



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024 • 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.

Smaller Italic text offers directions for the service.

PRELUDE: MUSICAL SELECTION

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

The people stand as they are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD

HYMNAL 437



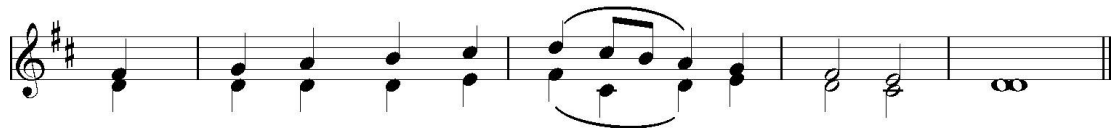
1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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

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Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE FIRST LESSON

MICAH 5:2-5A

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

CANTICLE 15

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

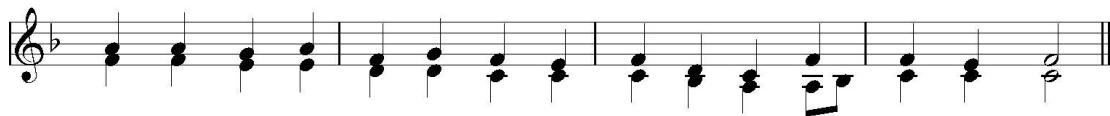
GOSPEL HYMN

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

HYMNAL 66



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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THE GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-45

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

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 people stand as they are able, when the presider stands.

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please respond to the bidding "Come to us," with "**And save us.**"*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

**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

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet their immediate neighbors with the peace of Christ, using a friendly gesture such as a smile, wave, or bow – a symbolic act of their reconciliation with all people through Jesus..

The Holy Communion

The presider begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The people stand if able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

HYMNAL 265



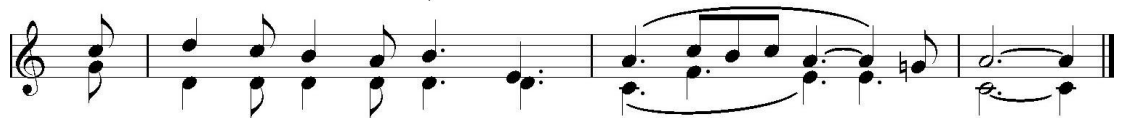
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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If not already standing, please stand as able. In this prayer, the indented lines in bold are spoken by the People.

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

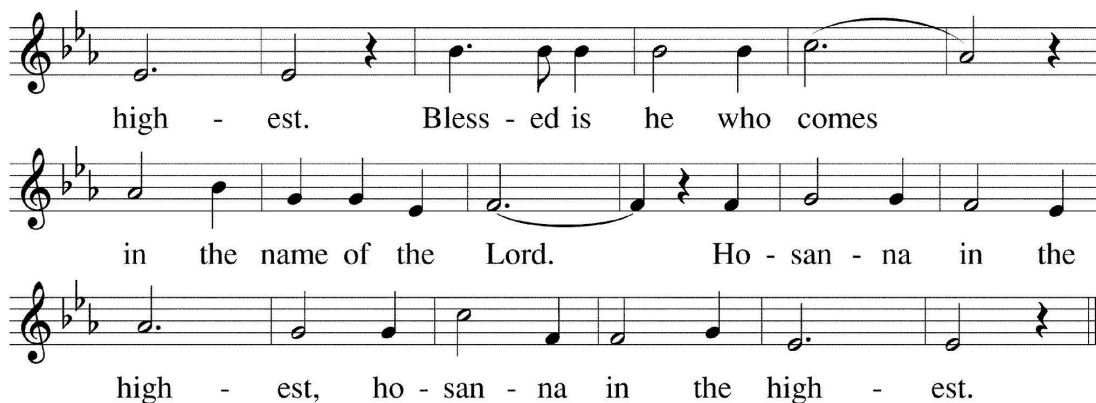
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 pow'r and
 might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Then the Presider continues until

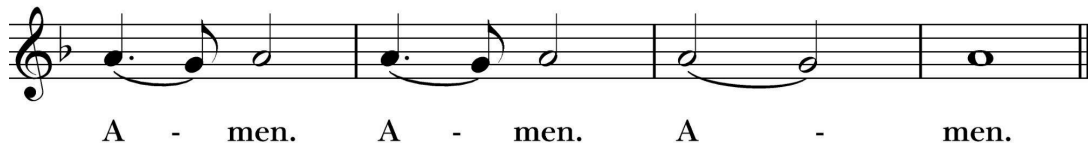
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

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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

HYMNAL S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

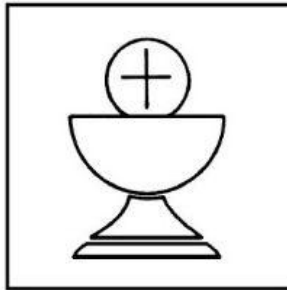
THE INVITATION

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

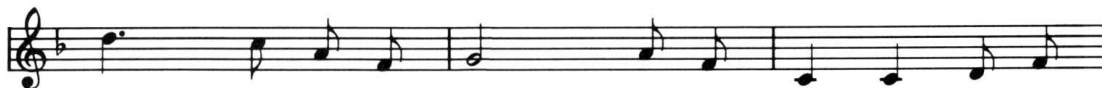
Please come down an aisle to an empty space around the altar platform. Hold your hands in front of you to receive the Bread, and leave it there if you would prefer not to receive Wine from a shared cup. A server will dip your bread and serve you. Alcohol- and gluten-free options are available; let a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





1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
 3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my



won - ders that were done when the love of God the
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me



Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has



made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

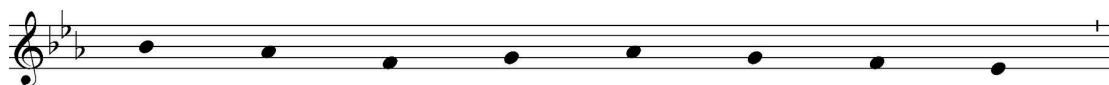
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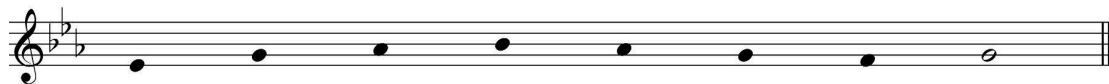
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

SOON AND VERY SOON

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THE DISMISSAL

The presider dismisses the people who respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgical notes

- The opening acclamation, responses to the readings, and gospel introduction are all from *Enriching Our Worship*, a supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*.
- The Eucharistic Prayer differs from that printed in the Prayer Book. The Episcopal Church's 79th General Convention, in 2018, authorized (Resolution D078) a trial service of Holy Eucharist in "expansive language." This means, in this context, that the use of gender-specific pronouns and words such as "Lord," etc., are minimized, but are by no means eliminated.

Announcements

- Mondays at 11, through the end of the year: Commons – a time to be socially amiable together. No program other than gathering, sharing in the work of cooking, getting to know one another, eating, and sharing in the work of cleaning.
- **Christmas worship schedule:**
 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 22, 10 a.m.
 - Monday, December 23, 11 a.m.: Commons and Greening the Church
 - Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24,
 - 5:30 p.m. Carol Singalong
 - 6 p.m. Communion in Modern Language
 - Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 10 a.m.

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