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OF

THE LORD'S SUPPER

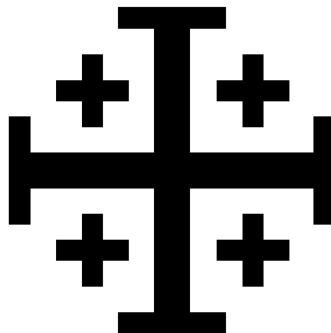
*or*

HOLY COMMUNION,  
COMMONLY CALLED  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Renewed Ancient Text*

December 21, A. D. 2025

Fourth 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**

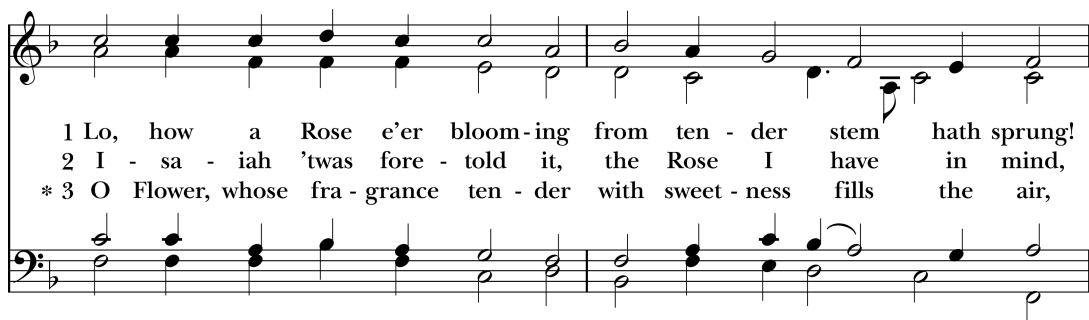
Be present, be present, o Jesus, our High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*They may be said or sung.*

*Celebrant*            Lord have mercy upon us.

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

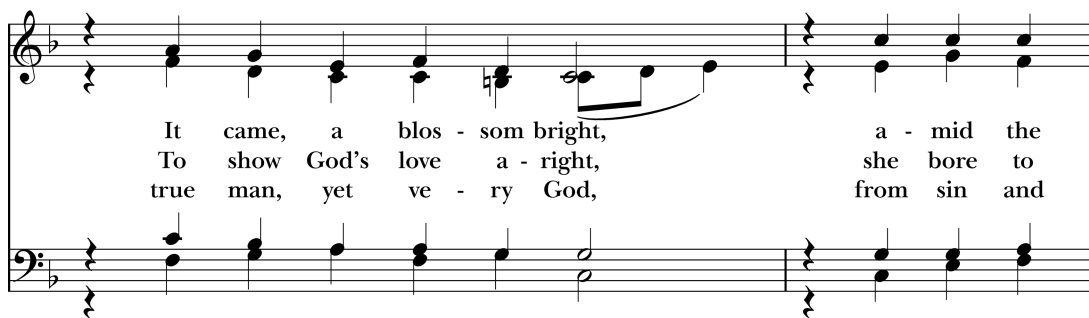
*Celebrant*            Lord have mercy upon us.



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 ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Surely the Lord is coming soon

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

Revelation 22:20

## 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

**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

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

*People*    **And with your spirit.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN’S BLESSING

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

**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 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup> And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup> The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

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

## Psalm 24

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup> For he has founded it upon the seas \*  
and established it upon the rivers of the deep.

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
Or who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.

<sup>5</sup> He shall receive blessing from the LORD \*  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup> This is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you ever- lasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>8</sup> “Who is the King of glory?” \*  
“It is the LORD, strong and mighty, even the LORD, mighty in battle.”

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>10</sup> “Who is the King of glory?” \*  
“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

**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 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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



*Please stand and sing verse 6.*



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



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



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



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

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

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## The Holy Gospel

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

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

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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

*We will sing verse 8 found on page 9.*

## 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.*

“The Yearning” — Choir

*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

## 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. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. 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 some beamed eighth notes. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, with a prominent bass line.

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

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, which includes a repeat sign. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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 half note. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, ending with a half 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.*

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” — Instrumental





1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What can I give him, poor — as I am?



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



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



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



Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

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

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

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

## SERVING TODAY

	2:30
Lector	Jim V
Acolyte	Holly
Chalice	Ryan
Chalice	
Ushers	Cadwell
Prayer team	Anderson
Children's Church	Ben/Schutta

## THIS WEEK

Sunday	1:00	Choir
	2:30	Holy Eucharist with Children's Church
Tuesday		Barn set-up
Wednesday:	5:00	Christmas Eve
Friday	9:00	Barn tear down
Next Sunday	5:30	Youth Group Christmas Party

## 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](mailto: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

December 24 — No class or morning liturgy

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.

## Parish Council Highlights

Average Sunday Attendance: 94 vs 99 in 2024

From the Treasurer:

### Regular Income

November	Actual	Budget
Income	\$33,645.00	\$36,360.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$31,537.00</u>	<u>\$32,712.00</u>
	\$2,108.00	

Year To Date	Actual	Budget
Income	\$426,717.00	\$377,703.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$363,311.00</u>	<u>\$369,758.00</u>
	\$63,406.00	

### Building Expenses and Income

- We received our second invoice from Himmelman Construction in the amount of \$159,742.85. Emmaus funds from FirstTier will be wired to Land Title to be disbursed to Himmelman.

### Capital Campaign progress to date:

- Total Pledged: \$1,272,574.00 over 3 years
  - Year 1: \$601,974.00
  - Year 2: \$319,200.00
  - Year 3: \$351,400.00
- Total Given Since 2/1/2025: \$609,554.01
- Remaining Pledge for 2025: \$(7,580.01)
- Percentage of 2025 Pledges Fulfilled: 101%

### Kenya Update

- Emmaus will pay the expenses for Bishop Samson and his wife to attend GAFCON 2026 in Nigeria for bishops and spouses.

### Parish Council Recruiting for 2026-2029

- Treasurer: Three “sorry I can’t” replies.
- Jr. Warden: Committed

## **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**

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.



### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28 at 5:30 at the Embrys'. It will a Christmas "White Elephant Gift Exchange."

