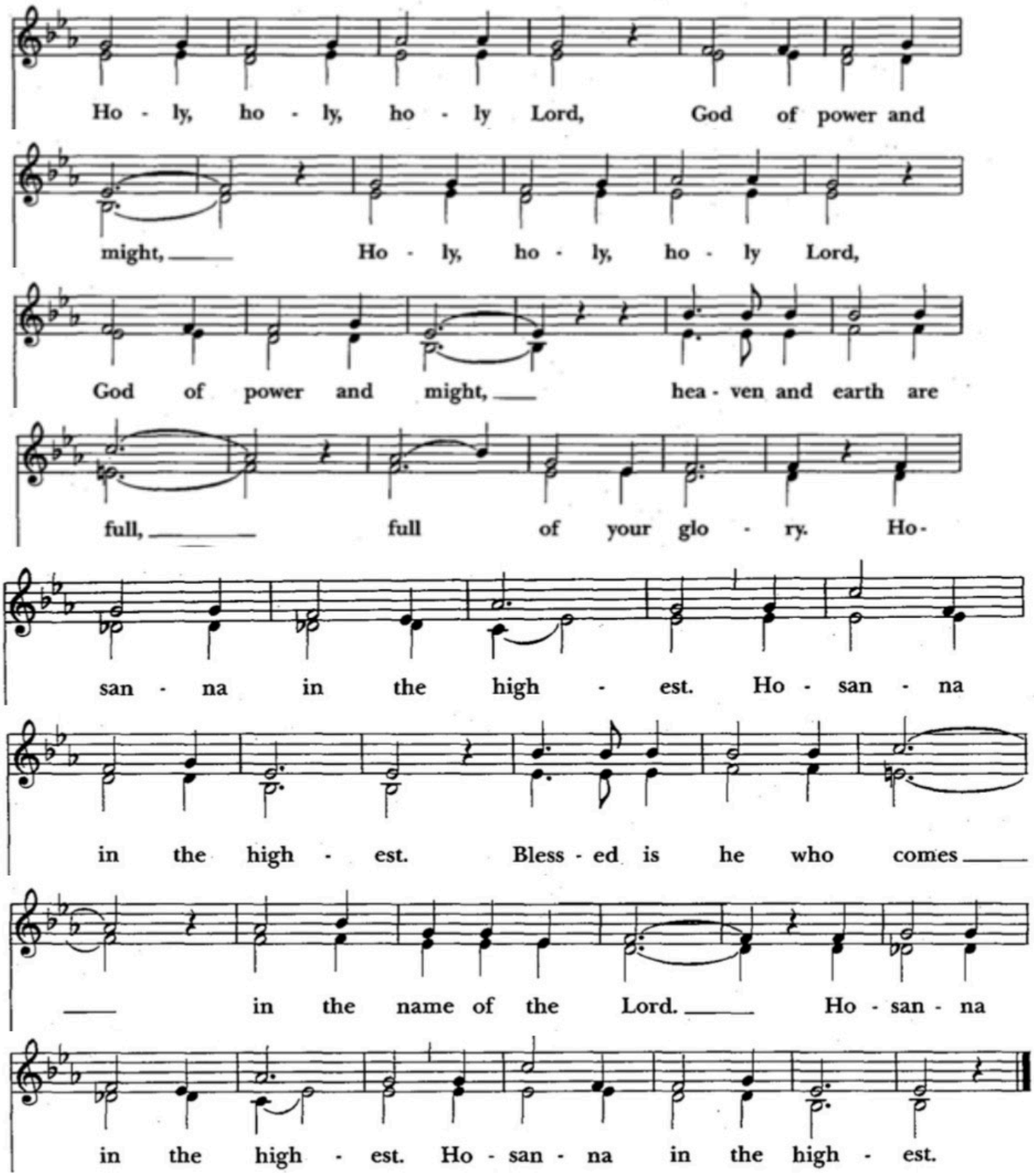

The people may stand or kneel as they feel comfortable.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*BCP 364)*

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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(BCP 364)*

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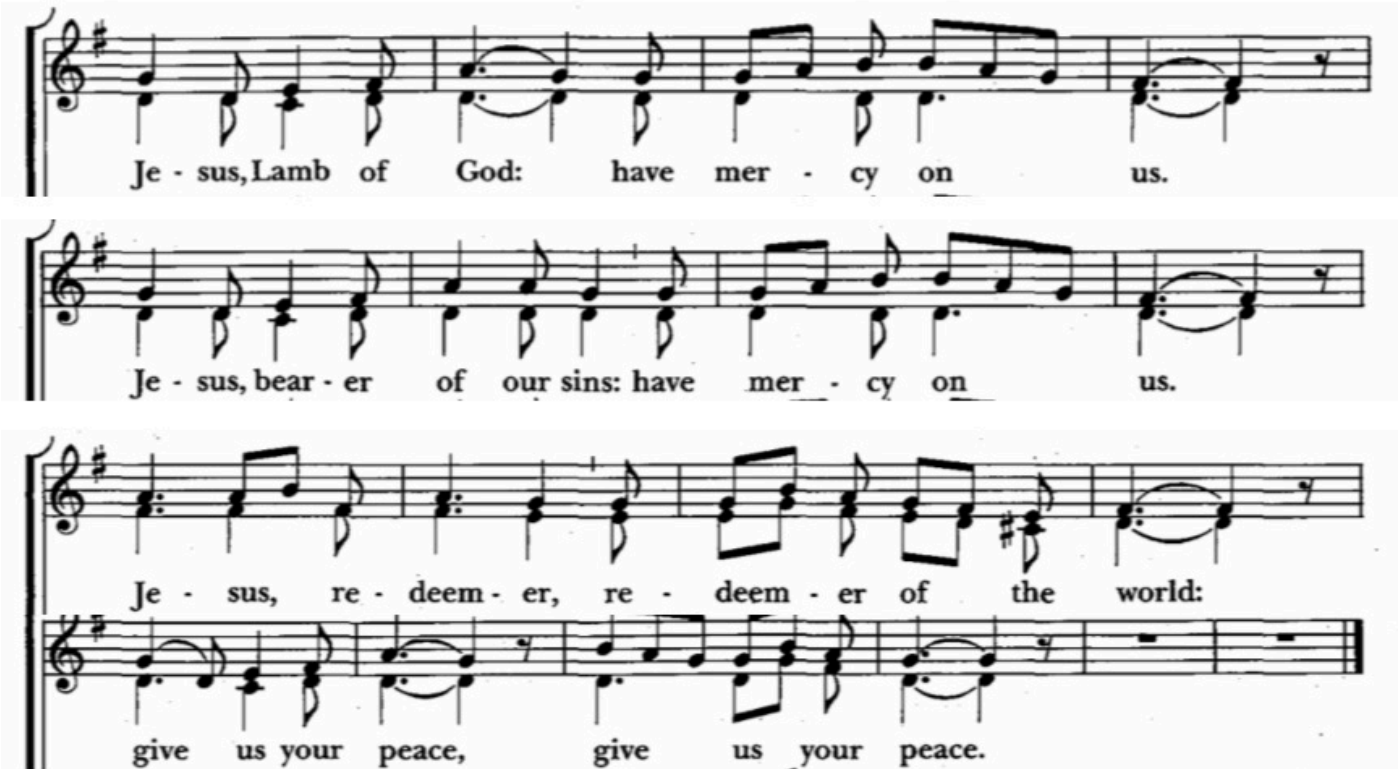


INVITATION TO COMMUNION
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

A Note about Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at God's table. Please come forward to the communion rail with your palms out to receive the host. (Gluten-free host will be provided upon request.) Wine may be consumed directly or you may give your wafer to the Altar Assistant to dip it into the wine for you. You may also touch the cup with your hand to participate without consuming.

Anyone wishing to come forward for a blessing rather than communion may indicate such by crossing their arms over their chest.

During the distribution of communion the following hymns are sung:

COMMUNION HYMNS #454 Jesus, Come, Adored By Angels
#317 This Is The Hour

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(BCP 365)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 BLESSING (*The Book of Occasional Services*)

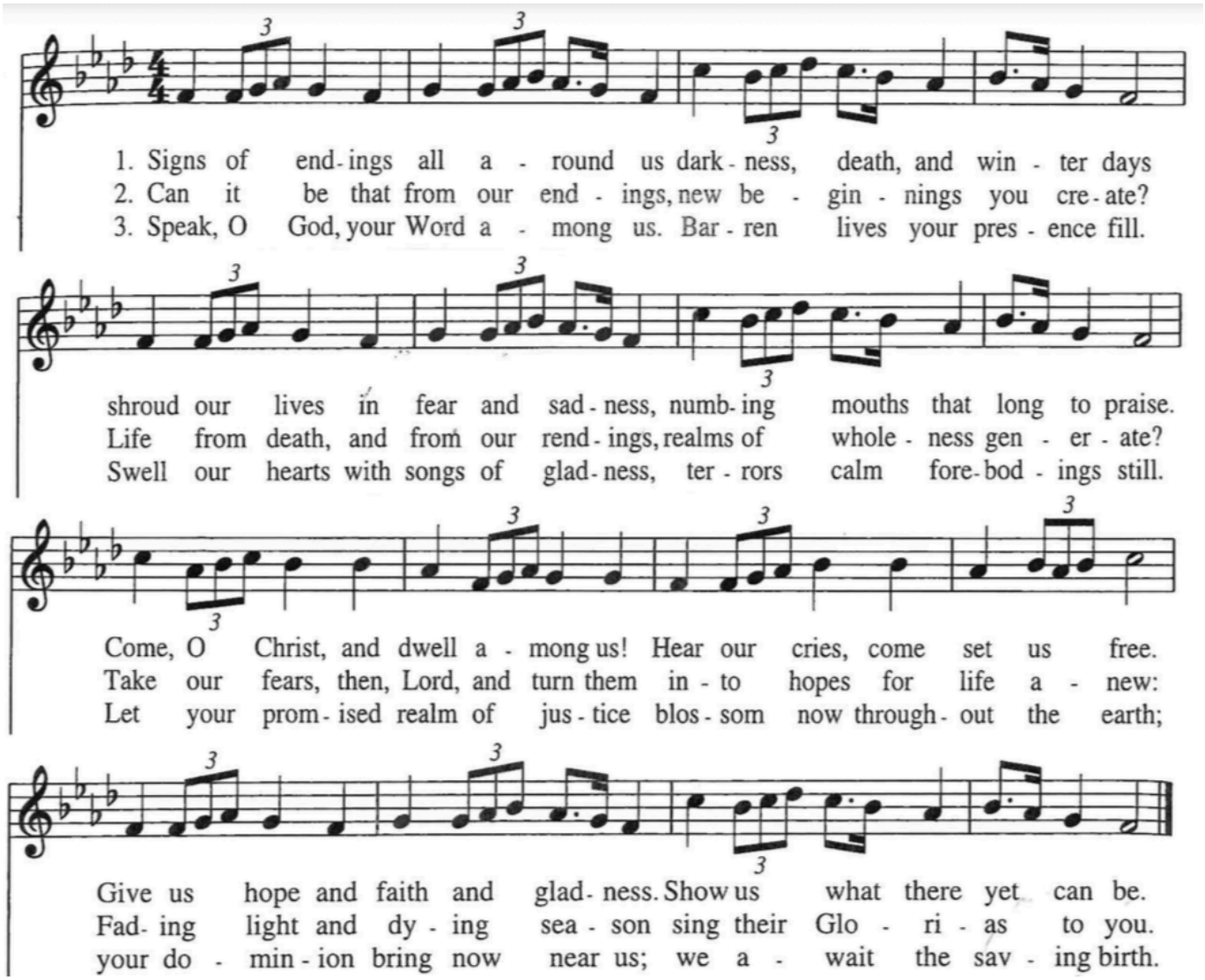
Celebrant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN #721 Signs Of Ending



Celebrant Let us go forth in he name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Sings of Ending Paul Manz

The flowers and greens on the altar and in the narthex are given to the Glory of God.

The Church's Calendar of Saints

Nov 29 Advent I
Nov 30 ANDREW, Apostle
Dec 1 Charles de Foucald (d.1916), French Monastic and Martyr in Algeria
Dec 2 Channing Moore Williams (d.1910), American Bishop in Japan
Dec 3 Francis Xavier (d.1552), Spanish Priest and Missionary to Asia
Dec 4 John of Damascus (d. 760), Priest, Theologian, and Hymnographer
Dec 5 Clement of Alexandria (d.210), Priest and Theologian

Worship Leaders

8:30 Vestry: Kelly Odom **11:00 Vestry:** Kim Albrecht **Altar Guild:** Joanne Georg & Catharine Guest **Flower Guild:** Lisa Harlow & Nicole Morris **Videographer:** Tim Wells	**8:30** **Ushers:** Ginger Critchley & Sallie Ronan **Reader:** Carrie Cirbee **Altar Assistant:** Jean Duray & Joanne Georg	**11:00** **Ushers:** Jeff & Judy Schneider **Reader:** Chas Hill **Altar Assistant:** Joanne Georg & Gary Howard **Acolyte:** Ryan Robison

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Announcements

Stewardship – Our annual stewardship campaign, You Welcomed Me, ended last week. Although we have not yet reached our goal, were are thrilled to have already exceed last years totals. Your pledges are still welcome as we strive to fully meet our goals.

Coat Rack – Our coat rack is once again out to serve those who need warmth in the winter. Please consider donating gently used coats and other warm clothing to our cause.

Parents Evening Out - The youth group invites you to drop your children (ages 2-11) off at the Parish Hall on **Dec 6 from 4:00-7:00 pm** for an afternoon of crafts, holiday movies, games, pizza, etc. Please contact Catharine (catharine.guest@gmail.com) to register your child for the event.

Giving Envelopes - Next year's giving envelopes are available in the narthex. Please take yours home today.

Rector's Discretionary Fund - Beginning today, and continuing on the last Sunday of each month, all loose cash in the plate will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund to allow for financial needs in pastoral care. Any checks with RDF in the memo line will also be accepted for this fund.

Advent Bags - Reverse advent bags benefitting our food ministry are available in the Parish Hall. Please consider donating by taking a bag and returning it by December 20th.

Cookie Exchange - Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share and exchange on December 20th following each service.

Christmas Flower Donations - Donations for our Christmas Flowers are once again being accepted. Please fill out a form in the narthex to return with your donation in e of or in thanksgiving for the people you hold dear. Forms are due in the office by December 20th.

Weekly Schedule of Events: November 30 – December 6

Tuesday:	**10:00 AM** - Bible Study
Wednesday:	**12:00 PM** - Healing Eucharist
Thursday:	**10:00 AM** - Greek Class
	11:30 AM - Yoga
Friday:	**10:00 AM** - Quilters
Saturday:	**8:00 AM** - Men's Group
Sunday:	**8:30 AM** - Eucharist Service
	9:45 AM - Launchpad & Fellowship
	10:00 AM - Flower Guild Meeting
	11:00 AM - Eucharist Service
	4:00 PM - Parents' Night Out

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