



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Port Townsend, Washington

## Second Sunday of Advent Year A



**Liturgy of the Word**  
**December 4, 2022**  
**8:00 & 10:30 am**

*Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on life's journey,  
please enter and receive God's blessing.*



*If you are unfamiliar with worship in the Episcopal tradition simply relax and let the congregation  
help carry you in worship*



*God's peace be with you this day and always.*

We prepare for our worship together  
With a time of centering silence.

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

### Advent II – A People of Peace



**Reader 1:** The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of one who brings peace: 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.

**All:** The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion together, and a little child shall lead them

**Reader 1:** To hope in God's grace is to move to a rhythm that other people may not hear. It is to act out a drama others cannot imagine. From the outside, the hopes of our faith make no sense in this rough, hard world.

**All:** We place our faith and hope in a God of truth and justice—the One who will have the final word.

*Two candles are lit*

**Reader 2:** In a world of chaos and discord, we long for peace.

**All:** Comfort, O comfort my people, says our God

**Reader 2:** The psalmist sings: Peace be within your walls

**All:** and quietness within your towers.

We wait.

We listen.

We hope



## 8:00 am Service of Holy Eucharist Rite I

### The Liturgy of the Word & The Liturgy of the Table *Using the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

#### Advent Wreath Lighting

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#### The Liturgy of the Word

begins pg. 323 BCP

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
People: **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

#### Collect for Purity

#### Trisagion – three times unison:

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And with thy spirit.**

#### Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Lessons**      Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13      *(See pages 8-10)*

#### Holy Gospel

Priest or Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Matthew 3:1-12 *(See pg. 11)*

Priest or Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Ann Raymond and Rev. Dr. Marlene Kropf (Mennonite)

**Nicene Creed** *(see pg 11)***Prayers of the People** *(see pg 12)***Confession**

Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against thee  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in thy will,  
 and walk in thy ways,  
 to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

**Absolution****The Peace****Announcements**

*Birthday, Anniversary, and Travel prayers may be found on pg. 14*

**Offertory Sentence**

In this moment, we take time to offer our gifts representing  
 Our hopes, and our prayers offered in gratitude to our  
 Creator and in thanksgiving for this community.



## The Liturgy of the Table

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharist Prayer 1



“...all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.” 1Chronicles 29:14

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And with thy spirit.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them up unto the Lord.</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is meet and right so to do.</b>

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those who trespass against us.
hallowed be thy Name,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy kingdom come,	but deliver us from evil.
thy will be done,	For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
on earth as it is in heaven.	the glory,
Give us this day our daily bread.	for ever and ever. Amen.
And forgive us our trespasses,	

### Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<b>People</b>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>

**Sharing the Feast. Feast**     *All are welcome to come to receive communion at Christ's table.*

**Notes about receiving Communion:** The usher will direct you forward to receive bread in your hand. Wine will be offered. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice, cross your arms across your chest. The words “The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation” will be said, and are sufficient. Gluten-free wafers are available.

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as though hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## Blessing

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.*

## Dismissal

*Fellowship in the parish hall to follow.*

### 8:00 am Worship Team

Celebrant	The Rev. Dianne Andrews
Preacher	Rev. Dr. Marlene Kropf (Mennonite) Ann Raymond
Deacon	The Rev. Lani Hubbard
Lector & EM	Sue Maxwell
Usher	Dale Nienow
Altar Guild	Team 4
Fellowship	Last Names: <b>A-G</b>



Please wear your mask when singing.

For the sake of our online streaming signal:  
Thou shalt *please* TURN OFF your phone and other electronic devices.

## 10:30 Service of Holy Eucharist

### Prelude Music

We prepare for our worship together with a time of centering silence.  
*Bell – Silence – Bell*

### Opening Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymn #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.

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

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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Celebrant  
People

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

### Collect for Purity

### Trisagion - sung three times



### The Collect

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.*

### First Lesson 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.

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

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

### **The Second Lesson     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.

### Sequence Hymn

What is the crying at Jordan?

Hymn #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.
mil - i - ty	is	hid	all	heaven	in	a	lit - tle room.
self in - to	our	lives;	O	let	sal - va - tion	dawn!	

Priest or Deacon  
People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

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 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."

Priest or Deacon  
People

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

Ann Raymond and Rev. Dr. Marlene Kropf (Mennonite)

### **The Nicene Creed**

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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.

## Prayers of the People

Most merciful God, we thank you for gathering us – in this church and in your name – assuring us afresh that you are with us, and throughout your beloved world.

But for many, this world is a dark and desolate place. So we pray now for them and for those with far-reaching authority. May the meagerness of our prayers mingle with the fullness of your prayers, to become as light and truth for all those seeking their way in this world.

We pray for your universal church and its leaders – for wisdom, courage and humility – to be true image-bearers of your redeeming love. We remember especially: Francis, Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal church; Greg, our bishop; Dianne, our priest, Lani, our deacon. We pray for all the baptized who are empowered to be living witnesses of your light and love.

*Leader*      Send out your light and your truth  
*All*            **that your peace may illumine all the world.**

We pray for our elected leaders: for Joseph, President of the United States; for Congress; the Courts and all public servants in their duty to secure justice, peace, and the well-being of all people.

*Leader*      Send out your light and your truth  
*All*            **that your peace may illumine all the world.**

We pray for the welfare of the planet and its creatures; and we pray for those – including ourselves – making choices that affect the climate and its health for generations to come.

*Leader* Send out your light and your truth  
*All* **that your peace may illumine all the world.**

We pray for those without safe or stable homes: for immigrants, refugees, and migrants; for people living in cars, on couches, and on the streets; for children in foster care and their families and guardians.

*Leader* Send out your light and your truth  
*All* **that your peace may illumine all the world.**

We pray for families that are estranged: by mental illness, addiction, abuse, divorce, political division, and every divisive force that ruptures the sanctuary of our most elemental relationships.

*Leader* Send out your light and your truth  
*All* **that your peace may illumine all the world.**

We pray for those on our prayer list and those we name aloud or in our hearts: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Leader* Send out your light and your truth  
*All* **that your peace may illumine all the world.**

We pray for those who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_].  
 Comfort those who grieve.

*Leader* Send out your light and your truth  
*All* **that your peace may illumine all the world.**

*Leader* We pray for those who are suffering from violence, conflict and war.  
 We pray for the people of Ukraine.  
 We pray for peace in all the world.  
 Strengthen us to be instruments of your peace.

*Leader* Send out your light and your truth  
*All* **that your peace may illumine all the world.**

*Celebrant* In this season of gathering darkness, may your light shine ever brighter. May your truth be spoken and more clearly heard. May your peace bring us together in the light of your love. We pray to our one, true, and holy God, **Amen.**

## **8:00 am Confession** *(see page 4)*

## **10:30 am Confession**

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, resisting your will in our lives. We have not honored you in ourselves, in each other and in the world which you have made. Reach out your saving arm and rescue us from our sin. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will, for your people and all creation. Amen**

## **Absolution**

## **The Peace**

### Birthday Blessing

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Anniversary Prayer

God of tenderness and strength, you brought the paths of these people together and led them to this day. May your blessings continue through good times, through times of struggle and through change. Bless their home, their partings and their meetings. Make them worthy of each other's best, tender with each other's dreams, and trusting in your love through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

--adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer* (Church of Ireland)

### Prayer for Travel

God be with you in every pass,  
 Jesus be with you on every hill,  
 Spirit be with you on every stream, headland and ridge and lawn;  
 Each sea and land, each moor and meadow,  
 Each lying down, each rising up,  
 In the trough of the waves, on the crest of the billows,  
 Each step of the journey you go – God be with you.

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### Worship Team

Celebrant	The Rev. Dianne Andrews
Preachers	Rev. Dr. Marlene Kropf (Mennonite) Ann Raymond
Deacon	The Rev. Lani Hubbard
Music Director	Jennifer Pipia
Lector & EM	Karen Barrows Helen Cleveland
Usher	
Altar Guild	Team 4
Bread Baker	Pat Hale
Technical Support	Beth Cahape
Fellowship	Last Names: <b>A-G</b>

## Offertory Sentence

*Your gifts are greatly appreciated.*

*On-line giving is always an option. You will find the "Give to St. Paul's" button at the top of the St. Paul's website homepage: [www.stpaulspt.org](http://www.stpaulspt.org)*



## The Liturgy of the Table

### Offertory Anthem



### Offertory Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Hymn #59

A musical score for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
 4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day."  
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;  
 4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharist Prayer C

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*"...all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." 1Chronicles 29:14*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

And so, Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the second line. Chord symbols (F, Bb, C) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 1. Lord Je - sus come, Good Shep - herd come, the bread is on the ta - ble, lead me to you. 2. Lord Je - sus come, Good Shep - herd come, the bread is on the ta - ble, lead me to you.

## Sharing the Feast

*All are welcome to come to receive communion at Christ's table.*

**Notes about receiving Communion:** The usher will direct you forward to receive bread in your hand.. Wine will be offered. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice, cross your arms across your chest. The words "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" will be said, and are sufficient. Gluten-free wafers are available.

## Communion Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymn #67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

## Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Congregational Blessing

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.*

## Closing Hymn

People, look East

Hymn #724

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has  
 4. brim, shin-ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

## Dismissal

## Postlude

*Fellowship in the parish hall to follow.*