

ST AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CAMANO ISLAND, WASHINGTON



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to St Aidan's! Thank you for sharing your worship with us. We pray you will experience God's presence in our worship and hope you join us again. If this is your first time with us, relax and simply follow along with those around you. Please fill out a guest information card located on the chair shelf, or sign the guest register on your way out. A few tips...

- **We all use Name Tags** to help us not only get to know our visitors more easily, and vice versa, but to refresh our memories about who we are. If you do not have a name tag, please fill one out for yourself and place it on your chest. Name tags supplies may be found in the green satchel on the shelf of the chair in front of you. If you desire a permanent name tag, sign up near the name tag wall in Dietel Hall (*no cost*).
- **Children in Church:** We love children in worship. The little noises and sounds they make are music to our ears. They are signs of life and God's grace. Teaching children how to worship and pray in church is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child. There are activity packs in the narthex for little ones who need more tactile engagement. If children become especially noisy (screams, yells, cries, etc.) feel free to leave the service and return when things are more calm. We have a nursery space near the main entrance that is quiet and has tables, toys, and things that may help. Coming and going from worship as needed is never a problem.
- **Prayers of the People:** Add names to the Prayers by telling the priest or the ushers, by contacting the church office, or by adding petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud at designated times.
- **Silence & Sacred Space:** Please observe silence before the service so others may pray and prepare for worship.

SERVICE ASSISTANTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. S. Drew Foisie, Rector

Lector: Rhoda Venditto

Chalice Bearers: Jackie Humes-Fear & Peter Dunphy

Acolyte: Peter Dunphy

Ushers: Joey Sontheimer & Dick Bingay

Altar Guild: Patty V., Freda McK., Donna M.

Music: St Aidan's Choir

Steve Jensen, *Music Director*

Heather Frakes, *Organist*

Aaron Dull, *Pianist*

Counters: Marilyn R. & Jackie Humes-Fear

Childcare: JoAnn Moffett & Deb Hubenthal

Altar Greens Mary McConnaughey

BIRTHDAYS:

Patty Dunphy, *December 10*

Joy Strain, *December 11*

ANNIVERSARIES:

If your birthday or anniversary has been missed, please contact the church office and let the Parish Secretary (Lenore) know. Thank you!

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour 9 & 11 a.m. **Adult Forum:** 9:15—9:45 a.m.

Child Care: 9:00—12:00 **Wednesday Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m.

COMING UP

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & BAZAAR

December 13, 9-3 p.m.

COOKIES & CAROLS TO THE HOMEBOUND

December 22 at 12:00ish

CHRISTMAS EVE 'MIDNIGHT' MASS

Carols: 8:30...Service: 9:00pm



Advent adornments will be evergreens during the season of Advent. When Christmas arrives the church goes red with poinsettias. Please consider donating a Christmas Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. Forms available in the foyer, as well as bulletins next week.



WHY DO WE ANGLICANS USE BLUE FOR ADVENT?

Blue paraments and vestments were primarily popular in Scandinavia and the British Isles. "Sarum blue" according to the English Sarum rite (11th to 16th cen.) was a darker hue than what's used at St Aidan's. This color is often favored due to its resemblance to the night sky just before dawn. There are many references to the night sky when we read about Christmas: angels appearing to the shepherds, a star guiding the Wise Men, and even the nighttime flight of Mary and Joseph, carrying the baby Jesus, to Egypt. Like the nighttime appearances of good news, this time just before dawn signals hope and a new beginning. Those who favor blue as their Advent color ask themselves whether we should really be thinking about this season as a strictly penitential season or one of expectation, hope and joy; the beginning of a new year in the life of the Church. Scholars also point out that blue dye was cheaper for centuries, and more readily available in northern climates. Blue is also the color of Mary, who bore the Savior of the world. Of course, Advent is partially about her, and from this standpoint, blue is very much considered a proper color.

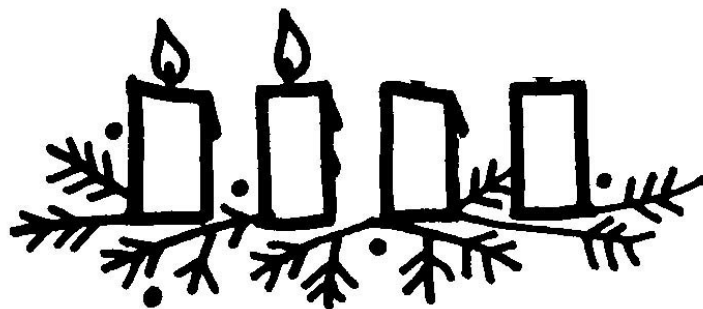
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Each candle has a meaning.

This first candle is for HOPE.

The second candle is for PEACE.



The candle is lit.

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

There's a voice in the wilderness

H 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
 2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
 feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
 na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;
 lead them, and____ bring them____ safe to his fold.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

God's mercy endures for ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 inspirations of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TRISAGION

S 102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *said in unison*

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The 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.
His 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;
but 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.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The 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.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They 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.
On 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity
to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
from one generation to another. who alone does wondrous deeds!

He shall come down like rain
upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.

THE EPISTLE

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS 15:4-13

Whatever 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. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For 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, and 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”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

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

and again Isaiah says,

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

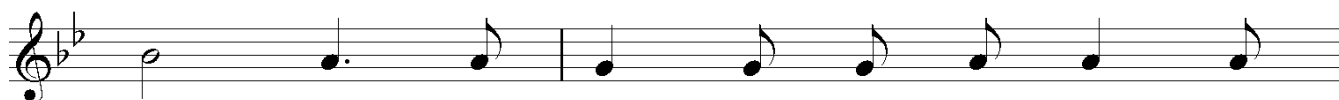
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

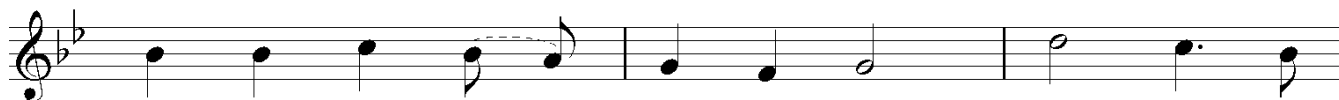
THE GRADUAL HYMN

What is the crying at the Jordan?

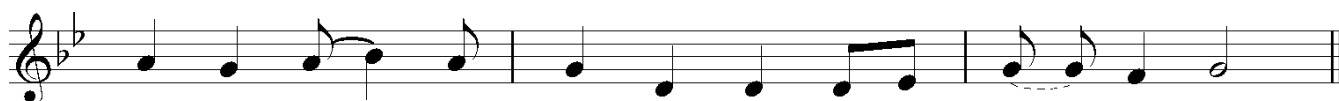
H 69



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who
2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -
3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to
4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in



hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the
pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in
see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -
joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -



sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.
dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.
mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.
self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This 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.’”

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

But 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? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do 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. Even 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.

“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. His

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Drew Foisie

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Praying the Scriptures: Litanies for Sunday Worship)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Friends, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Let us come before the Lord, praying, “Blessed are you, Lord God; **May the earth be filled with your glory.**”

Grant your Church, O God of encouragement, to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that we may glorify you with one voice. Make us a people of repentance and bless us with your Holy Spirit and fire.

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

May the earth be filled with your glory.

Grant to this nation, O God of justice, the will to defend the needy and the poor. May we sincerely work for that day when hurt and destruction are no more.

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

May the earth be filled with your glory.

Grant your creation, O God of faithfulness, the hope of renewal. May we who are stewards of this earth, also live at peace with all you have created.

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

May the earth be filled with your glory.

Grant this city of Stanwood-Camano, O God of understanding, prosperity and justice for all. May all people know and do justice. Teach us and our leaders how best to meet the needs of all our neighbors.

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

May the earth be filled with your glory.

Grant all the needy, O God of steadfast love, your mercy. Prove yourself to be a God of righteousness and faithfulness. To all their pain and suffering bring your healing and peace. With your winnowing fork clear from their lives all the forces of oppression. We pray especially for **Thomas** Semkow, **Robert** Semkow, **Barbara** Brooks, **Patty** Clark, **Crystal** Colombo, **Carri** Williams, **Jessica** Larsen, **Bob** Stevens, **Colin** Kyles, **Arra** Morrison, **Kristi** Giles, **Rodger** Larsen, **Michelle** Swain, **Bill** Vermilye, **Tony** Conner, **Gino** Conner, **Sandra** Barnhill Harris, **Patty** Paddock, **Jerry** Sheehan, **Thomas** Hinrichs, **Wendy** Campbell, **Patty** Both, and **Robby** Both

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

May the earth be filled with your glory.

Grant to those who have died, O God of hope, eternal life in you. Bring the departed into your glorious dwelling where all their hope will be fulfilled in your Christ.

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

May the earth be filled with your glory.

Celebrant concludes with:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

People The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS; BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVELERS' PRAYERS.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Every Valley (Handel)

St Aidan's Choir

THE DOXOLOGY *The people stand at the singing of the doxology for the presentation of the people's offering.*

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
 Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for

us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

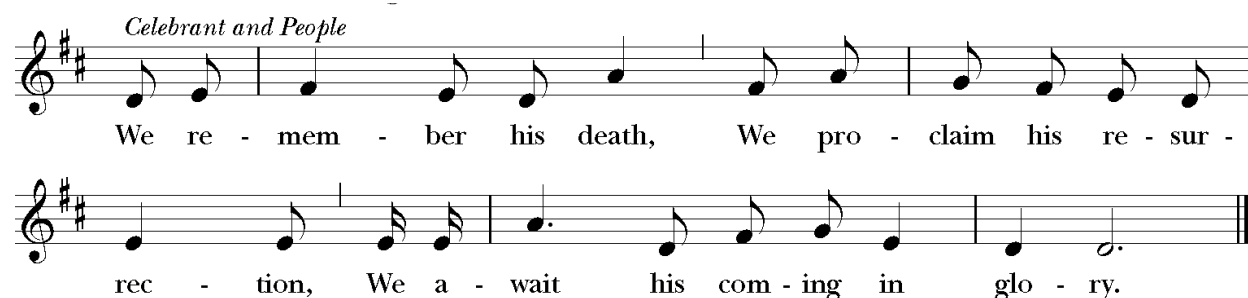
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have

delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



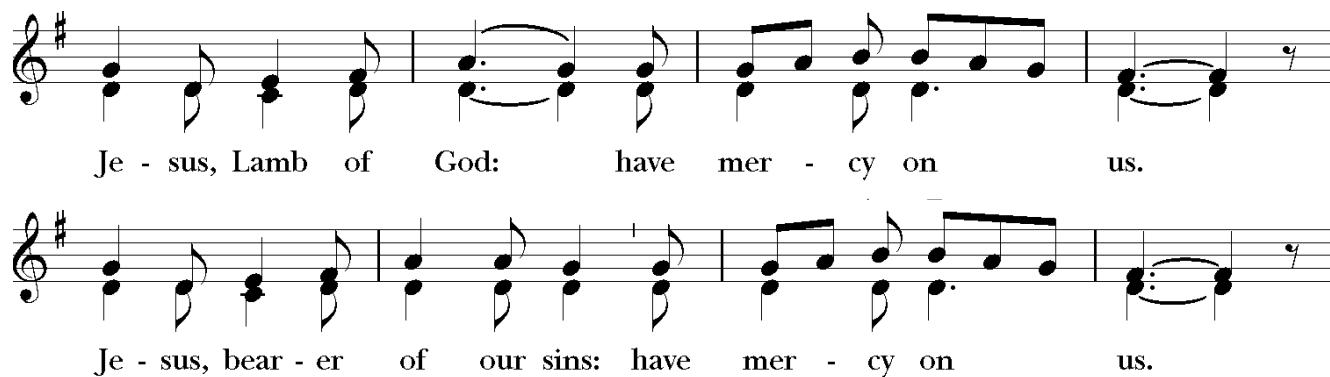
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

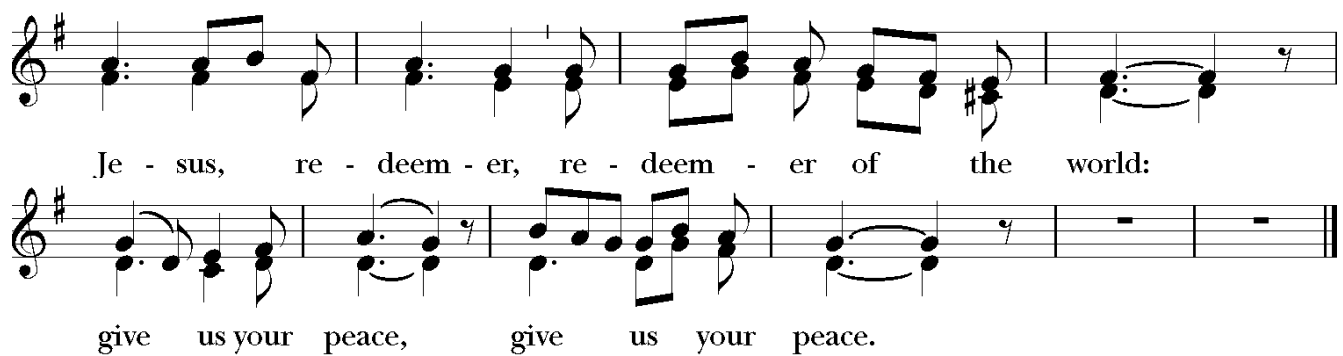
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

THE FRACTION





Facing the people, the Celebrant says:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION *The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

All who desire a deeper walk with Christ are welcome at the altar for Holy Communion.

- *At this time the wine is being received by sipping or intinction (dipping the bread in the wine before eating it).
*Please be mindful to not let fingers touch the wine when intincting the bread.**
- *If you wish to receive the bread only and not the wine cross arms over your chest as the chalice is presented to you.*
- *If you need gluten-free bread, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*
- *If you do not wish to receive Communion but rather desire a blessing, cross arms over chest at the altar rail.*
- *If you do not wish to receive Communion at this time you may choose to remain in your pew for prayer.*
- *If you are not baptized but want to explore becoming baptized, please let someone, like an usher, know.*

A priest will be delighted to work with you and talk with you about next steps.

COMMUNION HYMN

Wait for the Lord (Taizé)



THE THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

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.

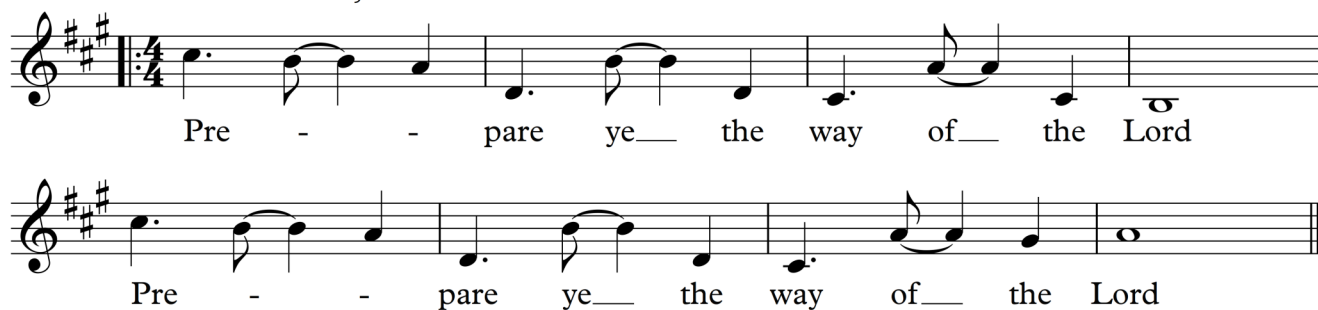
THE BLESSING

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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Prepare ye (Godspell)

First time solo, then all



THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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