



Worshiping Jesus Christ, Living in His Truth, & Blessing others in His Name.

The First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 30, 2025
Holy Eucharist - 9:30 a.m.

For the first Sunday of Advent, we use the Great Litany (BCP p.91-96) and therefore omit the Prayers of the People and the Confession.

During the season of Advent we also use the Anglican Standard Text (BCP p.105) for our Eucharistic liturgy instead of the Renewed Ancient Text (BCP p.123), we sing different arrangements of service music (see Worship Guide), and we omit the Gloria in Excelsis & all 'alleluias'.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Tune: Hyfrydol

1. Come Thou long expected Jesus / Born to set Thy people free / From our fears and sins release us / Let us find our rest in Thee / Israel's strength and consolation / Hope of all the earth Thou art / Dear desire of every nation / Joy of every longing heart
2. Joy to those who long to see Thee / Day-spring from on high, appear. / Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, / Of Thy birth, we long to hear! / O'er the hills the angels singing / News, glad tidings of a birth; / "Go to Him your praises bringing / Christ the Lord has come to earth!"
3. Born Thy people to deliver / Born a child and yet a King / Born to reign in us forever / Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring / By Thine own eternal Spirit / Rule in all our hearts alone / By Thine all sufficient merit / Raise us to Thy glorious throne

OPENING ACCLAMATION: FOR ADVENT

Book of Common Prayer p. 145

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.
People **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

WELCOME

Fr John Roberts, Rector

THE GREAT LITANY

The Book of Common Prayer, pages 91-96

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the works and assaults of the devil; from your wrath and everlasting condemnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all disordered and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandments,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity and submission to the Law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bloody sweat; by your Cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending of the Holy Spirit; by your heavenly intercession; and by your coming again in power and great glory,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech you to hear us, O Lord God: That it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the right way,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To illumine all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that, both by their preaching and living, they may show it accordingly,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To send forth laborers into your harvest; to prosper their work by your Holy Spirit; to make your saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of your kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give all your people increase of grace to hear your Word with humility, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to keep your commandments,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and keep all your people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to rule the hearts of your servant *N*, the *President/Sovereign/Prime Minister*, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before you,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and guide all judges, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and keep our armed forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and protect all who serve their communities by their labor and learning,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give and preserve for us and for others the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that at the harvest we all may enjoy them,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To make wars to cease in all the world, and to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to show mercy on all prisoners and captives; refugees, the homeless, and the hungry; and all those who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To preserve all who are in danger by reason of their work or travel,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen the bonds of those in Holy Matrimony; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all women in childbirth;

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and to provide for young children and orphans,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To support, help, and deliver all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To have mercy upon all people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us your peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

When the Litany is sung or said immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes here, and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation ("The Lord be with you") and the Collect of the Day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you

People

And with your spirit.

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.

People

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

New International Version

¹ This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ² In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

The New Coverdale Psalter - BCP 2019

¹ I was glad when they said unto me, *

"We will go into the house of the Lord."

² **Now our feet are standing ***

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city *

that is at unity in itself.

⁴ **For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, ***

as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

⁵ For there is the throne of judgment, *

even the throne of the house of David.

⁶ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; *

they shall prosper that love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls *

and plenteousness within your palaces.

⁸ **For my brethren and companions' sakes, ***

I will wish you prosperity.

⁹ Indeed, because of the house of the Lord our God, *

I will seek to do you good.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

New International Version

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn 56, Verses 1,5,6,8

1. O come, O come, Emma--nuel / And ransom captive I--srael / That mourns in lonely e--xile here / Until the Son of Go--d appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emma--nuel ∩ shall come to thee, O Israel!

5. O come, Thou Key of Da--vid, come, / And open wide our hea--venly home; / Make safe the way that lea--ds on high, / And close the path to mi--sery. [Refrain]

6. O come, Thou Dayspring co--me and cheer / Our spirits by Thine ad--vent here / Disperse the gloomy clou--ds of night / And death's dark shadows pu--t to flight. [Refrain]

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:29-44

New International Version

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

²⁹ "Immediately after the distress of those days

"the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give **its** light;
 the stars **will** fall from the sky,
 and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

³⁰ “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power **and** great glory. ³¹ And he will send **his** angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end **of** the heavens to the other.

³² “Now **learn** this lesson from the fig **tree**: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ³³ **Even** so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it **will** be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days **before** the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will **be** taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN (Continued)

8. O come, O come, Emma--nuel / And ransom captive I--srael / That mourns in lonely e--xile here / Until the Son of Go--d appear.

A BIBLICAL MOMENT ON MATTHEW 24

This chapter of Matthew has been the source of great confusion, primarily because readers can sometimes fail to recognize that Jesus goes back and forth in this chapter between prophesying about the Fall of Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple in 70 A.D. and also prophesying about His Second Coming that we still await, when Jesus will transform the cosmos & bring about a New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:1-4, 22-26). It was common for Old Testament prophets to group events together by their topic rather than their chronology; and Jesus is doing the same in Matthew 24. Thus, it is commonly believed by scholars that, in chapter 24, verses 24:1-28 concern the first century fall of Jerusalem are verses 1-28 & 34-35; verse 29 may concern both that fall *and* Jesus’ future second coming; and verses 30-33 & 36-51 concern His second coming.

Craig Keener, The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament, Second Edition.

THE NICENE CREED

On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying
 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.

SERMON

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SERMON SUPPLEMENT: John 14:13-14 (NIV)

Jesus said, “¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

RESPONSE HYMN: "We Are People On A Journey"

Tune: Hyfrydol or Hymn To Joy

1. We are people on a journey / Following where the Master walks / We are people on a journey /
 In the shadow of the cross / What compels the face of Jesus / Who protects our faithful guide / He
 who treats the road of service / Christ the Lord the crucified

2. We are people on a journey / Taking up the cross of Christ / We are people on a journey /
Moving on from death to life / We release the sin that tangled / We relinquish all acclaim / We
receive the suffering Savior / He our glory wealth and fame

3. We are people on a journey / To the table of the Lord / We are people on a journey / Fed by
water and the Word / We remember we remember / How You washed disciples' feet / We
remember on the last night / Gifts of wine and bread to eat

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People may greet those they are gathered with in the name of the Lord. Texting or emailing others or the Peace or commenting with it on social media.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture (BCP 149-151).

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OFFERTORY HYMN: "The Love of Jesus Calls Us"

Tune: The Church's One Foundation

1. The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing / Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together
bring / For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received / And for the generations who
faithfully believed.

2. The love of Jesus calls us that we may always be / Companions on a journey where all the world
may see / That serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy / Where Christ's command is
duty, and every duty joy.

3. The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go / To challenge all that limits, to change, to
learn, to grow / To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more / For those who seek his
kingdom, Christ opens every door.

THE DOXOLOGY

Then, the people stand and may sing the doxology as follows

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise
Him all creatures here below. Praise
Him above ye heavenly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

DECLARATION OF INTENTIONS

THE SURSUM CORDA^

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with your spi - rit.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up 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 continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them boldness and fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all nations; by which we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of you, and of your Son Jesus Christ.

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:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People will sing

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel as able. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

For 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, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together 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

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

**We do not presume to come to this, your table, O 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,

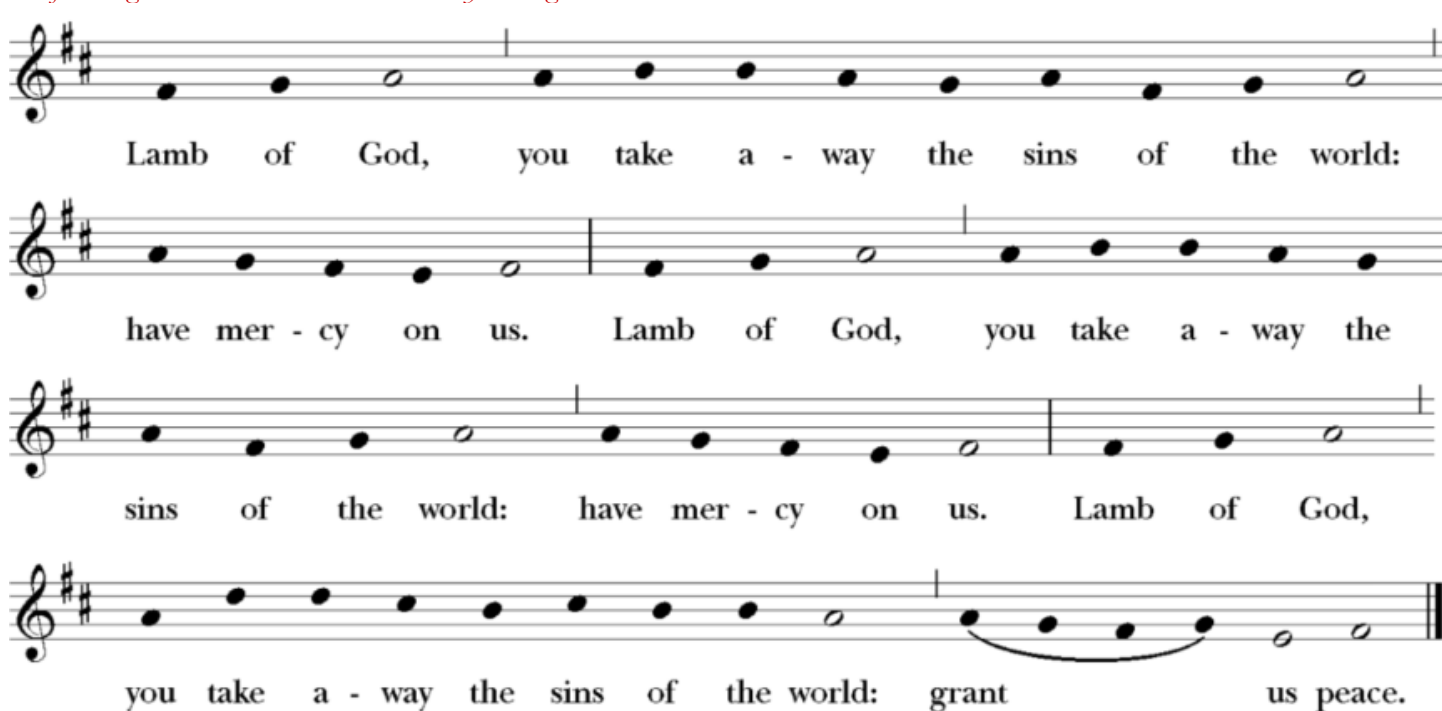
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

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

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here



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.

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

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^T, REVELATION 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds...

Who Can Receive Holy Communion?

All persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are repentant of their sins, and are living in charity with their neighbor are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this altar. We welcome all others to come to the altar and receive of prayer of blessing. Please signify you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest at the rail.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Remember Me"

Lyrics: Carolyn Gillette; Tune: Waly Waly

1. Remember me — the God who saves — / For back in Egypt you were slaves; / Then by my hand I set you free. / Now keep my law. Remember me.

2. Remember me in bread and wine / Whene'er you share this meal of mine. / I gave my life to set you free. / With thanks and praise, remember me.

3. Remember me in all you do, / For I'm alive! I walk with you. / I was, I am, and I shall be. / O church I love, remember me.

"At The Table of the World"

1. At the table of the world, some have plenty, some have none. / At the table of our God, all are plentifully fed. Refrain

Refrain: Blow among us, Spirit of God, fill us with your courage and care. Hurricane and Breath, take us on a journey of love

2. At the table of the world, some have honor, some have scorn. / At the table of our God, all are welcomed and acclaimed. Refrain

3. Set the table of our God, in the church and in the world. / 'Til the children, fed and loved, taste and see that life is good. Refrain

"The Gift of Your Spirit"

Tune: Loch Lomond

1. I walk through this world in my darkness and fear. / Jesus, give me the light of Your Spirit. / I know that You love me. I know that You are near. / I will walk in the light of Your Spirit.

2. I reach and I worry, I struggle and strain. / Jesus, give me the peace of Your Spirit. / You call me to come and to rest in You again. / I will walk in the peace of Your Spirit.

3. Come fill all I am, turn my water to wine. / Jesus, make me like You through Your Spirit. / As I live, Lord, in You as a branch is in the vine, / I'm becoming like You through Your Spirit.

4. I praise You, Lord Jesus, my Savior, my Friend. / You are giving the gift of Your Spirit! / I'm walking each day in the joy that never ends. / Praise to You for the gift of Your Spirit

"Knowing You"

1. All I once held dear built my life upon / all this world reveres and wars to own / All I once thought gain I have counted loss / spent and worthless now compared to this.

Refrain: Knowing you, Jesus, knowing You / There is no greater thing / You're my all, you're the best / You're my joy, my righteousness / And I love You Lord

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more / To be found in You and known as Yours / To possess by faith what I could not earn / all surpassing gift of righteousness. Refrain

3. Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life / And to know You in Your sufferings / To become like You in Your death my Lord so with You to live and never die. Refrain

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following, or the Post Communion prayer in the Anglican Standard Text

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
 with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us:
 that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
 the blessed company of all faithful people;
 and are also heirs, through hope,
 of your everlasting kingdom.
 And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
 to assist us with your grace,
 that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
 and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Priest gives the following blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Saint Matthias News

We invite you to join us after worship today for Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall. Fr Jim & Pam Stout will also be available in the chancel after today's service for intercessory & healing prayer.



This Saturday, December 6th we will have an Advent float in the Oakdale Christmas parade at 5pm. See a few pics from previous years below. Adults and Children of St Matthias are invited to SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX to participate. You can also sign up to join us in getting the float ready that morning at the Crooker's house at 9am. Adults are welcome to help, while the kids play. We are accepting individually wrapped candy (not chocolate!) 🍬 to throw along the parade route.



ACW invites you to participate in a luncheon on December 14 to celebrate Bishop Eric's visit with us. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to help or contribute. Our menu will include soups, salads, sandwiches, and of course dessert. So mark your calendar and plan to attend this very special service. See you there! And thanks so much:)



Women of the Parish: today is the FINAL DAY to submit a name for 2025 Woman-of-the-Year. You can do so at www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/hw

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

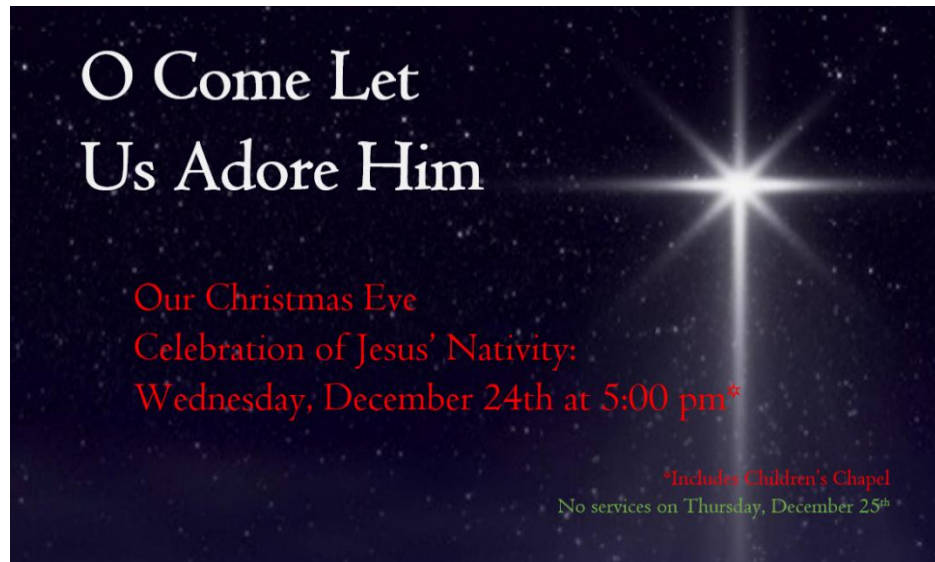
Their Birthday: Martha S. (30) Aiden E. (1) Joan B. (2)
Their Anniversary: Derek & Kellie S. (4)

This Week at Saint Matthias

Today - Fellowship Hour - after worship
Monday - Kairos Group - 3:00pm
Tuesday - Kairos Group - 7:00pm
Wednesday - Vestry Meeting - 6:30pm
Thursday - Kairos Group 2.0 - 7:00pm
Saturday - Oakdale Christmas Parade – 5:00pm

...AND BEYOND

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Bp Eric's visit
Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass w/ Kids' Chapel - 5pm



RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

Tune: Lancashire ("The Day of Resurrection")

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, / and let your lights appear; / the evening is advancing, / and darker night is near. / The Bridegroom is arising / and soon is drawing nigh. / Up, pray and watch and wrestle; / at midnight comes the cry.
2. The watchers on the mountain / proclaim the Bridegroom near; / go forth, as he approaches, / with alleluias clear. / The marriage feast is waiting; / the gates wide open stand, / Arise, O heirs of glory; / the Bridegroom is at hand.
3. You saints, who here in patience / your cross and sufferings bore, / shall live and reign forever / when sorrow is no more. / Around the throne of glory / the Lamb you shall behold, / in triumph lay before him / your shining crowns of gold.
4. Our hope and expectation, / O Jesus, now appear; / arise, O Sun so longed for, / above this shadowed sphere. / With hearts and hands uplifted / we plead, O Lord, to see / the day of earth's redemption / that sets your people free.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words, omitting Alleluia during Lent and on other penitential occasions.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Settings are modified from the 1982 Hymnal. The Gloria in Excelsis (S-280) by Robert Powell, the Doxology (380, v.3) by Isaac Watts, the Sursum Corda (S-120) by James McGregor, the Sanctus (S-130) and the Agnus Dei (S-164) by Franz Peter Schubert.

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