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THE LORD'S SUPPER

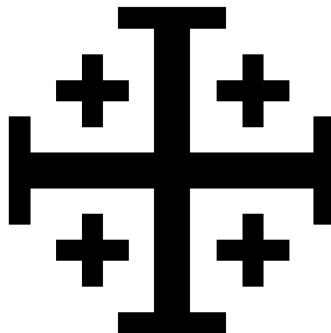
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HOLY COMMUNION,
COMMONLY CALLED
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

December 28, A.D. 2025

The Holy Innocents



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.

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come, #100 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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 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

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

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, out of the mouths of children you manifest your truth, and by the death of the Holy Innocents at the hands of evil tyrants you show your strength in our weakness: We ask you to mortify all that is evil within us, and so strengthen us by your grace, that we may glorify your holy Name by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us and now lives with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **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.

**For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.” ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. ¹⁷ There is hope for your future, declares the LORD, and your children shall come back to their own country.

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

Psalm 124

¹ If the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say: *
if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us,
² Then would they have swallowed us up alive, *
when they were so wrathfully displeased with us;
³ Then the waters would have drowned us, and the torrent gone over us; *
then the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
⁴ But praised be the LORD, *
who has not given us over to be prey for their teeth.
⁵ We escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have been delivered.
⁶ Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

**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.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand and sing verse 1.

Burden

Lul - ly, lul - lay, thou lit - tle tin - y child, bye - bye, lul -

ly lul - lay. 1 O sis - ters, too, how may we do
2 He - rod the King, in his rag - ing
3 That woe is me, poor child for thee!

for to pre - serve this day this poor young - ling for
charg - ed he hath this day his men of might, in
And ev - ery morn and day, for thy part - ing nor

Repeat Burden after verse 3

whom we sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?
his own sight, all young chil - dren to slay.
say nor sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?

Words: Coventry carol, 15th cent. Music: *Coventry Carol*, melody from *Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors*, 15th cent.; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958). Harmonization by permission of Oxford University Press.

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Matthew 2:13-18

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

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

We will sing verses 2 and 3 found on page 8.

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

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.

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Chorus

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

Verse 2

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our Friend

Chorus

He knows our need
To weakness is no stranger
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend

Verse 2

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Chorus

Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim

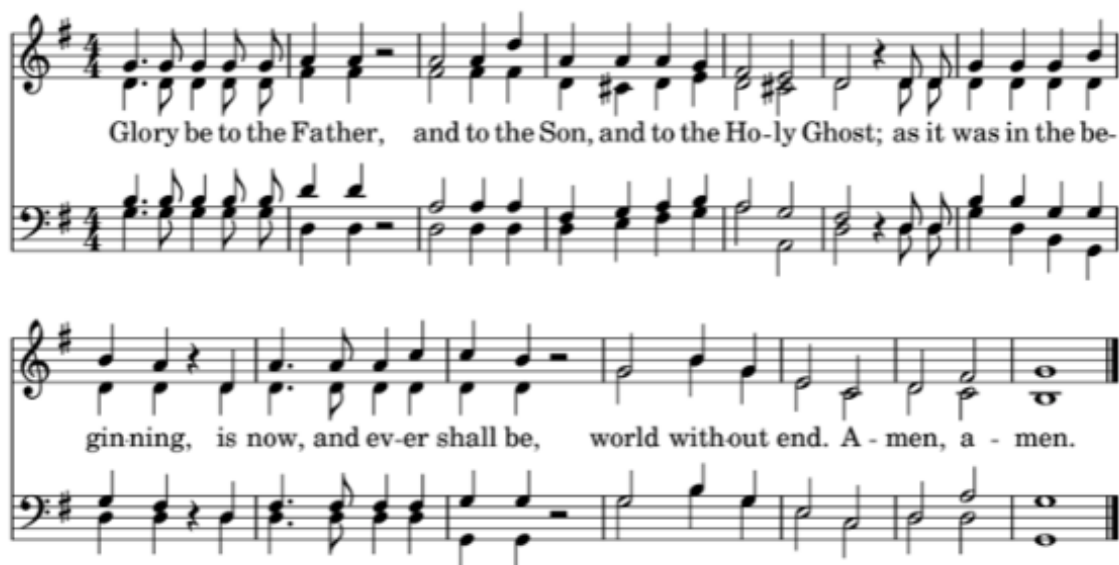
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The People stand while the offerings are presented.

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

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody from the first system, featuring a half note followed by eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with sustained chords and moving lines.

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, ending with a quarter note. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, ending with a whole note.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, ending with a quarter note. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, ending with a whole note.

A musical score for a hymn, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics are: "high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment, with chords and single notes. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

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

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.]

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 first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went.
 4 right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank-in-cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is-ra-el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Alternative Refrain
Descant (others unison)

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is-ra-el.

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.



1. Si - lent night, _____ ho - ly night, _____
 2. Si - lent night, _____ ho - ly night, _____
 3. Si - lent night, _____ ho - ly night, _____
 4. Si - lent night, _____ ho - ly night, _____



1. All is calm, _____ all is bright _____ Round yon
 2. Shep - herds quake _____ at the sight, _____ Glo - ries
 3. Son of God, _____ love's pure light _____ Ra - diant
 4. All is dark _____ save the light _____ Yon - der



1. vir - gin moth - er and child, _____ Ho - ly in - fant so
 2. stream _____ from heav - en a - far, _____ Heav'n - ly host _____ sing
 3. beams _____ from thy _____ Ho - ly face, _____ With the dawn of re -
 4. where thy sweet vig - ils keep, _____ O'er the Babe who in



1. ten - der and mild; _____ Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, _____

2. Al - le - lu - ia; _____ Christ the Sav - ior is born, _____

3. deem - ing grace; _____ Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, _____

4. si - lence sleep; _____ Rest in heav - en - ly peace, _____

1. _____ Sleep _____ in heav - en - ly peace. _____

2. _____ Christ _____ the Sav - ior is born. _____

3. _____ Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. _____

4. _____ Rest _____ in heav - en - ly peace. _____

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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

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

SERVING TODAY

	2:30
Lector	Mike Maloney
Acolyte	Candi
Chalice	Marsha
Ushers	Thompsons
Prayer team	Harmony
Children's Church	Erin/Colum

THIS WEEK

Sunday	2:30	Holy Eucharist with Children's Church
	5:30	Youth Group
Wednesday:	No Eucharist or Class	

Looking Ahead

January 18 — Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 25 — Annual Meeting Sunday - After Church with Potluck Chili Supper

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. Emmauscr@icloud.com

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

Coming in January

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.

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