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OF

THE LORD'S SUPPER

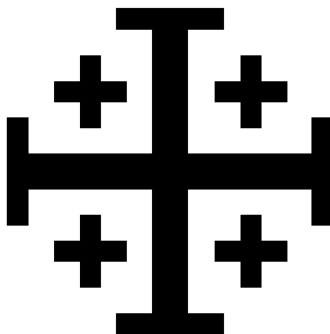
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HOLY COMMUNION,
COMMONLY CALLED
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Anglican Standard Text

December 17, A.D. 2023

Third 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.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Words by
Charles Wesley

Music by
Rowland Hugh Prichard

VERSE

♩ = 90 F C F B \flat /F F C Dm C F/A C7/G F F/A B \flat C

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a

8 F F C F B \flat /F F C Dm C F/A C7/G F F/A

free; From our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our
King; Born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy gra - cious

15 B \flat C F Am Dm Gm C

rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it

21 F Dm Gm Csus C F/A F B \flat /F C/E F G7/D

hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of ev' - ry
rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf - fi - cient

28 C/E F F/A B \flat F/C C7 F

na - tion, joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.
mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, 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, (*snap*)
Faithfulness, gentleness and self control**
Galatians 5:22

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the

lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

³ Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

⁴ Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already, *
whereof we rejoice.

⁵ Overturn our captivity, O LORD, *
as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.

⁶ Those who sow in tears *
shall reap with songs of joy.

⁷ He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed *
shall doubtless come again with joy and bring his sheaves with him.

**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 Thessalonians 5:12-28

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. ²⁵ Brothers, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We'll sing verse 2.



Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

John 3:22-30

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing.²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification.²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him."²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.'²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, this joy of mine is now complete.³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease."

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

We'll sing verse 5 found on page 9.

THE SERMON

Deacon Erin Cook

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.**

Almighty and Holy God, the author and sustainer of all life, in sorrow and repentance for the scourge of abortion and any practices which promote or hasten unnatural death, we appeal to Your mercy and love for the lives of all people and families; the born and unborn, wanted and unwanted, capable or limited, healthy or suffering; that Your perfect will be fulfilled and life ever be cherished as a gift from You, to the Glory of God, our Master, Redeemer, and Friend.

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 Thou didst leave thy — throne and thy king - ly — crown,
2 Hea - ven's arch - es — rang when the an - gels — sang,
3 The — fox - es found rest, and the bird had its nest,
4 Thou — camest, O — Lord, with the liv - ing — word
5 When the heavens shall — ring, and the an - gels — sing,

when thou camest to — earth for me;
pro - claim - ing thy royal de - gree;
in the shade of the ce - dar tree;
that should set thy — peo - ple free;
at thy com - ing to vic - to - ry,

but in Beth - le - hem's home was there found no — room
but in low - ly — birth didst thou come to — earth,
but thy couch was the sod, O thou son of — God,
but with mock - ing — scorn and with crown of — thorn
let thy voice call me home, say - ing "Yet there is room,



for thy ho - ly na - ti - vi - ty:
 and in great hu - mi - li - ty:
 in the de - sert of Gal - i - lee:
 they — bore thee to Cal - va - ry:
 there is room at my side for thee:"

Refrain

O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus;



there is room in my heart for thee.

Words: Emily Elliott (1836–1897).
 Music: *Margaret*, T. R. Matthews (1826–1910).

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, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has 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: "Glor-y be to the Fa-ther, 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 with-out 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 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise - man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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 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.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

THIS WEEK

Sunday	8:00	Eucharist; 9:30 Class, Choir;
	10:30	Eucharist; Bells
Wednesday	9:00	Eucharist;
	10:00	Bible Study 11:00 Finance Meeting
Thursday	2:30	Intercessory Prayer
Saturday	9:00	Barn Set-up

Serving Sunday 12/17

	8:00	10:30
Lector	Denise	Louise
Acolyte	Candi	Ryan
Chalice		Alice
Jr. Acolyte		Dan & Vic
Ushers	Levy	Willis
Prayer team	Cheryl	Hampton
Children's church		Theron
Flowers	Renton - in memory of Adam	
Hospitality		Open

ADVENT – CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY

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 28 Christmas Party and David and Caroline's—the "Mooleys."

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 21 Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 28 Annual Meeting between the Services

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Christmas at the fairgrounds/barn is our biggest outreach of the year. Each year we draw between 225-275 people! We send postcards to 1,000 homes with children under 18 in the mile around us. We advertise on social media. **WE NEED YOU!**

Yard Signs: Place them in your yard or neighborhood.

Set Up: We have opportunities to help set up the barn on Saturday December 23, to serve on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and of course, the clean it all up on December 27. We work hard and have a lot of fun together too! Sign up to help at church!

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December 17 Advent 3

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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.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 5:00 PM.

After all the work, we deserve a party! Come for an informal, kid-friendly gathering. Our hosts, David Moore and Caroline Cooley are providing HAM. Please sign up to bring sides, desserts, and drinks. 10180 Longview Drive. Lone Tree CO 80124.

Wednesday Adult Class

Special session this Wednesday with Kelsey Nakhjovani. The Birth of Jesus in Scripture contrasted to the story of Jesus' birth in the Quran. 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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Anglican Diocese of the Southwest Visit

Saturday January 13-Sunday January 14, Emmaus will host Bishop Steven Tighe and three representatives from the Diocese, up from El Paso. This is a time for us to get to know them and they us as we seek the Lord's direction for our future diocesan home. Bishop Steven will lead a retreat for us on Saturday from 9:00-3:00 on DISCERNING THE LORD'S WILL for yourself, and as a community. He'll be our guest preacher at both Sunday services and will host a Question and Answer period during the mid-hour. We'll wrap up with a chili lunch on Sunday.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO ATTEND ON SATURDAY!

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.

