

St. James
Episcopal Church

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Advent

November 29 – December 20, 2026

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HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. This booklet contains all the responses needed to participate in today's liturgy. People's responses are printed in ***bold****. Music will be found in the blue* Hymnal *and* Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). *The colored* Bulletin *insert contains the day's Collect, readings, music, and announcements.*

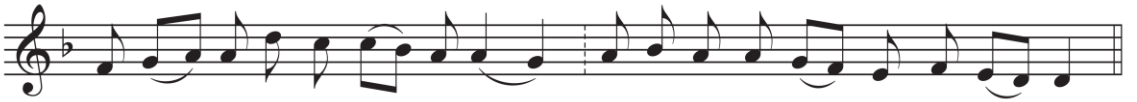
VOLUNTARY — Bulletin

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT & THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES ON THE ADVENT WREATH

All Stand as they are able.

Cantor sings through the Antiphon once, then the Choir and Congregation join in. All sing the Antiphon after the Cantor concludes the verse.



Cantor: Nov 29
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

Cantor: Dec 6
We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:
And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
Thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

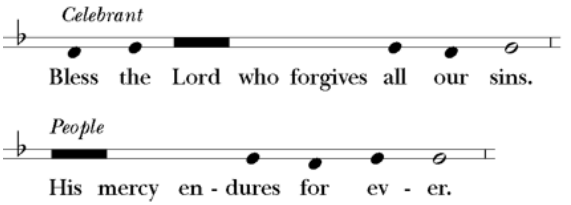
Cantor: Dec 13
Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
That ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior:
And there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Cantor: Dec 20
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

All join in singing

OPENING HYMN — Bulletin

OPENING ACCLAMATION — Hymnal S 82



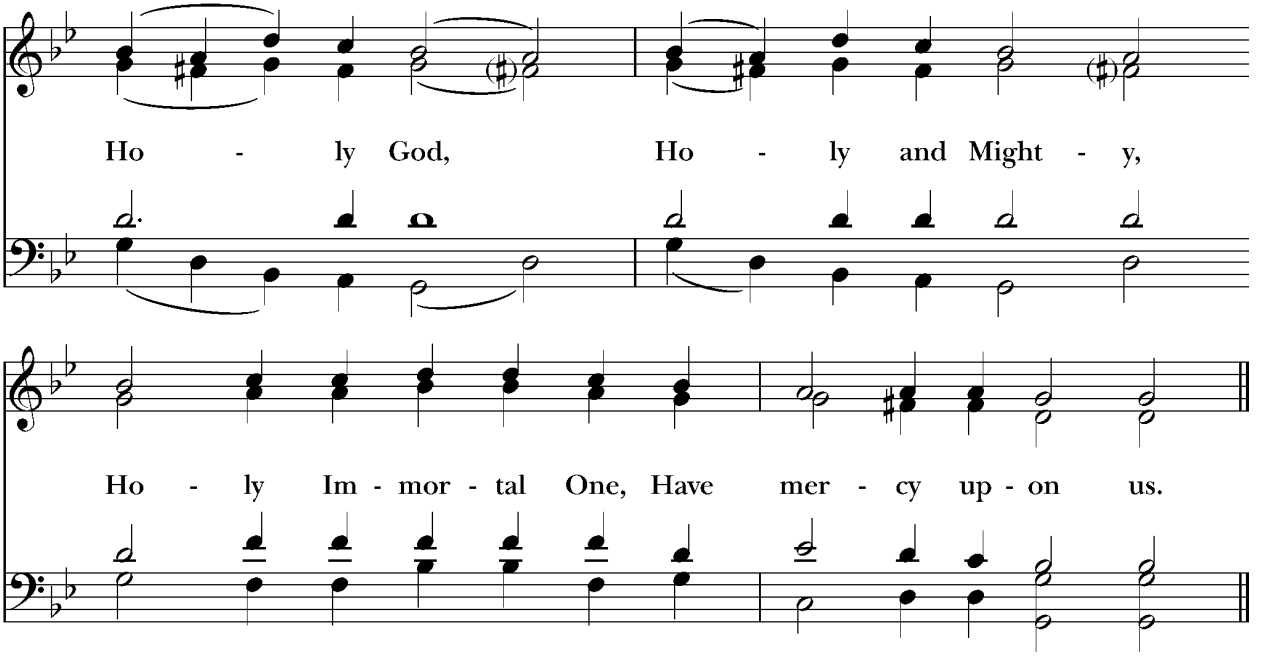
Setting: Ambrosian chant, adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

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**.

TRISAGION Hymnal S 102

Repeated three times



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934 – 1992)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Bulletin

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
The Celebrant says the collect found in the service bulletin.
People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS BCP 357

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Bulletin

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated and join in chanting,

THE PSALM Bulletin

THE SECOND LESSON Bulletin

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able and join in singing,

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Bulletin

During the hymn, all children and youth are invited to follow the banner to children's chapel. They will come back at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL Bulletin

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

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

Concluding the Gospel, the Celebrant says,

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

All stand as they are able and say together,

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

All **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 Form IV BCP 388

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

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

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

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

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

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

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We offer prayers of thanksgiving especially for _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud…

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

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud…

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

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud…
that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect
Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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 BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

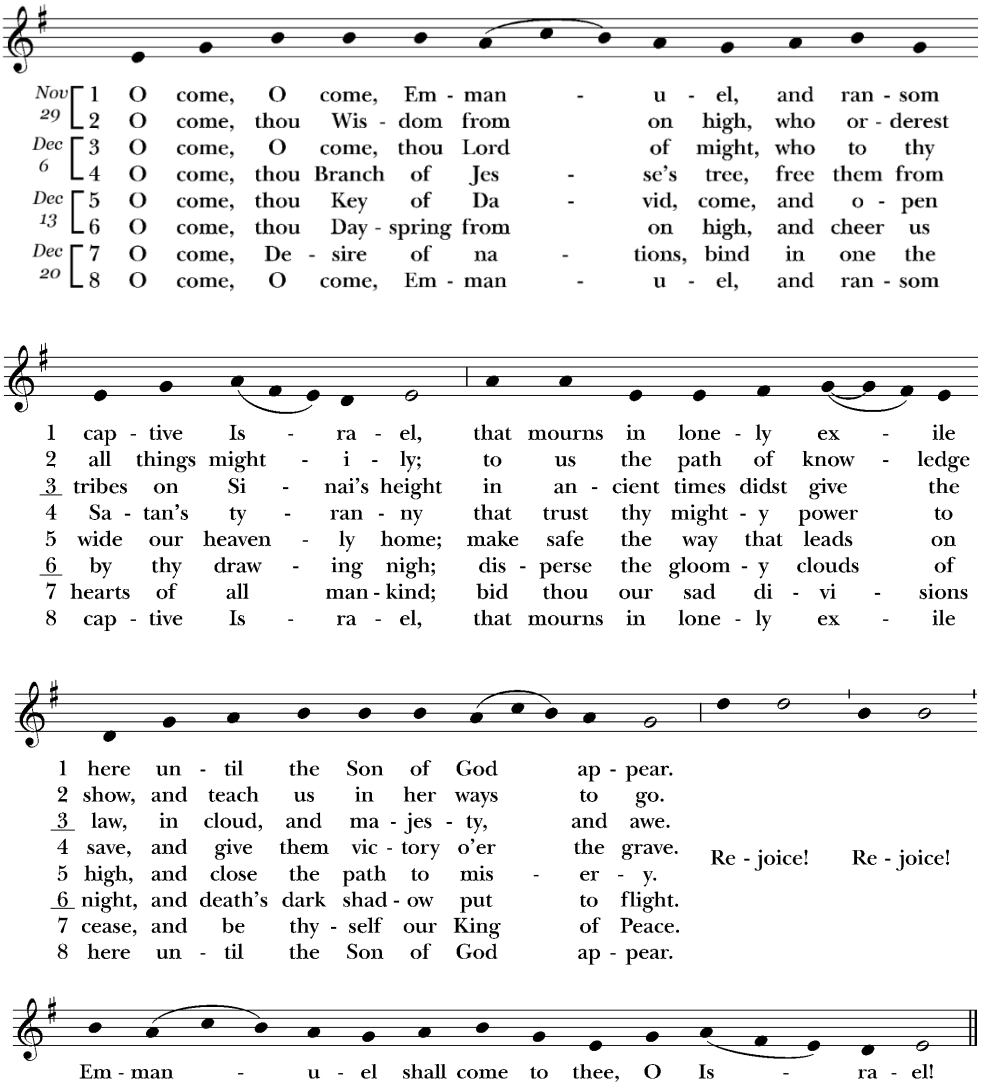
THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Bulletin

All stand as they are able to sing

PRESENTATION HYMN "O come, O come, Emmanuel" Hymnal 56



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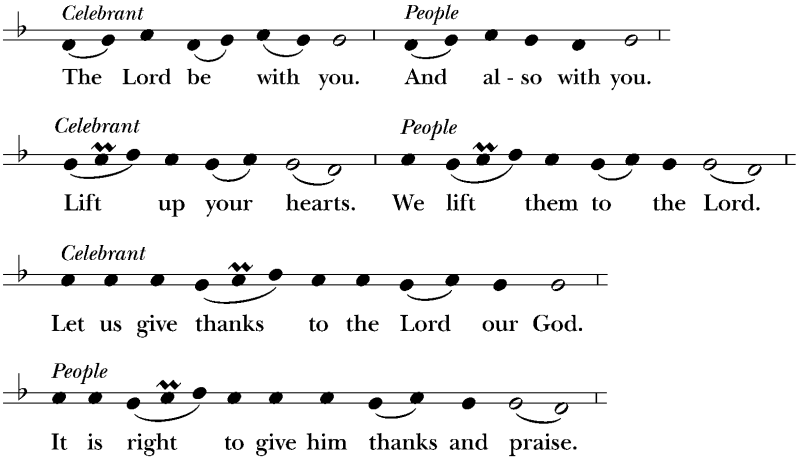


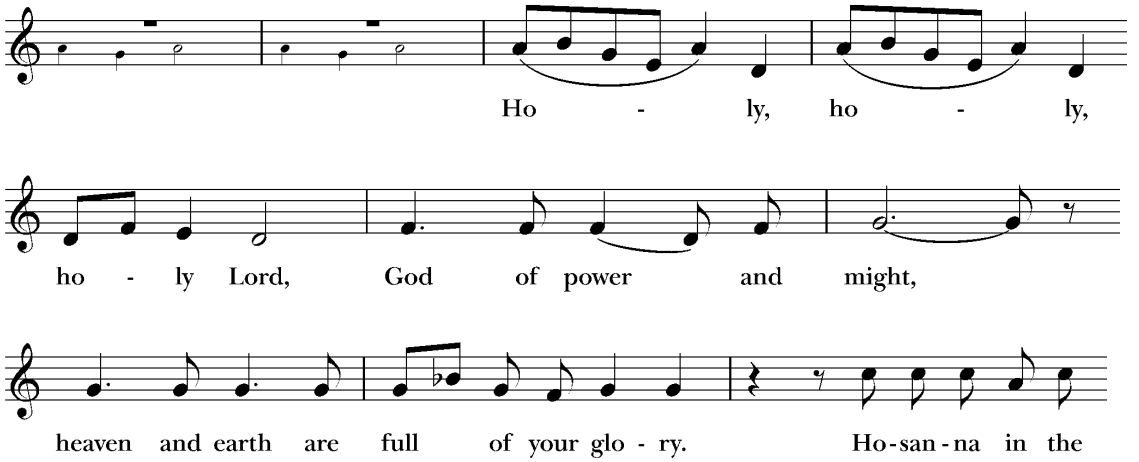
Celebrant

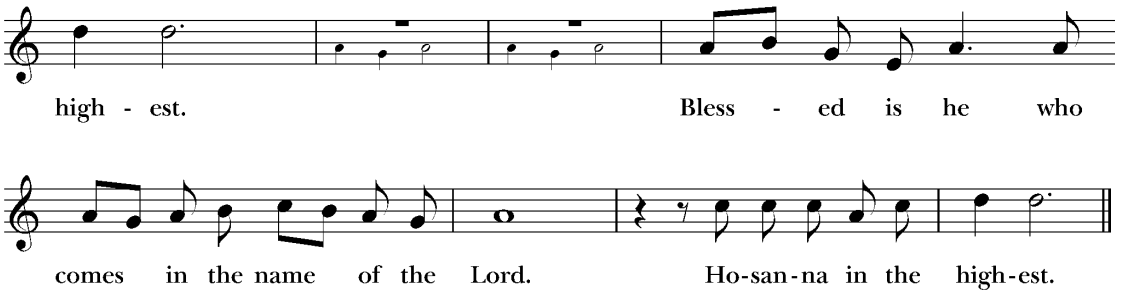
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS Hymnal S 128





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The Celebrant continues
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,

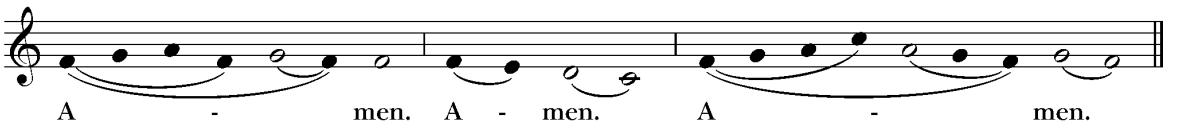
We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
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 the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, James, and 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.

THE GREAT AMEN HYMNAL S 143



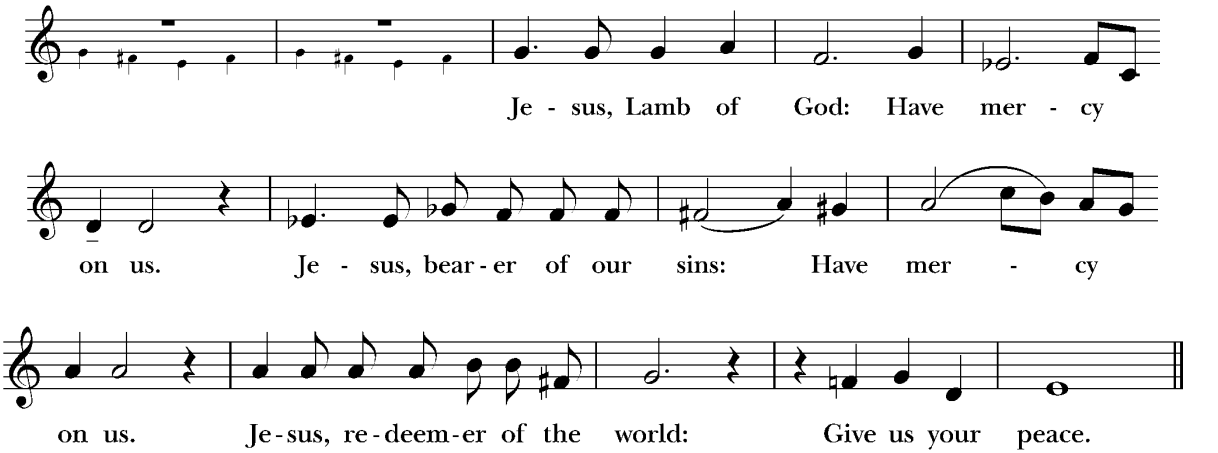
THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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

All **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung,

THE FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S 165



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The Celebrant says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

After the Invitation, all baptized persons may come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. For gluten free, ask at the rail.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Bulletin

All stand as they are able

PRAYER FOR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **We send you forth to those of Christ's body who are unable to be with us in this place today, to share with them the body and blood of our Savior; the blessing cup which we share and the bread we break as one. May it be to those to whom you minister this day a sign of our love and unity with them as one body of which Jesus Christ is Head. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All
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.

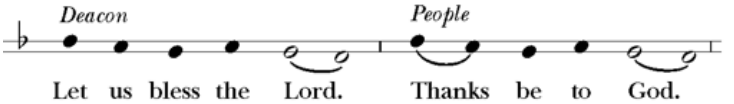
BLESSING

The Celebrant concludes with a 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 Bulletin

THE DISMISSAL



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