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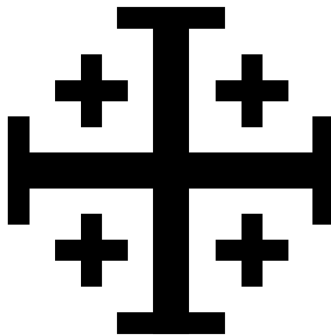
THE LORD'S SUPPER

or

HOLY COMMUNION,
COMMONLY CALLED
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

December 7, 2025
Second 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.

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'll sing verses 1, 2, and 4.




(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 ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon

People **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE DECALOGUE

Deacon God spoke these words and said:

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

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

Deacon You shall not make for yourself any idol.

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

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

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

Deacon Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

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

Deacon Honor your father and your mother.

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

Deacon You shall not murder.

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

Deacon You shall not commit adultery.

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

Deacon You shall not steal.

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

Deacon You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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

Deacon You shall not covet.

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

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

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by
patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold
fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior
Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and 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.

**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

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-15

¹ Give the King your judgments, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's son.

² Then shall he judge your people with righteousness *
and defend the poor with justice.

³ The mountains also shall bring peace, *
and the little hills righteousness to the people.

- ⁴ He shall vindicate the poor among the people, *
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.
- ⁵ They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, *
even as showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish, *
even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.
- ⁸ His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, *
and from the river unto the world's end.
- ⁹ Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; *
his enemies shall lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; *
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.
- ¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him; *
all nations shall do him service.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, *
the needy also, and the one that has no helper.
- ¹³ He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, *
and shall preserve the lives of the poor.
- ¹⁴ He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- ¹⁵ Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the gold of Arabia; *
prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he be blessed.

**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.**

New Testament Reading

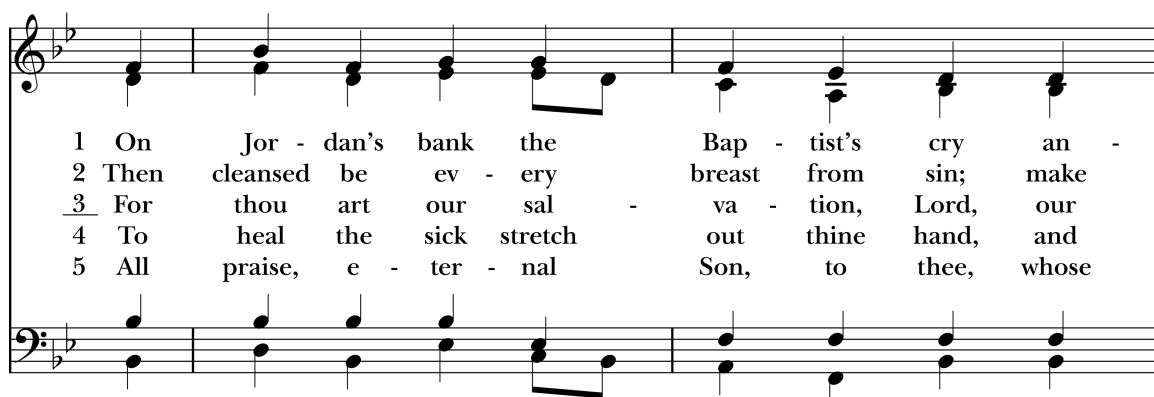
Romans 15:1-13

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” ¹⁰ And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” ¹¹ And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” ¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

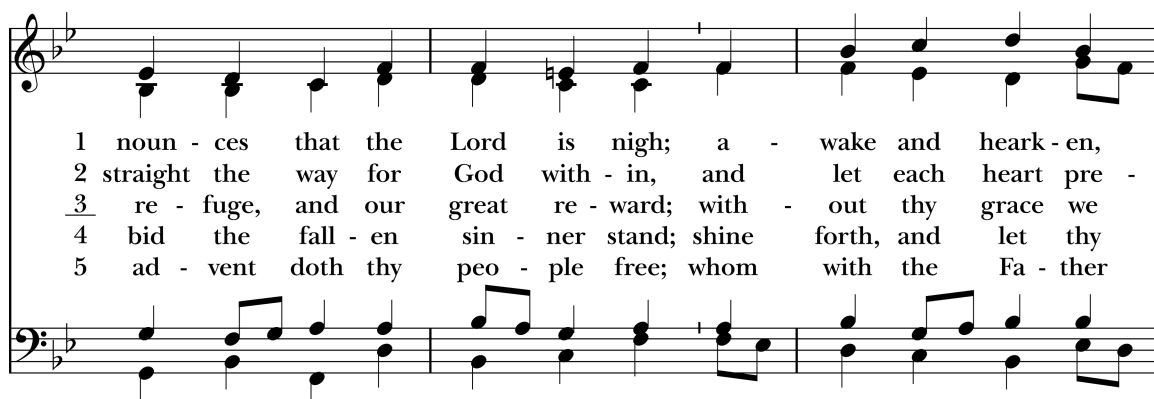
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

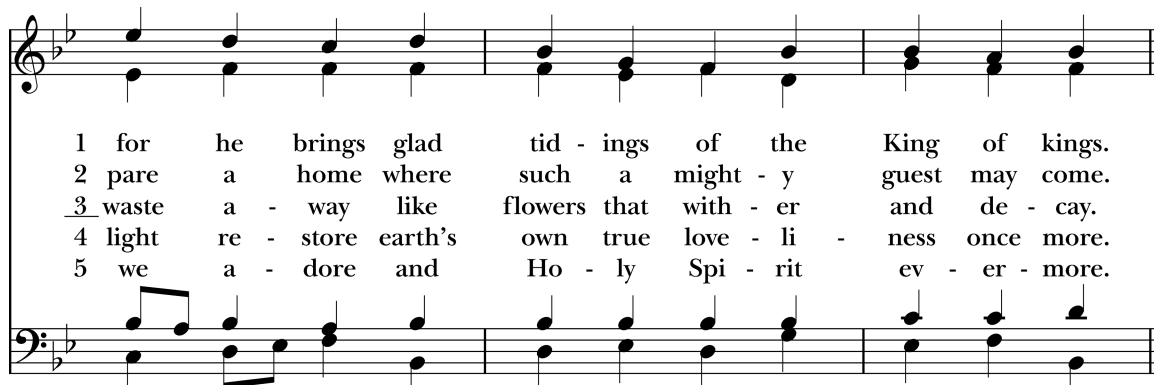
Please stand and sing verse 1.



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

We'll sing verse 2 found on page 11.

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, and *Steven*, our Bishop, *Ray* our acting Archbishop, 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. Bless their vision to WIN a person to Jesus Christ, DISCIPLE a person in Jesus Christ, SEND a person for Jesus Christ.

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.

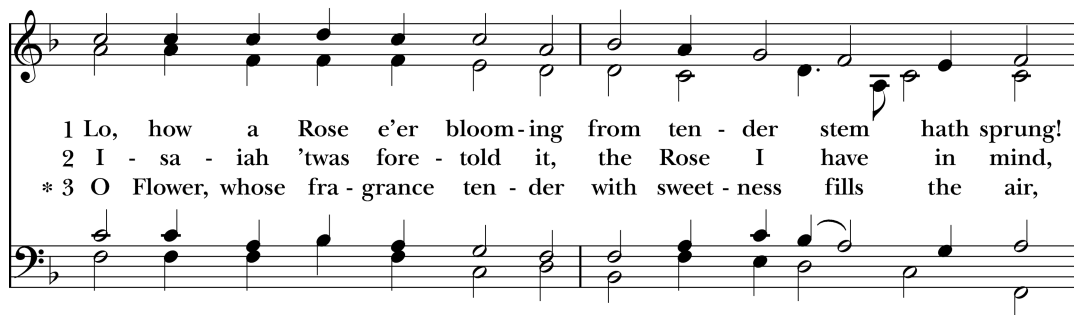
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

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

The ushers present the bread and wine to the deacon.

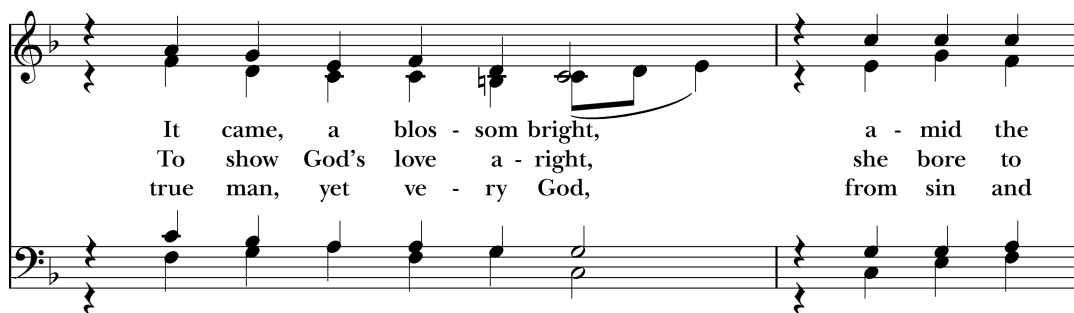
The ushers will pass the offertory baskets.



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and



cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

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The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Priest. All things come from you O Lord.

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

1 CHRONICLES 29:14

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-

ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men, a - men.

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 power and

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and' are written below the notes.

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

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -' are written below the notes.

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

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes' are written below the notes.

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

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the' are written below the notes.

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

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, dip your bread in the common cup, or drink from a single serving cup.

Please come forward by row up the center to receive the Sacrament and return via the side aisles. During communion, our prayer team is in the education room to offer prayer for you.

Men

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

echo - Women

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Men

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

echo - Women

Sing Al-le-lu-ia

All

Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia

All

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

2. Jesus is risen from the dead
3. Jesus is Lord of heaven and earth
4. Jesus is coming for His own
5. Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Words and Music by Linda Stassen

E B C#m7 A B E/G# Amaj7 E/G#
 We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je - sus, the

CHORUS

5 E B C#m7 A B E/G# Amaj7 E/G#
 great - ness of mer - cy and love at the feet of Je - sus. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

10 F#m E/G# Amaj7 E/G# F#m C#m7 B Amaj7 E/G# F#m E/B B7
 ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb..

15 E A/E E D2 E
 (First and second endings)

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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

♩ = 90 F C F B♭/F F C Dm C F/A C7/G F F/A B♭ 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♭/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♭ 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♭/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♭ 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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SERVING TODAY

2:30

Lector

Dave N

Acolyte

Candi

Chalice

Kathlean

Chalice

Tim

Ushers

Van Keuren

Children's Church

Prayer team

Hampton

Looking Ahead

December 23 - Barn Set-up

December 24 - 5:00 — Christmas Eve at the Fairgrounds

January 18 - Sanctity of Life Sunday

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

Building News

Mike Maloney or David Thompson sends 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)

MESS—Men of Emmaus Studying Scripture

This next week MESS is joining the men's group at Ridgeline Community Church in Castle Rock for breakfast. We are meeting on Saturday, December 13 from 7:30 -9:00. That's right Saturday not Friday and at 7:30.

Their address is:

555 Heritage Ave

Castle Rock, CO 80104

Wednesday Classes

Sacred Time w/ Fr. Theron

One of the discontinuities between the Old Testament and the New is how we mark time. The Old Testament begins with a week culminating in the Sabbath. Christians worship not on Saturday, but on the Lord's Day, Sunday. Why? What are the meanings of the Festivals of the Original Testament, of the Sabbath, Passover, the Feast of Weeks, and so on, for Christians? When did our calendar switch from those Feasts and Fasts to the current liturgical year, focused on the Incarnation and the Crucifixion/Resurrection of Jesus?

Last class: December 10

December 17: "Isaiah in 66 minutes." with Deacon Kelsey

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/>

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.

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 pm.

Justin Friedman

Location: Hebrew Educational Alliance 3600 S. Ivanhoe St. 80237

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.

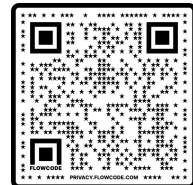
Security will be present at each class, and registration is required.

Youth Group

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 5:00-6:30 at the church. We begin with supper together, followed by personal check-ins, learning in God's Word, prayer, and end with play! Next meeting is December 14 at 5:30 at the Woods'.

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.



Christmas Eve

5:00 pm at the Douglas County Fairgrounds

Christmas Eve at the Douglas County Fairgrounds is our biggest outreach of the year. We had 307 people in attendance last year. This annual Emmaus Tradition goes back to 2011. We were meeting at the Fairgrounds weekly, but the “inn” was booked, so they offered us a barn. We turn a heated barn into a place of worship, with a Bethlehem backdrop, manger, animals, Christmas lights, and out comes WONDER at the Savior’s Birth. Hosting this event is a lot of work on December 23, but with many hands, the work is light, and we have a lot of fun together. Sign up to help!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday December 23: Barn Set Up

Please sign up for tasks in Narthex

9:00 am Hang Back Drops and Star w/Fairgrounds workers and lift.

9:00 -10:00 Pick Up Items at Church (trucks and volunteers)

9:00-Noon High Work: Hang Lights

10:00 Low Work: Set up stage, corrals, chairs, flats, welcome area.

12:00 (Lunch) Pizza: Set Up tables, drinks.

12:30

2:00 DONE.

Tuesday December 24: 5:00 Christmas Eve at the Douglas County Fairgrounds

o Choir Arrival—3:00

o Acolytes 3:45

o Children: 3:30

o Luminaria 3:30

o Ushers: 4:00

Friday December 26: 9:00-Noon Christmas Tear Down

Sunday December 28: Normal 2:30 Schedule