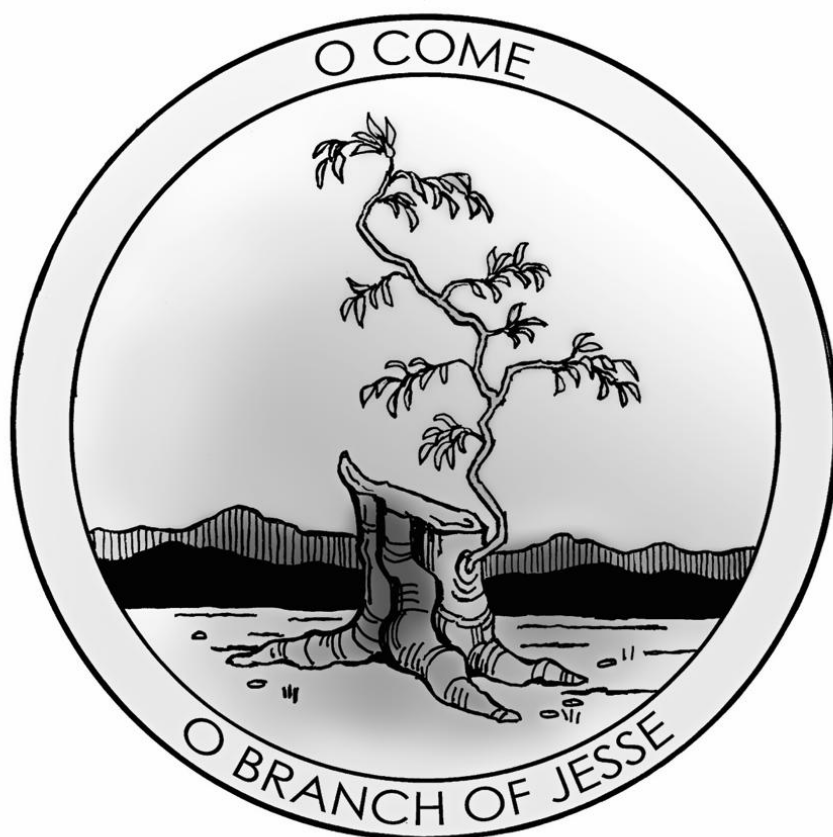


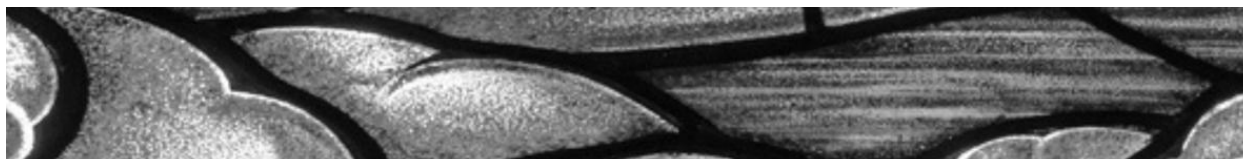
TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent
Gathering Hour: Holy Eucharist Rite II (EOW)
Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025 at 12 p.m.



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WELCOME!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH EMBODIES CHRIST'S LOVE BY CREATING SACRED COMMUNITY, SHARING GOD'S STORY, AND WELCOMING AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.

Welcome Visitors!

Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag on the table in the north end of the Parish Hall and fill out the Visitor Card found in the pew and place it in the collection plate. You're especially welcome to join formation and fellowship opportunities at 10:45 a.m. where you can meet others, to learn, and grow in faith.

Infants and Children

We love children in church! Activity kits may be found on the far back pew. Nursery care is available during all services for children from infancy up to 4 years old. Children's Church is offered at the 9:30 service for ages 4 to 10. If you would like your child to participate have them follow the adult leader who will guide them to the Children's Church area after the announcements. Children will return at The Peace.

Fellowship & Education

Enjoy fellowship and coffee in the Parish Hall following each service. In the fall and spring we offer children, youth/teen, and adult Christian formation opportunities at 10:45 a.m.

Receiving Communion

In the Episcopal Church, we welcome all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to receive the Eucharist, regardless of when and where they were baptized. (And, of course, we'd love to talk to you about baptism if you have not been baptized.) Those not wishing to take Communion may come forward for a blessing and indicate this by crossing their arms across their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Getting Connected

Are you new to the parish? Want to get better acquainted? Use the QR code at the bottom right to fill out a short contact form.

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Friday

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Choral Eucharist
12 p.m. Rite II
Gathering Hour

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I'M NEW!

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Announcements: Dec. 7, 2025

TODAY: Fellowship & Formation at 10:45 a.m. Godly Play (ages 4-10) meets in the upstairs classroom. Youth Group will gather in the Basement. Embarking on the Episcopal Way meets in the Lounge. Bible Basics is in the Large Conference Room. Coffee Hour is also in the Parish Hall.

TODAY: New to Trinity? You're invited to Embark on the Episcopal Way at 10:45 a.m. in the Lounge. These sessions will prepare you for church membership, reception and/or confirmation when the bishop visits in 2026. We'll celebrate all of our new members during worship on Sunday, Dec. 14.

TODAY: Bible Basics takes a close look at the **Lord's Prayer**. Join Bev Huber for a presentation that blends scripture with spirituality at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. All are welcome! Next Sunday, Dec. 14, Sarah Martinez will give an overview of Matthew—the Gospel you will hear most frequently in worship in the year ahead.

Seniors! Come celebrate the holiday season on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Enjoy a catered lunch and desserts, RSVP to Debbie Finn: deborahlfinn@verizon.net.

El Jardín and Father Javier Rivera invite you to the Holy Eucharist and Serenade in honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave.

You're invited to the **Advent Party** on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring an ornament to participate in a fun exchange.

Voices of Fort Worth will present **O Nata Lux** at Trinity on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. in the Nave. Learn more and order tickets: voicesoffortworth.com/events

Women of Trinity will have a Christmas luncheon at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18 at the home of Loraine Chance. Bring a side dish or dessert. Email women@fortworthtrinity.org to RSVP and get locale address.

Christmas Worship 2025

Christmas Eve (Wednesday, Dec. 24):

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (online only)
- 4 p.m. Children's Service with Pageant (onsite & online)
- 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist (onsite & online)

Christmas Day (Thursday, Dec. 25):

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (online only)

First Sunday after Christmas (Sunday, Dec. 28):

- One service at 9:30 a.m. with music from the Gathering Band (onsite & online)

New Year's Eve (Wednesday, Dec. 31):

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (online only)

The **church office will be closed** Dec. 24 through Jan. 2 for the holidays. Please make sure all end-of-year contributions are received by Dec. 31 to qualify for **2025 tax deductions**. Thank you so very much for your support!



Snap the QR code (left) for event details and online registration.
(Use this code to RSVP for other events and learn more about parish life at Trinity. It's a quick way to access our Linktree!)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *My Lord He's a' Comin' Soon*

My Lord, he is a com - in' soon; pre - pare ye the
way of the Lord. Get ev - 'ry - thing rea - dy
for that day; pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.
1.If you're a - sleep - er, it's time to wake up; a -
2.Come, Lord Je - sus, come in - to my heart; pre -
wake O the sleep - er, a - rise. If you're in the
pare ye the way of the King. He is
dark, com - ing, he's time to be lit; a - wake, O sleep - er, a -
com - ing, he's time com - ing, soon; pre - pare the
rise!
King!

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant	Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People	You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE MHSO 13 Kyrie eleison (Greek)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri -
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -
 e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!
 ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son!
 repeat Kyrie

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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

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

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
- ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
 and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
 their young shall lie down together;
 and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain;
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
 as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire
 of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Remain seated. We will read the Psalm in unison.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Prepare the way, O Zion (Bereden väg för Herran) (H 65)



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12 *All stand.*

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

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown

into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

People The Gospel of our Savior.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

**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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 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 *Prayer lists are available in the Nave & Parish Hall*

Holy God, yours is the voice that calls from the places we least expect, inviting us into ever deeper relationship with you that we might live surrounded by your love. Hear now our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christ's church, that we may never become settled in comfort but that we might always be on pilgrimage serving those we encounter. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who hold authority over us, that they might escape from their fears and hatreds and govern in the glory of your mercy and wisdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for each other in this parish community, that we might discern our own calls to be Christ in all the places our day-to-day lives take us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the natural world and for our own stewardship of creation, that we might be advocates for actions needed to leave an abundant creation to future generations. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need of healing and relief from their burdens, worries, and fears. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died and those who grieve, hasten the day of Christ's return that we might be reunited with all whom we have loved but see no more. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Almighty God, you entered into our world and blessed our lives through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, your son and our Lord. Bless us still as we strive to become the people we were meant to be. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

**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.**

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

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360) *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

God of Creation and Love, surround these your children with your grace, comfort them with your presence, and fill them with your joy. Show them that your Way of Love is what gives them life, and encourage them to have ever-widening circles of friendship. Keep them ever mindful of the beauty and stewardship of your creation. Give them strength to hold their faith in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Please remember to continue to support the life and ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church. We need you! Visit fortworthtrinity.org to access the online giving portal. You can also text FTWTrinity to 73256 to make a one-time or recurring gift. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Checks may be mailed to the church: 3401 Bellaire Drive South, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE & ANTHEM *Peace Train*

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA *The People remain standing.*

Celebrant God 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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

G D C G G Am D/F# C D

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are

B7 Em C D G C D

6 full of your glor - y. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the one who

F C G C D

11 comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the

Em C D G

16 high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa - ther in heav - en hal - lowed
be your na - me. Your King - dom come Your will be done on
earth as in Hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly
bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a -
gainst us Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the King - dom and the
pow - er and the glor - y are yours. Now and for - ev - er A - men.


The Breaking of the Bread FRACTION ANTHEM

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Christ our pas so ver is
sac ri ficed for us There fore let us keep the feast. (repeat alleluias)

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says The Gifts of God for the People of God.


COMMUNION HYMN *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* (H 81)



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and



cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**