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OF

THE LORD'S SUPPER

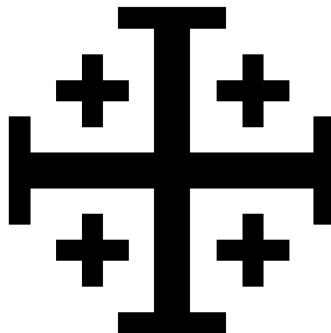
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HOLY COMMUNION,
COMMONLY CALLED
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

January 4, A.D. 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas



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.

Children age four and up are welcome in Children's Church during our 2:30 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 stand or 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.

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading,
still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever,
ceasing never
over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High.

Refrain

We three kings of Orient are, #128 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant For unto us a child is born.

People **Unto us a son is given.**

Isaiah 9.6

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

**Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

Angels we have heard on high, #96 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

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 God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, #101 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Traditional *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the LORD: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’ 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. 9 With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. 10 “Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’ 11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. 13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. 14 I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the LORD.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely are your dwellings, *
O LORD God of hosts!

² My soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³ Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
even your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are they who dwell in your house; *
they will be always praising you.

⁵ Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, *
in whose heart are your ways,

⁶ Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a well; *
indeed, the early rains fill the pools with water.

⁷ They will go from strength to strength, *
and the God of gods shall be seen by them in Zion.

⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁹ Behold, O God, our defender, *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

¹⁰ For one day in your courts *
is better than a thousand;

¹¹ I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God *
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

¹² For the LORD God is a light and defense; *
the LORD will give grace and honor, and no good thing shall he withhold from those who live a godly life.

¹³ O LORD God of hosts, *
blessed is the one who puts his trust in you.

**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

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

Please stand and sing.

**O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with

Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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

**How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.**

O little town of Bethlehem, #79 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

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.**

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

Lector

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For *Steve Wood*, our Archbishop, for *Julian* the Dean of the Province, and *Steven*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and the people of our Congregation, especially _____,

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays: ____ and those celebrating anniversaries: _____, and in our town: _____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for our generous hosts, Calvary Castle Rock.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Especially: _____.

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 our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially:
_____.

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.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially: _____(the people are encouraged to pray aloud for others).

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For a spirit of repentance for the sins of abortion and hastening natural death, and may we revere life as a gift from you.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially _____, in thanksgiving let us pray.

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

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

Remain Standing

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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

The deacon says a sentence of Scripture to begin the offering.

The ushers present the bread and wine to the deacon.

The ushers will pass the offertory baskets.

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

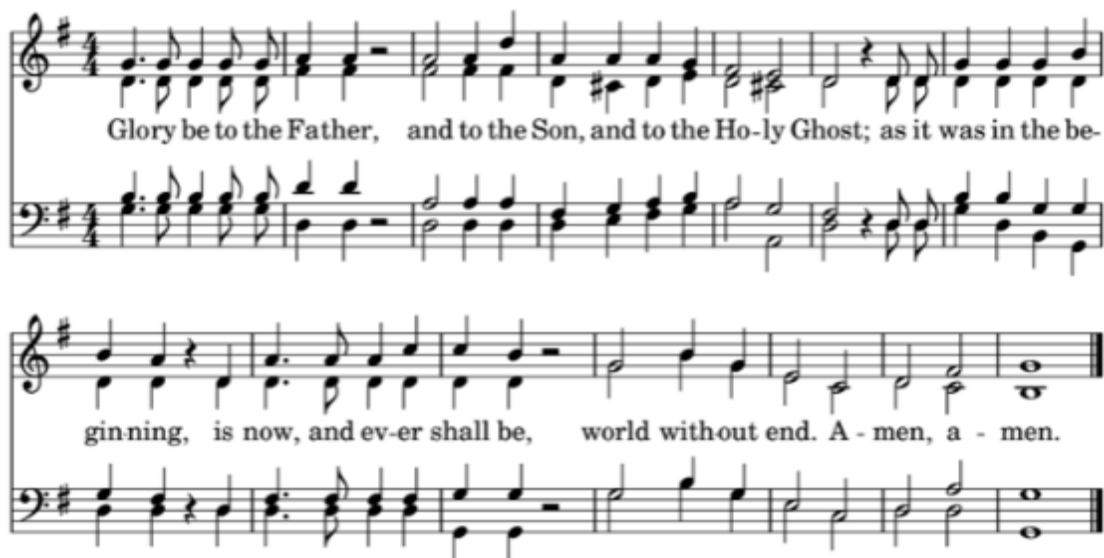
***It came upon the midnight clear**, #89 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).*

The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord.

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

1 CHRONICLES 29:14



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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children

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 power and

This system consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff contains a series of chords and single notes, with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long horizontal line under the word 'might,' indicating a sustained note or a breath mark. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, while the bass staff continues with chords.

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

The third system shows the continuation of the musical piece. The treble staff has a melodic line with a long horizontal line under 'might,'. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes.

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

This system continues the musical notation. The treble staff has a melodic line with a long horizontal line under 'full,'. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The final system of the page shows the continuation of the musical notation. The treble staff has a melodic line with a long horizontal line under 'san - na'. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes.

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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the lyrics 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The second system contains 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na'. The third system contains 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The music is in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The piano accompaniment features chords and single notes, with some passages featuring a melodic line in the right hand.

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify † them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify † us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, 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.**

**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

Frederick Richardson
Dale Richardson

G/C A(sus4) A D D A/C# Bm D/A

Oh, Lamb of God, you

5 Em7 G/C A(sus4) A Bm F#m7 Em7

take a - way the sin of the world. Oh, Lamb of God, have

9 G/C A(sus4) A D D A/C# Bm D/A

mer - cy on us. Oh, Lamb of God, you

13 Em7 G/C A(sus4) A Bm F#m7 Em7

take a - way the sin of the world. Oh, Lamb of God, have

17 G/C A(sus4) A D B E B/D# C#m E/B

mer - cy on us. Oh, Lamb of God, you

21 F#m7 A/D B(sus4) B C#m G#m7 F#m7

take a - way the sin of the world. Oh, Lamb of God,

25 A/D B(sus4) B C#m(sus4) C#m B6 F#m7 B(sus4) B E

grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

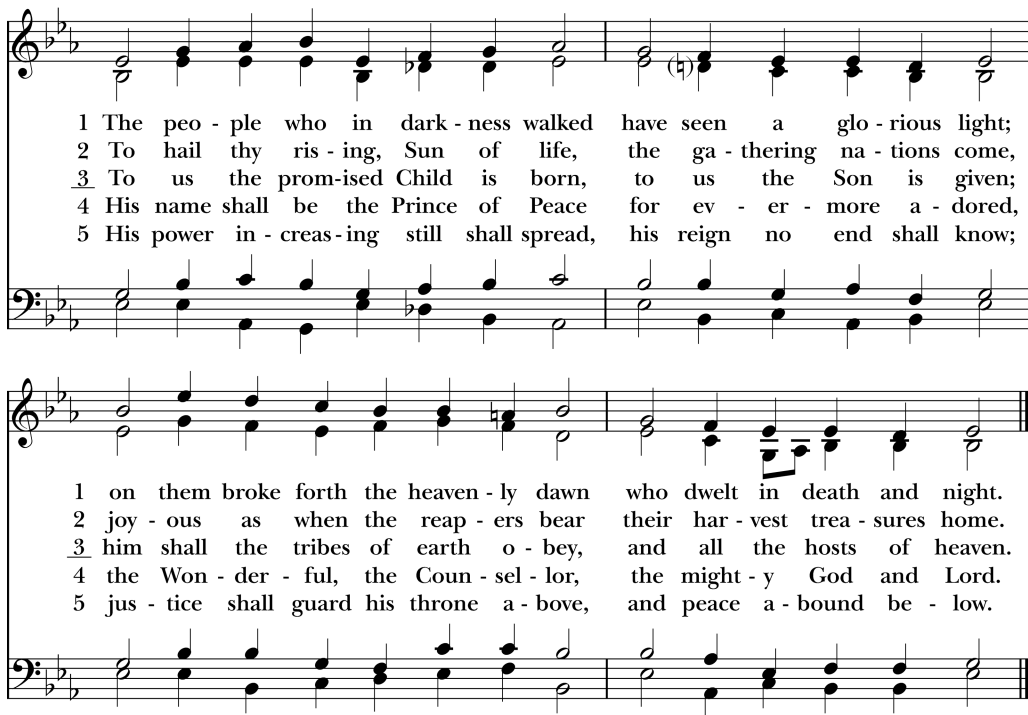
The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

All baptized Christians, whether children presented to the Lord by their parents, or believers who have confessed with the lips and believe in their hearts Jesus is Lord are welcome to receive. If you are not yet baptized, or for some reason not prepared to receive today, 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.

Take and eat the bread, then take and drink the wine. If you need gluten free bread, let the priest know. You may drink from the COMMON CUP (first Chalice—Metal), or dip your bread in the INTINCTION CUP (Second Chalice—Stoneware).

Please come forward by row up the center to receive the Sacrament and return via the side aisles.

During communion, our prayer team is on the north side to offer prayer for you.



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 heav - en - 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.

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten
Son of God the Father;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;

Refrain

See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

**Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?**

Refrain

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;**

Refrain

O come, all ye faithful, #83 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following,

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

And now, Father,

**send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be 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

**Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

Refrain

**Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!**

Refrain

**Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!**

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, #87 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

SERVING TODAY

	2:30	
Lector		Kevin
Acolyte		Stuart
Chalice		Joel
Chalice		
Ushers		Willis
Prayer team		Anderson
Children's Church		Louise/Belinda

THIS WEEK

Sunday	2:30	Holy Eucharist with Children's Church
Tuesday	6:30	Shared Roots
Wednesday:	9:00	Holy Eucharist
	10:00	Class
	11:30	Staff Meeting
Friday	7:00	MESS

Looking Ahead

January 18 - Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 25 - Annual Meeting with Potluck Chili Supper after Church

Building News

Mike Maloney or David Thompson send out weekly updates on the project, pictures included. If you aren't on our email list—and want to be, please contact Robbin Thompson.

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Wednesday Location and Schedule

The Rock Church

4881 Cherokee Dr, Castle Rock, CO 80109

- 9:00 Holy Communion (enter at the office)
- 10:00 Bible Study (room #5)

Wednesday Classes

Starting this Wednesday

Hezekiah

What's the big deal about King Hezekiah anyway? Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 at The Rock church for a 4-week study beginning January 7 and learn more about this ancestor of Jesus. Led by Jim Van't Land.

Emmaus Merchandise

Would you like a shirt, pullover, vest, hoodie, with the Emmaus logo on it? You can now order your own through our store at Land's End! <https://business.landsend.com/store/emmausanglican>

Youth Group

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 5:30-7:00 at the homes of our families. We begin with supper together, followed by personal check-ins, learning in God's Word, prayer, and end with play! Next meeting is January 11 at 5:30 at the Wood's.

Shared Roots-Christians and Jews

A 10-session course taught by Christians and Jews on our shared history, values, and future.

In the face of the avalanche of antisemitism in America and worldwide, we believe that unity and cooperation are key in fighting the world's oldest hatred. In response, we have developed a course to unite the Christian and Jewish communities around their shared roots and values, fostering mutual understanding and future cooperation.

Judeo-Christian values, a cornerstone of Western Civilization, must be fully appreciated to build a common path forward and preserve these values for the future. Christians and Jews share a common future, and only as allies will we be able to present a bastion to the challenges we face. Our classes will cover both Christian and Jewish history, with their major points of intersection, while highlighting their complex relationship and emphasizing that which unites us above that which divides us.

Israeli-Arab Conflict, Abraham Accords, Jewish-Christian Relations

January 6

Teacher: Amir Kaufman

Location: Temple Sinai, 3509 S Glencoe St, 80237

The Israeli Government: What Is There To Criticize?

January 20

Amir Kaufman

Temple Sinai, 3509 S Glencoe St, 80237

Modern Christian-Jewish Relations

Tue, February 3

Chris Oliveira M.Div

Hebrew Educational Alliance, 3600 S Ivanhoe St, 80237

All classes begin @ 6:30pm (MST)

Instructors include:

Fr. Theron Walker, Dr. Boris Draznin, Dr. Herzl Melmed, Chris Oliveira MDiv., Amir Kaufman, and Justin Friedman.

Please Note:

For the sake of security, please do not share this invitation on social media or by any other public means.

Participants are not required to attend every class in order to take part.

Security will be present at each class, and registration is required.

Interested in Becoming a Part of the Altar Guild?

Did you know? While the term "**Altar Guild**" is recent, the concept of preparing for worship has deep roots. From early church days it involved the preparation for worship and the breaking of the bread. It is behind the scenes work conducted in prayerful and productive ministry. It is truly a ministry of beauty and holiness.

Those serving on the Altar Guild serve before and after the services on Sunday and Wednesday, care for linens, keep the sacristy in working order and other areas related to this ministry. Lord willing, as our Guild grows in number, the ministry will be shared by many hands in rotations. And! You will not be "thrown into the deep end." Rather, you will be trained and partnered with those Guild member already in service.

Deacon Erin, who is the clergy "touch point" for this ministry, stated, "The setting of the Lord's Table is both an act of worship and a beautiful way to serve in ministry. If this special ministry speaks to you, we invite you to consider it a part of your personal service withing the Emmaus body of Christ."

And Cindy Marden is the new head of our Emmaus Altar Guild. She has an extensive background in Altar Guild ministry. You will hear about her and from her in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, she has been very busy setting up our working processes during our time away from our sanctuary.

Please let us know if you are interested or have any questions by contacting Deacon Erin (720-217-9013), me (540-272-1464), or Cindy Marden (405-514-3553).

In Christ's Service,
Deacon Deborah

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

