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## The Third Sunday of Advent

*Making disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ*

*Prelude: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed," arr. Henry Balcombe*

*(Organ bell peal as a family comes forward to light the wreath: Improvisation by resident organist, Ed Ackermann, on public domain melody, "VENI EMMANUEL")*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Processional Hymn "O Come Emmanuel" (Please stand)*

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Text translated from Latin by John Mason Neale, 1851.

# HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Surely the Lord is coming soon,

*People* **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

*Revelation 22:20*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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.**

## THE DECALOGUE

*Celebrant* God spoke these words and said: I am the LORD your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* You shall not take the Name of the LORD your God in vain.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* You shall not murder.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* You shall not covet.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.**

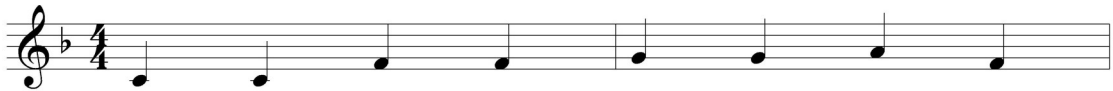
*Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21*

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

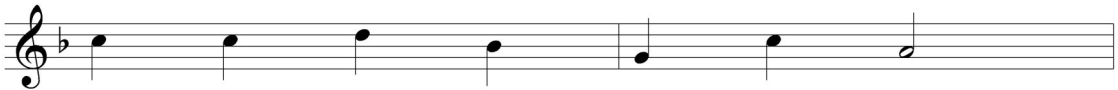
*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

*"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Please stand)*



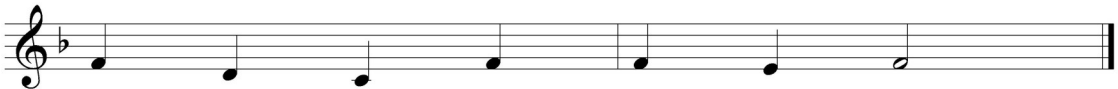
1. Come, thou long ex - pect - ed Je - sus,  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,  
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er,  
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit



1. born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2. hope of all the earth - thou art:  
3. born a child, and yet a king,  
4. rule in all our hearts a - lone.



1. from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
2. dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,  
3. born to reign in us for ev - er,  
4. by thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it



1. let us find our rest in thee.  
2. joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
3. now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
4. raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *(Please be seated)*

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the deer shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalms 146*

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul; \*  
while I live I will praise the LORD.
- 2 Indeed, as long as I have my being, \*  
I will sing praises unto my God.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, \*  
for there is no help in them.

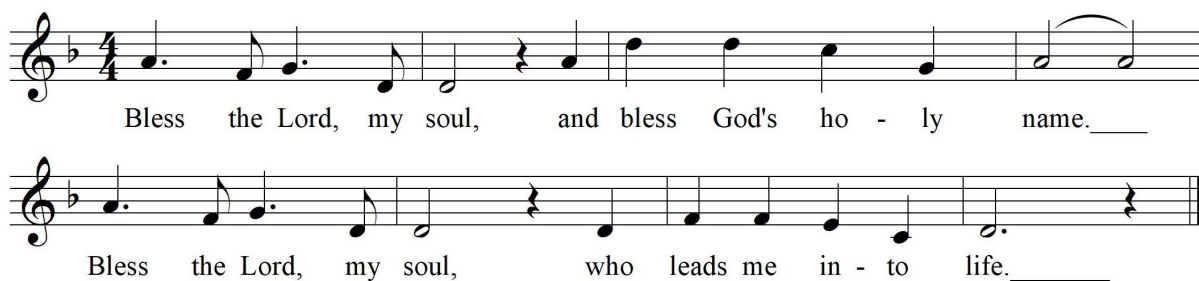
- 4 For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth, \*  
and in that day all his thoughts perish.
- 5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help \*  
and whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- 6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 7 Who does right to those who suffer wrong; \*  
and who feeds the hungry.
- 8 The LORD sets prisoners free; \*  
the LORD gives sight to the blind.
- 9 The LORD helps those who have fallen; \*  
the LORD loves the righteous.
- 10 The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow; \*  
but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.
- 11 The LORD shall be King for evermore, \*  
even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the LORD.

*James 5:7-20*

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL *(please stand)*

*People and Choir*



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*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Matthew 11:2-19*

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.

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

## THE SERMON (*Seated*)

### THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand*)

*Celebrant*        Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy. *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop, and Ryan and Keith, our Bishops, and Greg, our Priest, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy. *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially through the Kairos Prison Ministry, and our mission partners at the DFW Airport Chaplaincy, La Gran Familia, Northern Malawi, Mandalay and Sittwe.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy. *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy. *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and Mattie, our Mayor.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy. *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, *especially* . . . those in sickness, *especially* . . . or those in any other adversity *especially* . . .

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy. *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection in thanksgiving, let us pray.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy. *People* **Hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to add your own prayers or thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.



*Celebrant and People* **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for Saint Barnabas that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*Celebrant* All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*Please stand or kneel in silence.*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed,  
against your divine majesty,**

**provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.**

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS *(Please remain standing or kneeling)*

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## THE PEACE *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

*CHOIR ANTHEM – Please be seated.*

*To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary*

A contemporary ballad retelling the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)

Music by Rusty Edwards (1955 - ); lyrics by Gracia Grindal (1943 - ); Words and music  
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To a maid whose name was Mary, the angel Gabriel came,  
“Fear not,” the angel told her, “I come to bring good news;  
Good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.

“For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all,  
Who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest;  
You are most blest, most blessed; God chose you, you are blest!”

But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel’s word.  
What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear,  
To hear the angel’s message, it troubled her to hear.

“Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
His name shall be called Jesus, God’s off-spring from on high.  
And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high.”

“How shall this be?” said Mary, “I am not yet a wife.”  
The angel answered quickly, “The power of the Most High  
Will come upon you shortly, your child shall be God’s child.”

As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words.  
“Behold, I am your handmaid,” she said unto her God.  
“So be it; I am ready according to your word.”

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below;**

## THE SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

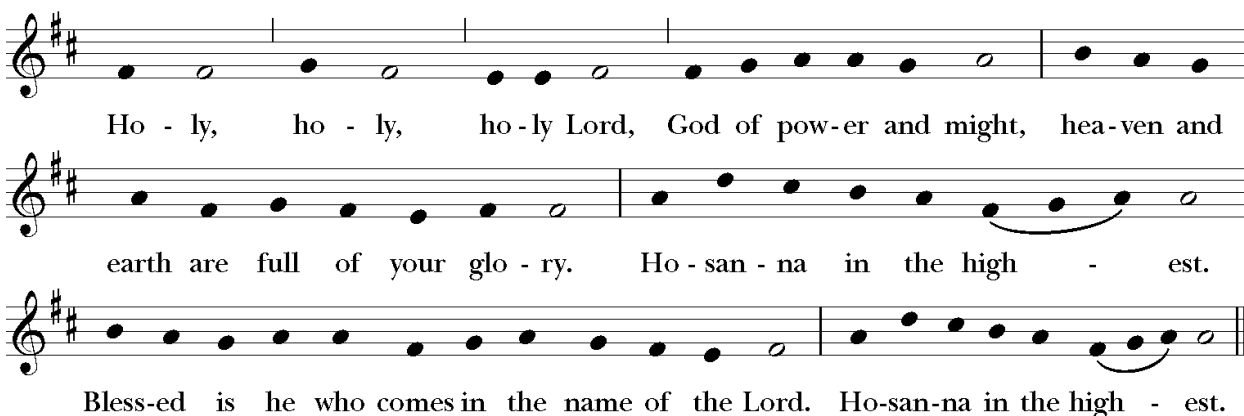
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant proceeds* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere 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 glory 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

*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.

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## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 *(Please remain standing or kneeling)*

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION *(Please remain standing or kneeling)*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(Please remain standing or kneeling)*

*Celebrant and People* **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,**

**and our souls washed through his most precious blood,**

**and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI (*Please remain standing or kneeling*)

*Celebrant and People*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION (*Please remain standing or kneeling*)

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.


*John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

*If you have been baptized with water in the Name of the Holy Trinity and have been admitted to Holy Communion in your own church, we welcome you to receive Holy Communion with us today. Come forward as directed and the Clergy will communicate you. If you are not baptized, or choose not to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.*


*Communion Piano Voluntary*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *"Wait for the Lord"*




1. Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
2. Pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way.




1. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!  
2. Make straight a path, for God the Son.

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### *"O Lord Hear my Prayer"*



1. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.  
2. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:  
3. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.



1. When I call an - swer me, O Lord, hear my prayer. O  
2. All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the  
3. When I call an - swer me, O Lord, hear my prayer. O



1. Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.  
2. Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life.  
3. Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please stand or kneel*)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father,**  
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**  
**that we are living members of the body of your Son,**  
**and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**  
**And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,**  
**to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**  
**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING (*Please stand*)

*Celebrant* 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

*Closing Hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" (Please stand)*



1. Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
4. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -



1. va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
2. ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
3. bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
4. ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;



1. swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
2. pierced, and nailed him to a tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
3. to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
4. claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
2. deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
3. with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

*Words and music in public domain.*

*Postlude: "Prepare Thyself Zion," J. S. Bach*



**Christmas Eve—Family Candlelight Service  
with Children's Christmas Pageant  
December 24th at 5:30 pm**

# **WELCOME TO ST. BARNABAS**

We are glad you chose to worship at Saint Barnabas today. You are invited to remain for coffee and fellowship following the service.

**“ALL GUESTS ARE TO BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST.”**

We are pleased to provide a nursery for your children who have not yet begun kindergarten. We have two professional nursery workers who are eager to care for your children this morning. The ushers will be happy to direct you to our nursery.

Young worshippers, Kindergarten - 5th Grade, are invited to Worship and Wonder during the first half of worship. They are welcome to follow the cross out during the announcement at the beginning of worship.

For more offerings in the course of the week, please fill out a Prayer and Connection Card found next to the bulletins in the doorway. You may drop them in the offering plate as we'd love to connect with you further .

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