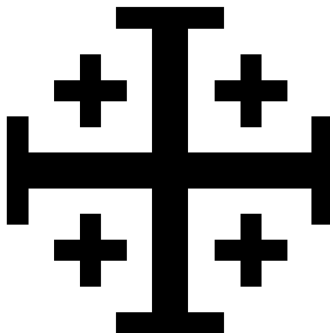


THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF  
THE LORD'S SUPPER  
*or*  
HOLY COMMUNION,  
COMMONLY CALLED  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Anglican Standard Text*

December 3, A.D. 2023

First Sunday in Advent



## Welcome!

Thanks for joining us for worship today. Our name, Emmaus, is taken from a place and event near Jerusalem on the afternoon of Easter. Jesus met up with two disciples fleeing the city, dejected. They didn't recognize him, so along the way, he explained the Old Testament to them—how it pointed to him. Then, they invited him in to a house in the town of Emmaus. When he broke the bread at table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Thinking back, they realized their hearts burned within them as he explained the Scriptures to them. That is our hope for each Sunday as we gather for worship—that we would encounter Jesus in Scripture and the breaking of bread.

Please leave your name, phone, and email at the guest register in the entryway or narthex. We will get back to you.

For young children, age three and under, feel free to use the nursery in the rear corner. It's hooked up with sound so a parent can hear what's happening in church.

Children age four and up are welcome in Children's Church during the 10:30 service. They go to C.C. after a children's sermon and return for communion with their family.

We serve Sacred Food and Drink here...please don't bring beverages or snacks into church during worship (kids excepted).

*Please turn off your cell phones.*

*A deacon calls the people to prepare themselves for worship.*

*The people kneel, and observe a time of silent prayer.*

### **Preparatory Prayers for Individuals**

Be present, be present, o Jesus, our High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*They may be said or sung.*

*Celebrant*        Lord have mercy upon us.

*People*            **Christ have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant*        Lord have mercy upon us.



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE ACCLAMATION  
*for Advent*

*Celebrant* Surely the Lord is coming soon.

*People* **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

## THE DECALOGUE

*Deacon* God spoke these words and said:

I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* You shall not murder.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* You shall not steal.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Deacon* You shall not covet.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these,  
your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.**

EXODUS 20:1-17; DEUTERONOMY 5:6-21

## THE GLORIA

**Light of the World**  
**You stepped down into darkness**  
**Opened my eyes let me see.**  
**Humbly You came**  
**To the earth You created**  
**All for love's sake became poor.**

*Chorus*

**So here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;**  
**Here I am to say that You're my God**  
**And You're altogether lovely; Altogether worthy;**  
**Altogether wonderful to me**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*Children are invited forward for a blessing. Children age three through fourth grade are invited to children's church. They return at the peace to join their families for communion.*

### “Fruit Of The Spirit”

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
Patience, kindness, goodness, (*snaf*)  
Faithfulness, gentleness and self control**  
Galatians 5:22

### Old Testament Reading

#### Isaiah 64:1-9a

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.    *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 80

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a sheep; \*  
show yourself also, you that sit upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

<sup>3</sup> Restore us again, O God; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.

<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angry with your people that pray?

<sup>5</sup> You feed them with the bread of tears \*  
and give them plenteous tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup> You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup> Restore us again, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.

(<sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you have cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup> You made room for it, \*  
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

<sup>10</sup> The hills were covered with the shadow of it, \*  
and the boughs thereof were like the mighty cedar trees.

<sup>11</sup> It stretched out its branches to the sea \*  
and its boughs to the river.

<sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its hedge, \*  
so that all those who go by pluck off its grapes?

<sup>13</sup> The wild boar out of the wood roots it up, \*  
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

<sup>14</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; \*  
behold, and visit this vine,



<sup>15</sup> And the place of the vineyard that your right hand has planted, \*  
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

<sup>16</sup> As for those who burn it with fire and cut it down, \*  
let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

<sup>17</sup> Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand \*  
and upon the son of man, whom you made so strong for yourself.

<sup>18</sup> And so we will not turn back from you; \*

O let us live, and we shall call upon your Name.

<sup>19</sup> Restore us again, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole. )

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen**

## Epistle Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>

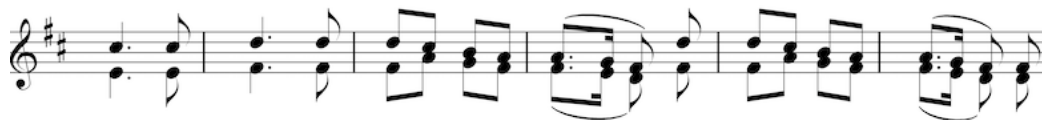
God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.    *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We'll see verse 1.*



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 repeat the sound - ing joy, re - repeat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - repeat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing,  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark

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

Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then 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. <sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—<sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*We'll sing verse 3 found on page 10.*

## THE SERMON

Fr. Theron Walker

## THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*The deacon says,*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Reader* Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:     *People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially (\_\_\_\_\_), that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:     *People* **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, *and especially to your servant(s)* \_\_\_\_\_ that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, (\_\_\_\_\_), those celebrating birthdays (\_\_\_\_\_), anniversaries (\_\_\_\_\_), in our diocese (\_\_\_\_\_) and in our community (\_\_\_\_); that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:     *People* **Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, *especially* \_\_\_\_\_, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy: *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in \_\_\_\_\_.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy: *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For soldiers of this nation deployed to fight for the sake of righteousness and freedom, and for those who bear the wounds of combat: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy: *People* **Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy: *People* **Hear our prayer.**

For a spirit of repentance for the sins of abortion and hastening natural death, and reverence for life as a gift from God.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of [\_\_\_\_\_, and] all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy: *People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Deacon concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.**

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

**Have mercy upon us,**

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



*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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 COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Deacon 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 to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

## THE OFFERTORY

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

*The ushers present the bread and wine to the deacon, then pass the offering baskets.*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*When the altar is prepared the ushers present the people's offering of money, with the children at 10:30, and we sing....*

*Priest.* All things come from you O Lord.

*People:* **And of your own, have we given you.**

## Gloria Patri

The image shows a musical score for the Gloria Patri. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men, a - men." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

## THE SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your 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 glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed 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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## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues*

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, † with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." †

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, † O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Officiant and People*

**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 FRACTION

*If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! The disciples knew the Lord Jesus!

*People* **In the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!**



## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together may say*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**Apart from your grace,  
we are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

# THE AGNUS DEI

## O Lamb Of God

*Fraction Anthem*

*The St. James Christmas Service*

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly  
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have  
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy  
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.  
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry.

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

*Please come forward by row up the center to receive the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are welcome. Take and eat the bread, then take and drink the wine. You may drink from the COMMON CUP, dip your bread in the common cup, or drink from a single serving cup. If you are not baptized, it would be our pleasure to bless in the Lord's Name. Please come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer up a special prayer for you. If you need gluten free bread, let the priest know.*



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;  
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,  
3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,  
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;



1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.  
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.  
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.



Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: *Dundee*, melody *The CL Psalms of Davis*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together say the following,*

**Almighty and everliving God,**

**we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,**

**with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and  
goodness towards us:**

**that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,**

**the blessed company of all faithful people;**

**and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.**

**And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,**

**to assist us with your grace,**

**that we may continue in that holy fellowship,**

**and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk**

**in; through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*People accompany their first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross above the holy table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven. From the Book of Common Prayer of Kenya.*

*Minister* All our problems,  
*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**  
*Minister* All our sins.  
*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**  
*Minister* All the devil's works.  
*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**  
*Minister* All our hopes,  
*People* **We set on the risen Christ!**

## THE BLESSING

*The Priest gives the blessing:*

May Christ's who second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

*The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.*

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## THIS WEEK

Sunday	8:00	Eucharist; 9:30 Class, Choir;
	10:30	Eucharist; Bells; 2:00 Christmas Trees
Wednesday	9:00	Eucharist;
	10:00	Bible Study 11:00 Finance Meeting, Greening of
Church		
Thursday	2:30	Intercessory Prayer; Photos
Friday	7:00	MESS, Photos
Saturday	10:00	Ladies Holiday Brunch, Photos

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### Serving Sunday 12/03

	8:00	10:30
Lector	Dave N.	Dave W.
Acolyte	Kelsey	Ryan
Chalice		Holly
Jr. Acolyte		Bella & Diego
Ushers	Miller	Tom/Mike
Prayer team	Laure	Hampton
Children's church		Dave H.
Flowers	Harris (In Memory of Roxann)	
Hospitality		Mahoney



## **ADVENT – CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY**

**December 3 Advent 1 Advent Candle Blessing & Bishop Nicholas**

Wednesday December 6 Greening of the Church at 11:00

**December 10 Advent 2**

Saturday December 16 Choir and Bells Rehearsals

**December 17 Advent 3**

December 23 Christmas Eve Set-Up at the Fairgrounds

**December 24 Advent 4 at 8:00 a.m. at Emmaus**

**Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds**

**December 25 Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. at Emmaus**

December 27 Clean Up Day at Fairgrounds 9:00-Noon.

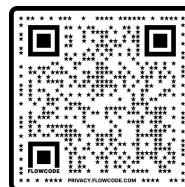
**December 31 First Sunday of Christmas 8:00 and 10:30**

**January 7 Feast of the Baptism of our Lord with Baptisms**

**January 13-14 Bishop Steven Tighe from Anglican Diocese of the Southwest**

**January 28 Annual Meeting between the Services**

To give, cash and checks are always welcome.  
Another option is this code that will take you to the  
Emmaus website to a secure giving portal.



## **SUNDAY CLASS**

### **THE PARABLES IN SCRIPTURE**

Have you ever noticed how sometimes people "change the story" to promote an agenda? Jesus used **parables**, a literary device well known in the ancient world, to change the story of their day for his glory. Jesus promoted His agenda with these stories. Parables are gifts that have the ability to keep on giving. Please join us to explore this gift in a series of classes between the services during Advent starting Sunday, November 5th.

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### **Wednesday Adult Class**

On Wednesday mornings this Fall, we will study Carl R. Trueman's powerful new book, *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution*.

The course will be directed by Fr. Jim Dorman.

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### **Christmas Tree Cutting**

#### **Sunday, December 3, 2:00-4:30**

All are invited to the property of Lura and Karl Wolfe to cut a Christmas Tree. 13248 Pine Creek Road, Sedalia 80135. 14 Miles west of Sedalia on Highway 67—25 minutes of beautiful winding roads! No cookie exchanges this year.

## 2024 Parish Directories

Sign-up Today!!!

Universal Church Directories will help us create a new pictorial church directory. After the photo session, you will view your proofs electronically immediately to make your selection of the photo to be in our directory. You will also have the option to purchase additional photo packages.

Our scheduling process is CLOSING SOON. Photos will be taken at Emmaus. You have a couple ways to sign-up. You may go online to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), enter **co103** in the Church Code field and **photos** in the Church Password field; click on one of the three dates, select “reserve time” for the time that works best for you. Or you may reach out to Robbin Thompson at [rlspilman@gmail.com](mailto:rlspilman@gmail.com) (719-310-5331) or to Cheryl Maloney at [malonyaya@gmail.com](mailto:malonyaya@gmail.com) (719) 684-3733 to help with scheduling your photo session..

You may extend this opportunity to your friends and family who are not members of Emmaus so that they can have professional photos as well (they would not be in our parish directory.).

**Every ‘family’ who schedules a photo session will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo sent to their home.**

Questions? Please reach out to Cheryl or Robbin. Thank you in advance for making our FIRST pictorial directory a success!

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### Ladies Holiday Brunch

**Saturday, December 9, 2024 10 am-12 pm**

West Main Grill and Tap Room 18595 East Mainstreet Parker 80134

Price of \$ 32.50 includes tax, tip, tea, coffee, juice, and soft drinks

Cash only at the day of the event. Please no credit cards

GF items available. Reservations required.

\$10 fee if cancelling after 12/6. Sign-up sheet in Narthex.

## **FOCUS – ISAIAH A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**

Are you looking for a more meaningful way to celebrate Advent? The book of Isaiah contains over 40 Messianic prophecies, many of which have already been fulfilled in the first coming of Jesus. If prophecy tickles your biblical curiosity, please join us in learning more about Isaiah's "Holy, holy, holy" LORD of hosts.

You are formally invited to join your fellow "Friends of Cleopas Unpacking Scripture" in exploring the book of Isaiah at 2459 S. Ash Street in south Denver.

We meet every other Monday night from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The next meeting will be Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Contact Kelsey Nakhjovani for questions:

303-681-3434 (landline)

[3nakh20@comcast.net](mailto:3nakh20@comcast.net)

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### **Lectors, Acolytes, and Chalice Bearers Needed**

Would you like to read God's Word in the liturgy? Would you like to carry the cross, ring the bell, or serve the Blood of Christ to his people? We'll be training new recruits for 8:00 and 10:30 services during the mid-hour, January 7, 21, Feb. 4. (Two sessions for lectors, three for acolytes and chalice bearers). Please email Fr. Theron if you're interested:

[TRWalker@mac.com](mailto:TRWalker@mac.com).