

WELCOME

SONG/LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.... Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

- 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 hills, in righteousness.
- 4 Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- 6 Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

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 to the dead.

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 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace,

hear our prayer.

...through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

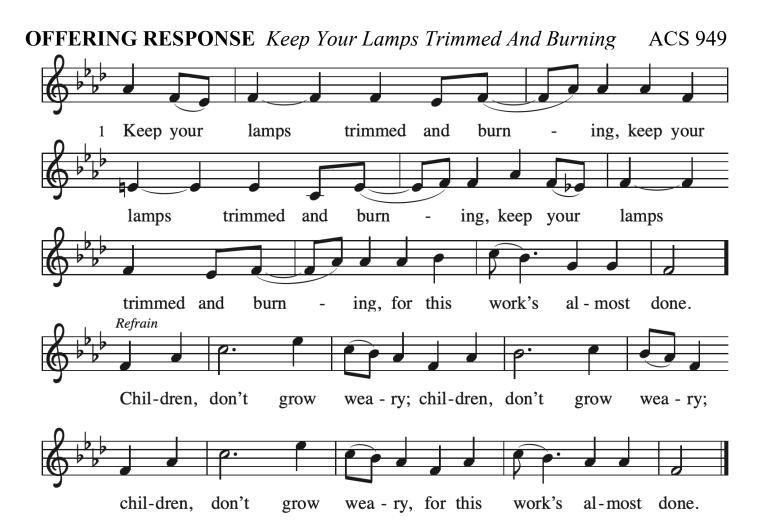
Amen

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING



Text: African American spiritual

Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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BLESSING

SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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