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November 26, 2023 ✚ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Today we welcome you to our Advent worship series *We Three Kings*, which takes a look at three ancient monarchs whose reigns impacted directly on the coming of Christ. In this service we ponder the life of King David, who served as a forerunner of the Messiah—a child born in the little town of Bethlehem, a ruler strong in battle and a shepherd who sang over his sheep. We are reminded in the life of David that Jesus is our King come to earth, our Defeater of all opponents and our Protector who watches over us.*

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

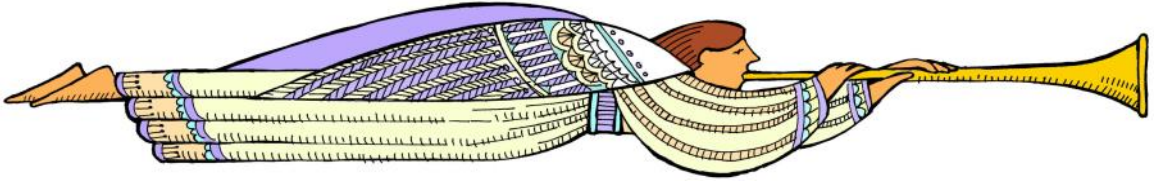
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The First Sunday of Advent

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
**and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
**And this is the name by which he will be called:
“The Lord is our righteousness.”**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.
(Silence is kept for self-reflection and confession.)

Most holy and almighty God,
**we have sinned against you by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**We have run from your ways
and embraced the darkness of this present evil age.**
**Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ,
your only Son, and our only Savior.**

Friends in Christ, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord
and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

In Jesus' name, you are forgiven and loved with an everlasting love!
May the glory of the Lord continue to shine upon us all. Amen.

Gathering Song

Once in Royal David's City

#269



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by.



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

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Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876
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Litany for the New Church Year

God of new beginnings,
at the entrance to this new church year we worship you.

You have been merciful to us.
You have been patient with us.

Your love and forgiveness have accompanied us.
We worship your wisdom and praise your gracious providence.

God of all time and space, grant us your presence
and lead us through the journey of this new church year.
Give us hope for the journey and shine your light upon our path.

Give us peace in our minds and spirits
and pour your joy into our hearts.
**Open our eyes to your glory, to our own shortcomings,
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

God of love and grace, your unending love and abundant grace
have far exceeded the volume of this year's needs.
**Continue to bless us with hope and faith, we pray,
as we embrace another year of God's love and grace. Amen.**

Advent Litany

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God
to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph,
of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
**"Hail, O favored one! The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women."**

But Mary was much perplexed by the words
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
**"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you will name him Jesus.**

**"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.
And the Lord God will give to him
the throne of his ancestor David.**

**"He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."**

Apostolic Greeting

From the one who is, who was, and who is to come,
from the Almighty Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit:
grace, light, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Stir up, O Lord, your people to pray to you
and prepare for you to usher in your kingdom
through your birth in the same town of King David's birth.
O Son of David and Son of God, reign in our hearts with your love.

**Guide us as a good shepherd would
and lead us to the pastures of your paradise in heaven.
Rule over us with your mighty power until we find our rest in you.
Amen.**

Advent Wreath Hymn

(Tune #277)

*In darkness enshrouded, the world waits for light
To shatter the shadowy darkness of night.
To greenery circled, the faithful draw near
And longingly listen, God's message to hear.*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Send out your light and your truth, O Lord; let them be our guide.
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
And God said, "Let there be light!"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
**Did not our hearts burn within us
while he spoke to us and opened the Scriptures for us?**

"Let the prophet who has my word speak my word faithfully,"
says the Lord. "Is not my word a fire?"

(Advent Family lights the first candle as the hymn is sung.)

*One candle is burning--through darkness shines light,
As prophets were yearning for God's holy might.
To people in darkness came promises new--
The promise of Jesus is faithful and true.*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.
**For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples.**

But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

*Oh, keep us, Lord Jesus, in your mighty care
As for your arrival your people prepare.
The flames for the faithful, Lord, let them burn bright,
That hearts of all people in faith may ignite*

✠ WORD ✠

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 17:19-23, 32-37

A reading from First Samuel.

¹⁹Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. ²¹Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. ²²David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. ²³As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

³²David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this

Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!"

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

Psalm 93

Let us read Psalm 93 responsively.

The Lord is King, he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

**More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!**

Your decrees are very sure.

Holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:22-36

A reading from Acts.

²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know —²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool."'

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

#311 (v. 1)

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "Hail to the Lord's a - nointed - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun! You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and".



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Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel according St. Mark, the 13th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power
and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So
also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near,
at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass
away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you
do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a
journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with
his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

³⁵Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at
dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And
what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Gospel Response

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

#311 (v. 4)

4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;
all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -
cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a
king - dom with - out end.

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Children's Time Sermon

King David

Hymn of the Day

We Three Kings

(Tune: WOV #646)

We three kings of an - ti - qui - ty hum - bly
Son of Dav - id, shep - herd of old, bear - er
bow, the Sav - ior to see. King for - ev - er,
of God's prom - ise fore - told, God's an - oint - ed



fail - ing ne - ver, Ru - ler of all is he!
King ap - pointed comes now to tend the fold.



Oh - oh, Christ the Sav-ior, Christ the Lord, Christ by heav'n and earth a-dored!
Oh - oh, Christ the Sav-ior, Christ the King, Christ whose birth the an-gels sing!



Come and praise him, an-thems raise him praise the King with one ac - cord!
Bow be - fore him, kneel, a - dore him; let the world its trib - ute bring!

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Apostles' Creed

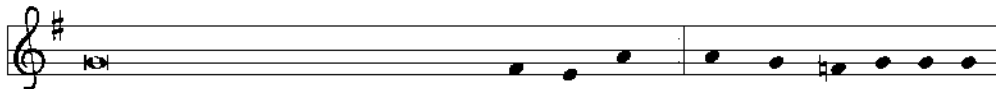
Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

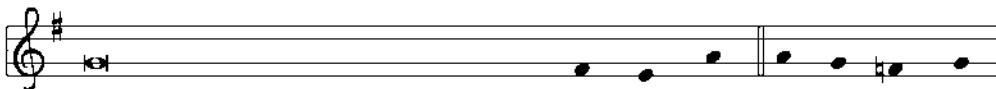
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



From war, bloodshed, and violence;
 from corrupt and unjust government;
 from sedi - tion and treason: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

From epidemic, drought, and famine;
 from fire and flood, earthquake,
 lightning, and storm,
 and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**



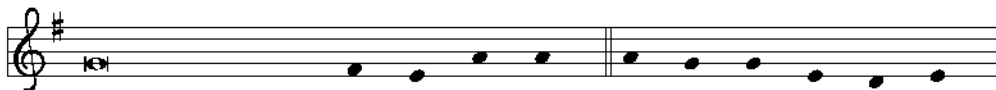
By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho - ly birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
 by your agony and bloody sweat;
 by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

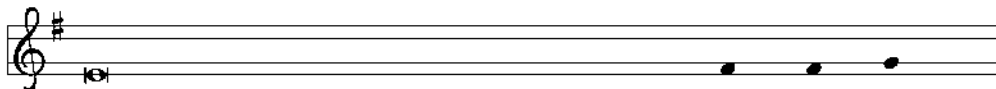
By your resurrection and ascension;
 by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**



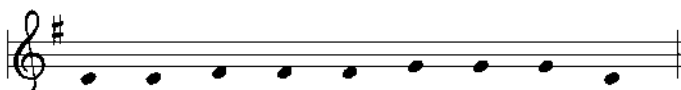
In all time of our tribulation;
 in all time of our prosperity;
 in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**



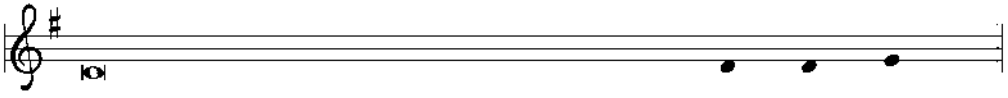
Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.



To rule and govern your holy catholic church;
 to guide all servants of your church
 in the love of your word and in holiness of life;
 to put an end to all schisms
 and causes of offense to those who would believe;
 and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:



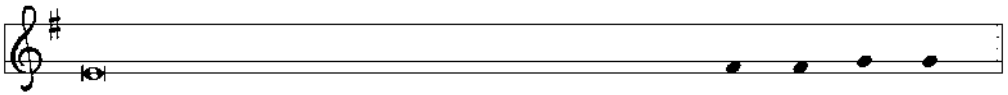
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To beat down Satan under our feet;
 to send faithful workers into your harvest;
 to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;
 to raise up those who fall
 and to strengthen those who stand;
 and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the dis - tressed:



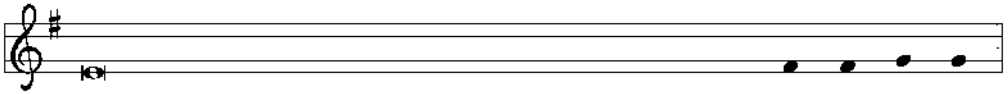
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To give to all nations justice and peace;
 to preserve our country from discord and strife;
 to direct and guard those who have civil authority;
 and to bless and guide all our peo - ple:



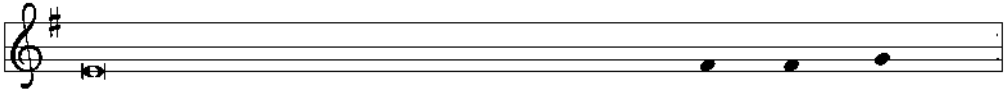
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;
 to protect and guide all who travel;
 to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;
 to watch over children and to guide the young;
 to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;
 to bring reconciliation to families in discord;
 to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;
 to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;
 to support, comfort, and guide
 all orphans, widowers, and widows;
 and to have mercy on all your peo - ple:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
 and to reconcile us to them;
 to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures
 of the earth, the sea, and the air;
 and graciously to hear our prayers:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we im - plore you to hear us.



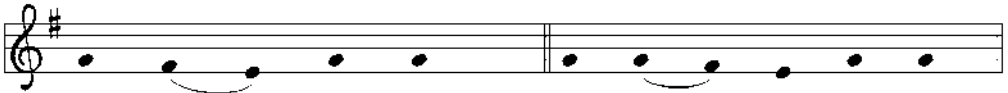
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



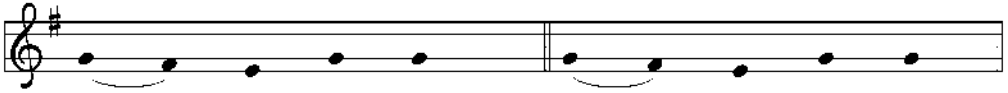
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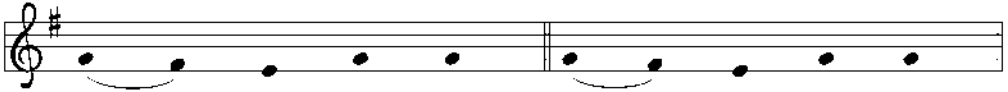
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; give us peace. A - men.



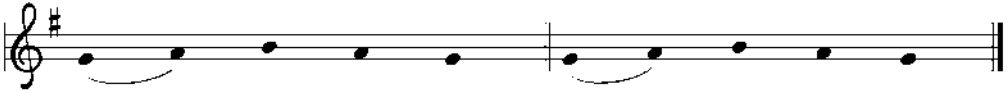
O Christ, hear us. In mer - cy hear us.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

#294 (v. 3)



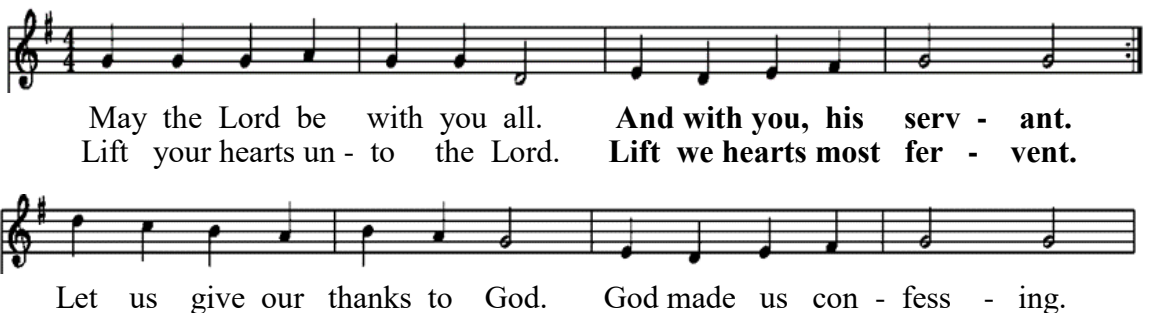
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894
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✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

(Tune: Good King Wenceslas)



May the Lord be with you all. **And with you, his serv - ant.**
Lift your hearts un - to the Lord. **Lift we hearts most fer - vent.**

Let us give our thanks to God. God made us con - fess - ing.



Good and right it is to do, and it has his bless - ing.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Tune: #270, Hark!)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of hosts by all a - dored!



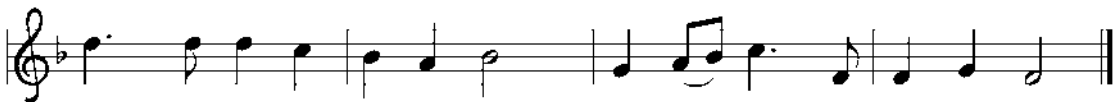
Heav'n and earth can-not con - tain all the glor - y of Your name!



Hail, ho - san - na, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh



In the name of God the King! Hal - le - lu - jahs glad we sing:



Hail, ho-san-na! Prais-es due be for - ev - er, Lord to You!

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

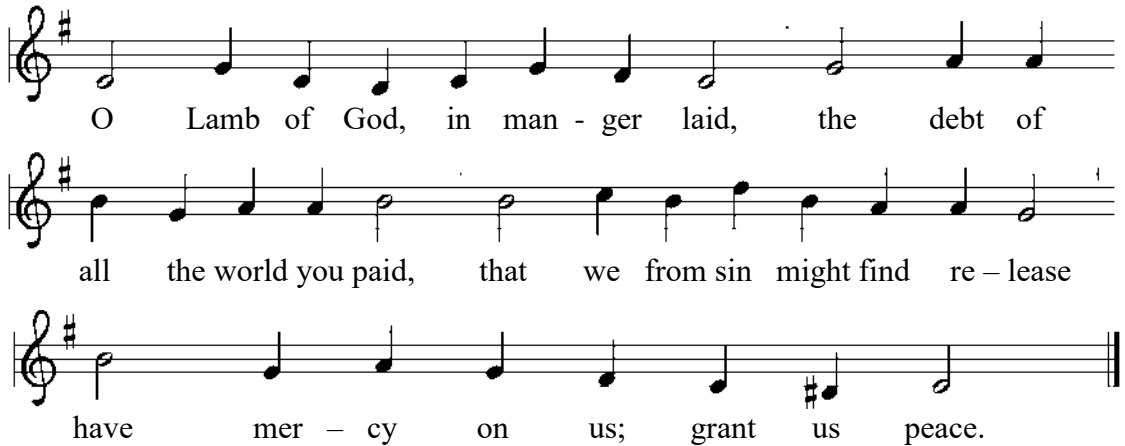
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

(Tune: #517)



O Lamb of God, in man - ger laid, the debt of
all the world you paid, that we from sin might find re - lease
have mer - cy on us; grant us peace.

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Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#283



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



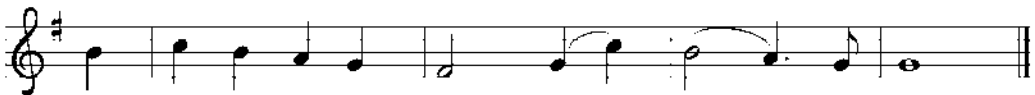
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880,
 sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: attr. John Francis Wade; Public Domain

Distribution Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#276



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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 Music: Polish carol
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Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

God for whom we wait,

you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.

Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts,

and send us forth to be your people in the world,

announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

Grace to you and peace

from him who is and who was and who is to come,

and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
 the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
**To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
 to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending Song

The Advent of Our God

(LBW #22)



1 The ad - vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be,
 3 Come, Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain,



come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre - pare.
 him - self the ser - vant's form puts on to set his peo - ple free.
 nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
 and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
 let sin be put to flight;
 no longer let the law hold sway,
 but walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,
 who comes to set us free,
 with Father, Spirit, ever one
 through all eternity.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Bell Maze

