



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

*A warm welcome to all this Sunday morning! Our worship is guided using the **red** Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Supplemental material from other sources is in this bulletin. Music is found in the **blue** Gather hymnal. Page numbers are as indicated. Feel free to ask a neighbor for help if you have questions about the service. Thank you for being here!!*

Bold text indicates parts for the Assembly to say.

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PRELUDE: MUSICAL SELECTION

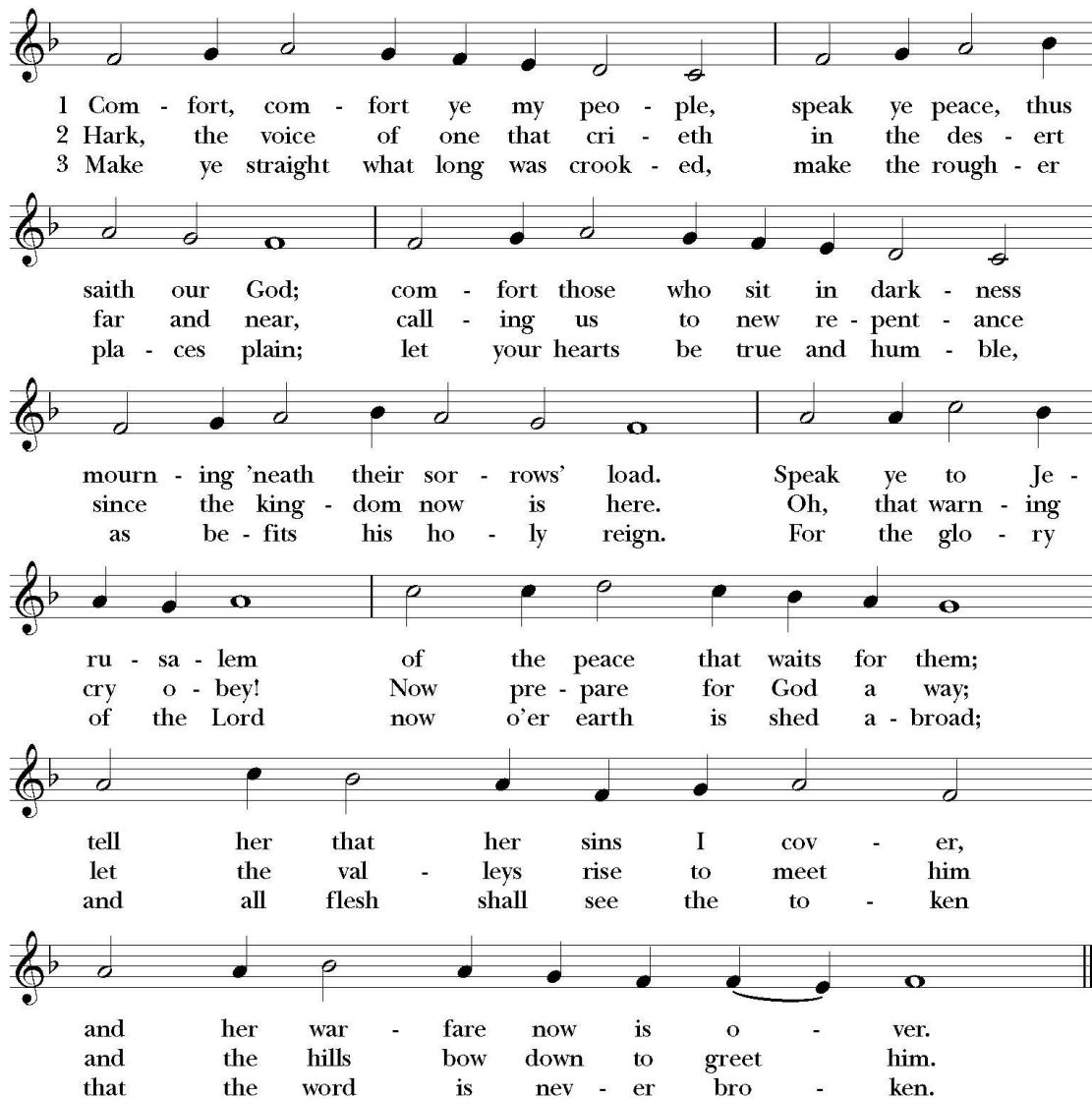
WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

The people stand as they are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

HYMNAL 67



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

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

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

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

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

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP p. 355

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL S102

Sung three times.



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



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

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 211

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The presider prays the Collect of the Day. The people respond Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 15:4-13

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

LEVAS II 11

Pre - pare ye the way _____ of the Lord. _____

Pre - pare ye the way _____ of the Lord. _____

1.-4. Final ending **Fine**

1. Make straight in the
2. Fill ev - 'ry
3. Go up to a
4. Say to all

D.S.

1. des - ert a high - way for our God.
 2. val - ley, bring all moun - tains low.
 3. moun - tain and shout with a loud voice.
 4. peo - ple, here is your God.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The presider proclaims the Gospel and concludes

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

THE REV. JOSEPH PETERS-MATHEWS

There will be a period of reflection and silence after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP P. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to the bidding, "Maranatha" with "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP P. 360

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with the peace of Christ, using a friendly gesture such as a smile, wave, or bow.

The Holy Communion

During the hymn the people's gifts of money are collected. These offerings support the work of the church including community care, salaries, and buildings and grounds. To start an electronic gift, text "SHSP" to 53555. Offerings of bread and wine are brought with the money to the Altar as it is prepared for Communion.

Please remain seated during the choir anthem.

CHOIR ANTHEM**SHALOM, PACEM, PEACE****RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM**

GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

EOW 1

If not already standing, please stand as able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds until

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

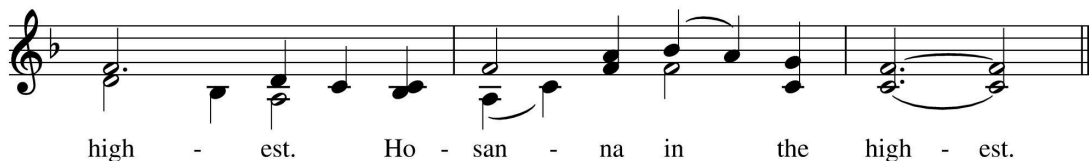


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

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



Then the Presider continues until

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

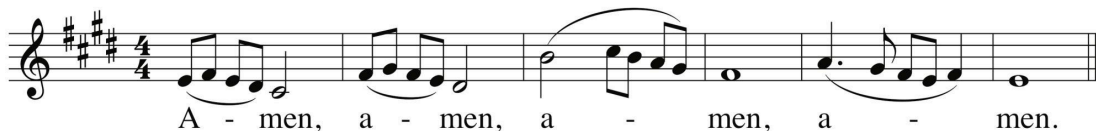
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and concludes with

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



Music: *The Glendalough Mass*, Liam Lawton; arr. by Paul A. Tate, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A minute of silence is observed as the Bread is broken and Wine divided into separate vessels.

FRACTION ANTHEM

LAMB OF GOD

WLP 871

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
 world: have mer-cy on us.—— Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930). Copyright © Ronald Arnatt.

As soon as the invitation is given, the people move forward to receive Communion.

Please come down an aisle to an empty space around the altar platform. Hold your hands in front of you to receive the Bread, and leave it there if you would prefer not to receive Wine from a shared cup. A server will dip your bread and serve you. Alcohol- and gluten-free options are available; let a server know your needs.

If you would prefer not to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Please join in singing the Communion Songs after receiving.

COMMUNION SONG

WHAT IS THE CRYING AT JORDAN

HYMNAL 69



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

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

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

Words: Carol Christopher Drake (b. 1933), alt. Music: St. Mark's, Berkeley, Irish melody from Danta De: Hymns to God, Ancient and Modern; harm. Norman Mealy (1923-1987)

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 - dur - eth, the ____

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

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

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

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

pla - ces where the Lord our ____ God ____ may go!
 na - tions shall ____ pass like a dream ____ a - way;
 lead them, and ____ bring them ____ safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt. Music: Ascension, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP P. 365

When the presider bids the people pray, the assembly stands. Please remain standing through the brief announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

HYMNAL 616



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 (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72 Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

THE DISMISSAL

The presider dismisses the people who respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgical notes

- The conclusions to the readings, introduction to the gospel, confession, absolution, bidding of the peace, and eucharistic prayer are all from *Enriching Our Worship*, a supplement to *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Announcements

- **Episcopal 101** started last week, but you can join next Sunday at 9:15. Come learn about the history, tradition, governance, beliefs, etc. of The Episcopal Church. This course is for people preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation – and those who want to brush up on what they used to know.
- The Youth Group is doing a blanket drive again for Neighbors in Need. We are looking for fleece throw blankets. We will do this into January. Many stores have fleece blankets on sale this time of year.
- On Sunday, **December 14** after church, the Youth Group is going to make treats for Scriber Lake High School. Everyone is welcome to help, especially kids in grades K-12.
- **Save the date:** December's Evening Prayer and Potluck will be on **December 21** (rather than the 28th). We'll gather at 4:30 to green the church in preparation for Christmas services, then observe our usual Prayer - Potluck schedule.
- **Save the date:** Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations will be on **January 18** at Redeemer, Kenmore. Mark your calendar now and prepare to celebrate our candidates in this milestone of their faith journeys.
- Bible Study is on Zoom every Thursday at 7 p.m. There are no prerequisites! Anyone is welcome to join any time. The group discusses the gospel for the following Sunday.

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