

The Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 2019



The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

8:00am = Page 6

Choral Morning Prayer with the Holy Eucharist: Rite I

10:00am = Page 14



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Welcome to St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.

Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

—Parish Notices—

BIBLE STUDY continues on Sundays between services and on Tuesdays at 10:30am. All are invited!

THIS MORNING, we will begin the 10am Eucharist with Choral Matins (Morning Prayer), a favorite service for many “Old Timers” Episcopalians! Morning Prayer (Matins) and Evening Prayer (Evensong) are two of the most prized services of the Anglican Church. Archbishop Cranmer, the author of the English Prayer Book combined three services of the seven daily Monastic liturgies for Morning Prayer and two others for Evening Prayer. Until the 1970's, it was common practice in many Episcopal Churches to offer only Morning Prayer at the principal service on Sunday mornings. This morning, we will observe the option allowed in the Book of Common Prayer 1979 to combine Morning Prayer with the Holy Eucharist.

The Angel Tree is up and decorated with ornaments made by the Sunday School last Sunday. All are invited to take an ornament, each with the name of a person for whom Christmas may be made brighter by our generosity. Wrapped gifts should be placed under the tree no later than Sunday morning, December 22 in order to be delivered on time for Christmas.

THE PARISH CLEANING DAY originally scheduled for Saturday, December 7 has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 14. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 immediately following the 10am service. All who would like to stay to help are invited!

DECEMBER 15, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The Parish Choir will lead us in a Service of Lessons & Carols with the Holy Eucharist at the 10am service.

At 4pm that afternoon, SoLi Singers with harpist Maria Banks will present a concert of Holiday Music on the “Music at St. Peter's” Concert Series. This ensemble includes our former organist and choirmaster Cindy Holden and her husband Rex. Suggested donation is \$20/\$15 students and seniors.

DECEMBER 19, ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON. Please make your reservations with Linda Brady by December 15.

DECEMBER 22, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The Sunday School will present the ever-popular Christmas Pageant at the 10am service. This Annual tradition is a not-to-be missed event!

DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE: The Festival Choral Holy Eucharist for the Eve of Christmas will begin at 11pm.

DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY: The Holy Eucharist for the Day of Christmas will begin at 10am. (Organ only, No Choir)

WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE LONG ISLAND NETS-FAITH NIGHT & FELLOWSHIP EVENT on January 17, 2020 at the Nassau Memorial Coliseum, in Uniondale, NY. Please join us for a night of Faith, Fellowship and Professional Basketball for our youth. If interested, contact Brian Clark or Anne Perry.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Peanut Butter, Canned Soup, Chili, Ravioli, Tuna, Canned Corned Beef.

THE DIOCESAN WEEKLY NEWSLETTER is on page 29 and the National Church's Sunday Bulletin insert on pages 30 and 31 of this booklet.

—Prayers for the Week—

We pray for those who have asked our prayers: Alan, Andrea, Angela, Anthony, Autumn, Betty, Betty C., Chris, Curt, Dan, Danielle, David, Diane, Donna, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, Eric, George, Greg, Hannah, Jim, Joanne, Joel, John, Joy, Kamryn, Ken, Lorraine, Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sal, Sandy, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Steve, Theresa, Tria, William;

We pray for those who have died; and those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may they find comfort and peace;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Thomas', Amagansett; St. Mary's, Amityville; Christ Church, Babylon; St. Peter's, Bay Shore; Christ Church, Bellport; Christ Church, Brentwood;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world; and the Dioceses of Shyogwe (Rwanda); Egba, Lafia, Egba West, Egbu, Eha - Amufu, Ekiti, Ekiti Kwara, Ekiti Oke, Ekiti West (Nigeria); Sialkot (Pakistan); Singapore (South East Asia); Sittwe (Myanmar); Sodor & Man (England); El Camino Real (The Episcopal Church).

Financial Snapshot for the Week of 12/01/19

Total Parish Expenses Per Week	7,465.00
Donations weekend of 12/01/19	2,205.00
Less Donation of Plate to Bishop's Discretionary Fund	(213.00)
LPL Transfer	1,865.00
Other Building Use	1600.00
Deficit for the week	2,008.00
Year to Date Deficit	109,076.00

Music at St. Peter's

SOLI (SINGERS OF LONG ISLAND)

MUSIC OF THE SEASON FOR HARP AND CHOIR

Sunday, December 15, 2019

4:00 pm

\$20/\$15 seniors, students, members of AGO



SōLI was born out of a love of choral singing. The choir is comprised of Long Island musicians and music teachers. Many of the original members of SōLI sang together in the SUNY Stony Brook Camerata Singers under the baton of Timothy Mount, Director of Choral Music. Upon Dr. Mount's retirement in the Spring of 2009, a core group formed the Long Island Vocal Ensemble (LIVE), later renamed the Singers of Long Island (SōLI).

Anne Kollar, herself a Camerata Singer, served as the ensemble's conductor from the Fall of 2009 until the Spring of 2012 when she relocated to London, England. Since then, the choir has elected to have a collegial format for its leadership, sharing the musical direction among the membership, and bringing new interpretations to music that is revisited in performance.

Now in its eleventh season, the 26 voice choir continues to expand its repertoire and concert venues, though not its size, as the intention is to present music appropriate to a well-balanced chamber ensemble, lending to intimate performances of the music for both singer and audience.

The program will include Eriks Esenvald's *Stars* and Kirke Mechem's *The Seven Joys of Christmas*. Additional seasonal favorites will include Elizabeth Poston's *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*, and *Bogoroditse Dyevo* by Rachmaninoff.

Harpist Maria Banks will accompany the choir.

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Advent and Christmastide 2019

Sunday, December 1, 2019 - 10am

The First Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Diocesan Visitation with the Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF, Assistant Bishop

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 10am

The Second Sunday of Advent

Choral Matins with the Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - 10am

The Third Sunday of Advent

Lessons and Carols with the Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - 4pm

Music at St. Peter's presents

SoLi Singers with Maria Banks, harp

Sunday, December 22, 2019 - 10am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Christmas Pageant with the Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - 11pm

Festival Choral Eucharist

for the Eve of Christmas

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - 10am

Holy Eucharist for the Day of Christmas

Organ only, no choir

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

8 o'clock in the morning

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

The Word of God

Opening Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

J. S. Bach

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Song of Praise

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day (Advent 2)

BCP, p. 159

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent 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.*

The Lessons

The 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (*Said by all*)

BCP, p. 685

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
world without end. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

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 (BCP, p. 328)

The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, hear our prayer

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and William, Bishops of the Diocese of Long Island; and Johncy, our Bishop-in-Residence, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, hear our prayer

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, hear our prayer

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and all regional and local authorities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, hear our prayer

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord, hear our prayer

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, Eric, George, Greg, Hannah, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Margaret, Mark, Mary, Michelle, Nancy, Robert, Roger, Rose, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Theresa, Tria, William; and any you might name, silently or aloud . . . and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Robert, and Stephen;

Lord, hear our prayer

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week; . . . And for any other special needs of this congregation, I invite your intercessions now, silently or aloud. [*silence*]

Lord, hear our prayer

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God,

All

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying
Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Hymn at the Offering

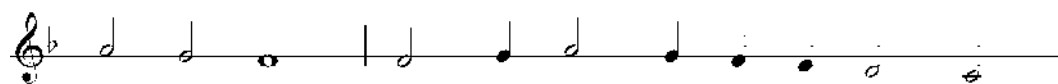
The Hymnal 1982, #67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



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



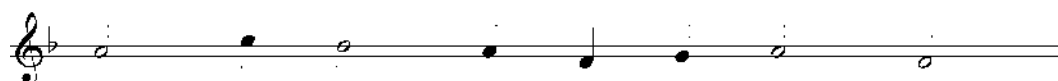
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



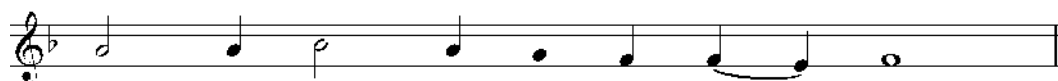
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



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.

Words: Johann G. Clearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); alt. Music: Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harmon. Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP, p. 340

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

The Celebrant continues

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. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 thou 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.

The Prayer of St. Richard

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

The Advent Blessing & Dismissal

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon 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.*

Voluntary Preludium in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Choral Morning Prayer with the Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Opening Voluntary Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

J. S. Bach

The Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1851); para. of Psalm 22

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*, German folk song, adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1911)

The Opening Sentence is read by the Bishop

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

(Isaiah 40:3)

The Confession of Sin

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Bishop Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us, with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Bishop The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant
b • • • • • o |
O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.

People
b • ■■■■■ ■ • • o |
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People
b ■■■■■ | ■■■■■ ☺ • • o |
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

b ■■■■■ | ■■■■■ ☺ • • o |
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except during Lent, may be added:

b • • • ☺ • • o |
Al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. [Ant.]
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land. [Ant.]
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. [Ant.]
- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen. [Ant.]

The congregation is seated for the Psalm and the First Lesson.



- 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 | jus- | tice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity | to the | people, *
and the little | hills bring | righteous- | ness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy a- | mong the | people; *
he shall rescue the | poor and | crush the • op- | pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and | moon en- | dure, *
from one generation | to an- oth- | er.
- 6 He shall come down like rain up- | on 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 a- | lone does | wondrous | deeds!

(2nd Half of Chant)

- 19 And blessed be his glorious | Name for | ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. | Amen. | A- | men.
Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son,*
and | to the | Holy | Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be,*
world without | end. | A- | men.

The 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands to sing the Canticle.

The Canticle: *Benedictus es, Domine* (Sung by choir and congregation)
Song of the Three Young Men

The Hymnal 1982, S 181
George A. MacFarren



- 1 Blessèd art thou, O Lord¹ God¹ of our¹ fathers; *
praised and exalted a¹böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 2 Blessèd art thou for the¹ Name¹ of thy¹ Majesty; *
praised and exalted a¹böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 3 Blessèd art thou in the¹ temple¹ of thy¹ holiness; *
praised and exalted a¹böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 4 Blessèd art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest be¹tween the¹ Cherubim; *
praised and exalted a¹böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 5 Blessèd art thou on the glorious¹ throne¹ of thy¹ kingdom; *
praised and exalted a¹böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 6 Blessèd art thou in the¹ firmament¹ of¹ heaven; *
praised and exalted a¹böve¹ all for¹ ever.
- 7 Blessèd art thou, O Father, Son, and¹ Holy¹ Spirit; *
praised and exalted a¹böve¹ all for¹ ever.

The congregation is seated for the Second Lesson.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands to sing the Canticle.



- 1 Blessèd be the Lord¹ God of¹ Israel, *
 - for he hath¹ visited and re¹deemed his¹ people;
 - 2 And hath¹ raised up a mighty sal¹vation¹ for us *
 - in the¹ house of his¹ servant¹ David,
 - 3 As he spake by the mouth of his¹ holy¹ prophets, *
 - which have¹ been since the¹ world be¹gan:
 - 4 That we should be¹ saved from our¹ enemies, *
 - and from the¹ hand of¹ all that¹ hate us;
 - 5 To perform the¹ mercy¹ promised to our¹ forefathers, *
 - and to re¹member his¹ holy¹ covenant;
 - 6 To perform the oath which he sware to our¹ forefather¹ Abraham, *
 - that he would¹ give¹ us,
 - 7 That we being delivered out of the¹ hand of our¹ enemies *
 - might¹ serve him with¹ out¹ fear,
 - 8 In holiness and¹ righteous¹ness be¹fore him, *
 - ¹all the¹ days of our¹ life.
 - 9 And thou, child, shalt be called the¹ prophet of the¹ Highest, *
 - for thou shalt go before the face of the¹ Lord to pre¹pare his¹ ways;
 - 10 To give knowledge of sal¹vation¹ unto his¹ people *
 - for the re¹mission¹ of their¹ sins,
 - 11 Through the tender¹ mercy¹ of our¹ God, *
 - whereby the dayspring from on¹ high hath¹ visited¹ us;
 - 12 To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the¹ shadow of¹ death, *
 - and to guide our¹ feet into the¹ way of¹ peace.
- (Gloria Patri may be omitted)*
- Glory to the Father, and¹ to the¹ Son, *
- and¹ to the¹ Holy¹ Spirit:
- As it was in the be¹ginning, is¹ now, *
- and¹ will be for¹ ever. A¹men.

The congregation remains standing for the reading of the Holy Gospel

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

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

Officiant *People* *Officiant*
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 The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Cantor or Officiant
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 V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People
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 R. And grant us thy salva-tion.

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 V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness;

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 R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.

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 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

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 R. For only in thee can we live in safe-ty.

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 V. Lord, keep this nation un-der thy care;

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 R. And guide us in the way of jus-tice and truth.

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 V. Let thy way be known up-on earth;

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 R. Thy saving health among all na-tions.

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 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;

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 R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta-ken a-way.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spi - rit.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent 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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Intercessions

The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, hear our prayer

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and William, Bishops of the Diocese of Long Island; and Johncy, our Bishop-in-Residence, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, hear our prayer

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, hear our prayer

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and all regional and local authorities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, hear our prayer

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord, hear our prayer

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Andrea, Anthony,

Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, Eric, George, Greg, Hannah, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Margaret, Mark, Mary, Michelle, Nancy, Robert, Roger, Rose, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Theresa, Tria, William; and any you might name, silently or aloud . . . and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Robert, and Stephen;

Lord, hear our prayer

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week; . . . And for any other special needs of this congregation, I invite your intercessions now, silently or aloud. [*silence*]

Lord, hear our prayer

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Hymn at the Offering

Prepare the way, O Zion

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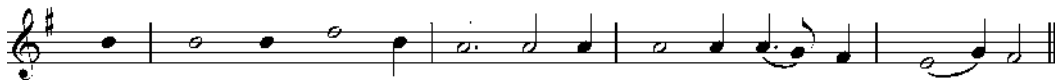
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1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



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.

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The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.
Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.
Celebrant
 Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
People
 It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

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. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, S 113
John Merbecke

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
 to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

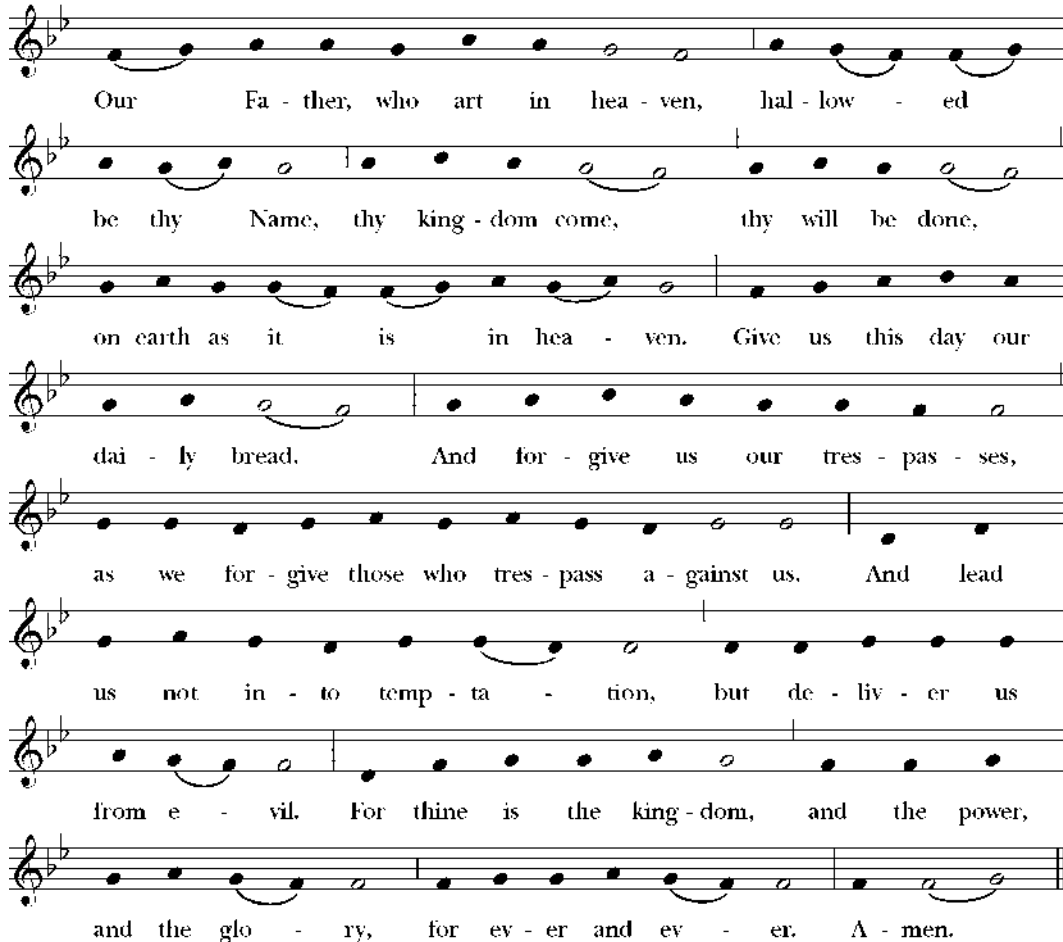
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

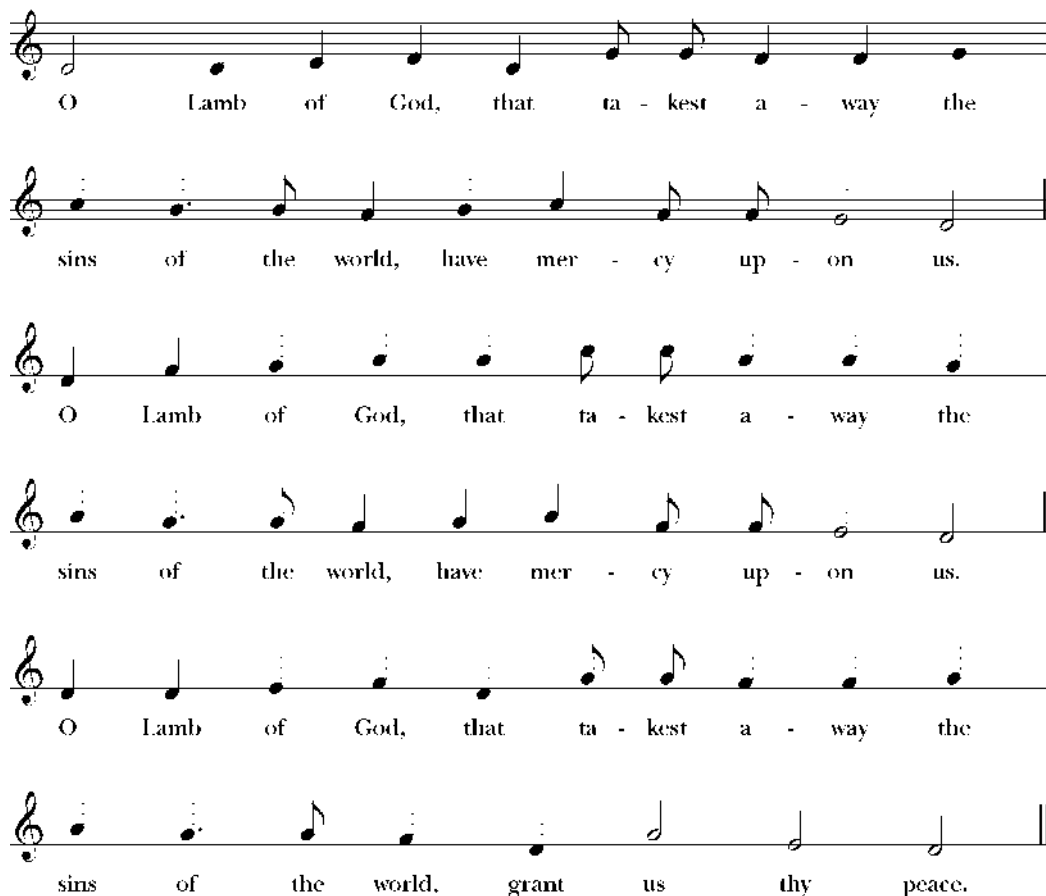
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem - O Lamb of God

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John Merbecke



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

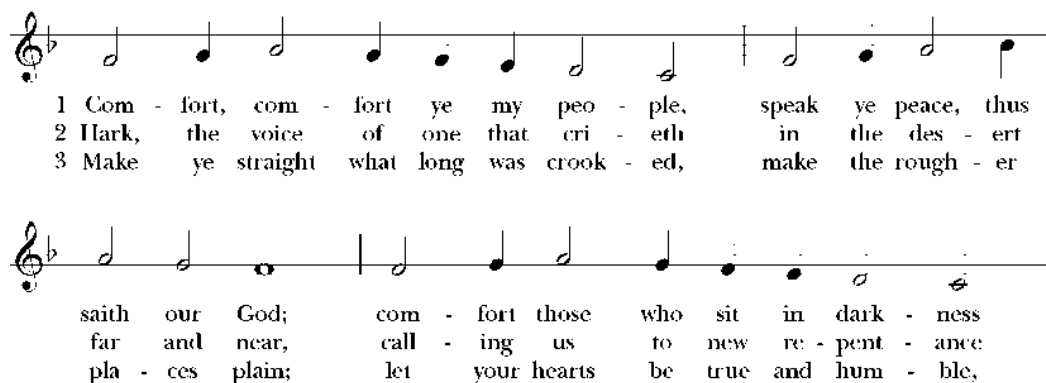
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Hymn at the Communion

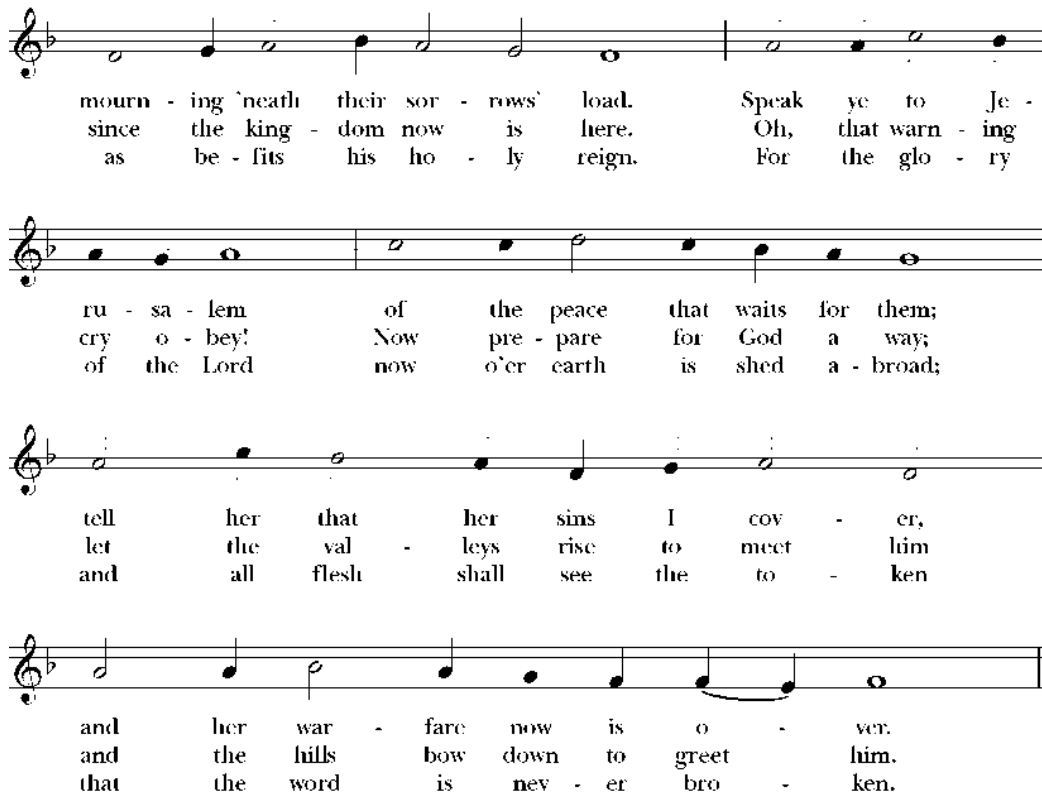
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Psalms 42

Comfort, comfort ye my people



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.

Words: Johann G. Clearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); alt. Music: *Psalm 42*; melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harmonized 1957

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 thou 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.

The Prayer of St. Richard

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

The Post Communion Hymn

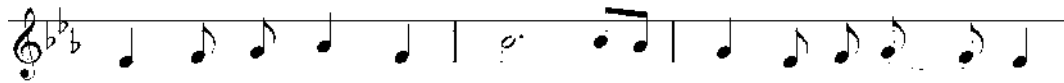
There's a voice in the wilderness crying

The Hymnal 1982, #75

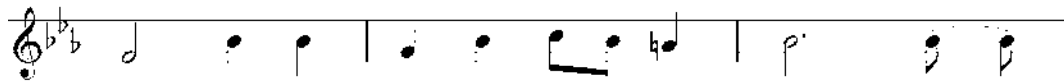
Ascension



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 - red, the



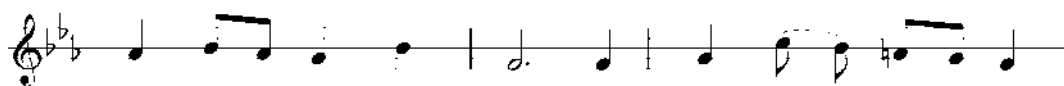
call from the ways un - trod; Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of



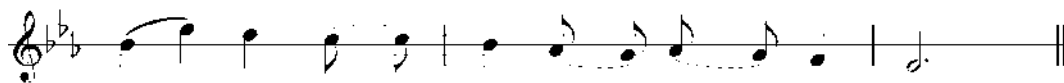
high - way, a high - way for our God! The
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong, He shall



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
lamb 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.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt. Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (b. 1904) Copyright ©1938, Henry Hugh Bancroft. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Advent Blessing and Dismissal

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.*

Bishop Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: Preludium in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude



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NEWS THIS WEEK

See Updated News and Calendars at: www.dioceseli.org

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Episcopal Migration Ministries presents webinar on new resource, Supporting Asylum Seekers: A Toolkit for Congregations

Thursday, December 12, 4-5:30 pm ET

Join Episcopal Migration Ministries, for an overview and introduction to the new resource, Supporting Asylum Seekers: A Toolkit for Congregations. Presenters and practitioners from across the country and The Episcopal Church will speak to group discernment, ministry models, and important considerations when engaging in ministry with asylum seekers.

Registration is required and is available at www.EpiscopalMigrationMinistries.org/asylum-toolkit.

The webinar will be available on-demand following the event.



Around the Diocese

MONS, FRIS, SATS, 10 am to 2 pm – St. Paul's Thrift Shop. Handmade Christmas Village for sale. Entire village or single pieces. Christmas décor and gifts. Fall/Winter clothing. Info: (631) 307-9154

THURS & SATS, 10 am to 4 pm – Bargains & Blessings Thrift Shop. Church of the Resurrection, Williston Park. Info: (516) 746-5527.

TUESDAYS, 7:30 pm – Meditation and Contemplative Prayer at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Info: (516) 746-2955

TUESDAYS, 7:30 pm – HEAL (Heal Ease a Loss), bereavement support group. Fellowship Hall of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown.

WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 am and 7:30 pm – Bible Study at Trinity, Northport. Currently reading *The Unseen Realm* by Dr. Michael Heiser. Info: (631) 261-7670.

WEDNESDAYS, 7 pm – Free Caribbean Afro-Beats Dance Fitness at Church of St. Alban the Martyr, St. Albans. Info: (718) 728-1891.

DEC 8, Sun 4 pm – St. Matthew's Deanery Invites you to An Evening of Hymn Singing from the Ancient & Modern Hymnal at St. George's, Brooklyn. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit hurricane victims in the Bahamas. Info: (718) 789-6036.

DEC 8, 5 pm – Taizé Service at Christ Church, Garden City. Evening of prayer, silence and singing the music from the Taizé' Community. Info: (516) 775-2626. [Note: Every 2nd Sunday of the month.]

DEC 10, Sat 9 pm to 2 am – St. Stephen's, Jamaica, Annual "Family and Friends" Dinner Dance at Antun's Banquet Hall. Buffet dinner, raffle, door prizes. Donation: Adults \$120; Children (12 years and under) \$60. Formal Attire. Music by DJ Harry.

DEC 13, Fri 7 pm – Music in the Terrace: The Music of Frozen and Frozen 2 at Holy Apostles, Brooklyn. An intimate evening of music and storytelling as award-winning songwriters Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez talk about the stories behind their songs. Tickets: \$60 per person ages 2 and up at www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com.

DEC 14, Sat 4 pm – Advent Concert and Dinner at St. George's, Astoria. Celebrate the season! Adults: \$15; Children (10 & under) \$10. Christmas items & goodies for sale. Info & tickets: (718) 721-5154 or stgeorge.astoria@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit capital improvements.

DEC 15, Sun 4 pm – SoLI (Singers of Long Island) in concert at St. Peter's, Bay Shore. The 26-voice choir will present Eriks Esenvald's *Stars* and Kirke Mechem's *The Seven Joys of Christmas*. Also Elizabeth Poston's *Jesus Christ and the Apple Tree*, Rachmaninoff's *Bogoroditse Dyevo*. Harpist Maria Banks will accompany the choir. \$20/\$15 seniors, students, members of the American Guild of Organists.

DEC 15, Sun 7 pm – "Sing Noel!" at St. John's, Huntington. A retelling of the Christmas story through words and music, old and new! Annual event will warm your heart and put you in the spirit of Christmas. Enjoy the professional musical talents of soprano Lynn Norris, mezzo-soprano Leslie Valentine, tenor Douglas Purcell, bass Larry Long and pianist Christine Doré. Reception and raffles follows in the Great Hall. Tickets: \$20, \$10 children under 13. (631) 427-1752. info@stjohnshuntington.org. www.stjohnshuntington.org.

DEC 19, Thu 5:30 to 8:30 pm – "Laundry Love" Super Laundromat, 4 Manorhaven Blvd, Port Washington, Port Washington Clergy Association ministry, helping low-income families wash clothes and bedding.



A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

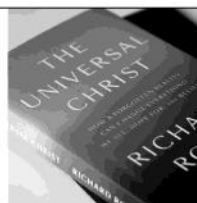
Sunday, December 15 at 4 pm
Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City

An annual favorite and a Garden City tradition. Invite your friends and family to an afternoon of Advent carols and hymns that will get everyone in the spirit for Christmas!

Advent Series: *The Universal Christ*

Dec 11 and 18, Wed at 7 pm – Join the Rev. Adam Bucko and Dean Michael Sniffen for a discussion on Richard Rohr's latest New York Times bestseller, *The Universal*

Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe. Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. The class will begin with a shared, light meal in the Mercer refectory followed by conversation in the Mercer library. Registration is free, but required. Register at: www.tinyurl.com/AdventSeries2019.



The Diocesan Altar Guild presents an Advent Quiet Day

Sat, Dec 14 – 9:30 am to 3 pm
Mercer School of Theology, Garden City

Treat yourself to the gift of time before all the rush of the holiday season begins. Bishop William Franklin will present "Opening the Prayer Book". All are welcome! \$15 for prepared box lunch or bring your own. Register by Dec 10. Info: Call Jane Ames at (516) 921-0580.



What is the Way of Love?

The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – *Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest* – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it.

What is a Rule of Life? How Do I Begin?

A Rule of Life is an intentional commitment to a set of practices that provide guidance, rhythm and inspiration for living a beautiful, meaningful and holy life. As we place these practices at the heart of our daily lives and join with companions who share the commitment, we grow more and more in the unselfish, hope-filled Way of Love that Jesus embodied in the world.

Exploring and Living the Practices

We invite you to take time exploring these practices for living a Jesus-centered life. Sit with the words from scripture and from the Book of Common Prayer, pray over the practice, reflect and discern where God is calling you, and note the “Helpful Terms” at the end if you want to learn a little more. And remember: no one follows Jesus all alone. The ideal way to live the Way of Love is in a community of love, support and accountability.

THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

TURN	Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus
LEARN	Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus’ life and teachings
PRAY	Dwell intentionally with God each day
WORSHIP	Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and draw near God
BLESS	Share faith and unselfishly give and serve
GO	Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus
REST	Receive the gift of God’s grace, peace, and restoration



BULLETIN INSERTS

December 8, 2019 – Advent 2 (A)

Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are driven to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

Sunday, December 8

WORSHIP

What part of gathering for worship fills your heart with hope?

Monday, December 9

GO

Read or watch your local news. Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.

Tuesday, December 10

LEARN

Read Luke 1:45. Consider how your faith is a blessing. Share your faith story with a friend.

Wednesday, December 11

PRAY

Offer a prayer of thanks for each person you encounter – both stranger and friend – silently or aloud.

Thursday, December 12

BLESS

Call or write a family member with whom you desire a closer relationship. Share with them how they are a blessing.

Friday, December 13

TURN

Reflect: Where have I fallen short this week? How can I make amends? Give thanks for the gift of fresh starts that we have through God’s grace.



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

Saturday, December 14

REST

Set aside 30 minutes to rest, pause, and breathe deeply with a friend or family member. Give thanks for the restorative power of love in relationship.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

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Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*