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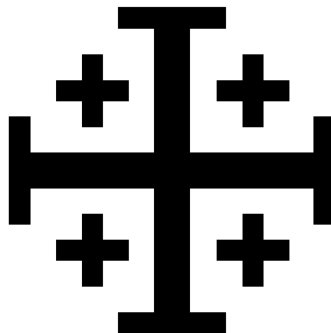
THE LORD'S SUPPER

or

HOLY COMMUNION,
COMMONLY CALLED
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday in Advent



Welcome!

Thanks for joining us for worship today. Our name, Emmaus, is taken from a place and event near Jerusalem on the afternoon of Easter. Jesus met up with two disciples fleeing the city, dejected. They didn't recognize him, so along the way, he explained the Old Testament to them—how it pointed to him. Then, they invited him in to a house in the town of Emmaus. When he broke the bread at table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Thinking back, they realized their hearts burned within them as he explained the Scriptures to them. That is our hope for each Sunday as we gather for worship—that we would encounter Jesus in Scripture and the breaking of bread.

Please leave your name, phone, and email at the guest register in the entryway or narthex. We will get back to you.

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 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

**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 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; *
while I live I will praise the LORD.

² Indeed, as long as I have my being, *
I will sing praises unto my God.

³ Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, *
for there is no help in them.

⁴ For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth, *
and in that day all his thoughts perish.

⁵ Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help *
and whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

⁷ Who does right to those who suffer wrong; *
and who feeds the hungry.

⁸ The LORD sets prisoners free; *
the LORD gives sight to the blind.

⁹ The LORD helps those who have fallen; *
the LORD loves the righteous.

¹⁰ The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and
widow*
but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.

¹¹ The LORD shall be King for evermore, *
even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the LORD.

**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


James 5:7-20

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Matthew 11:2-19

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.” ¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.” ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We will sing verse 2 found on page 9.

Testimony — David Nakhjovani

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.

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 Psalms of Davis*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

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 with out 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 a long note with a fermata over the word 'might'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, with a long note and a fermata under the word 'might'.

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

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, with a long note and a fermata over the words 'san - na'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, with a long note and a fermata under the words 'san - na'.

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

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, with a long note and a fermata over the words 'in the name of the Lord'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, with a long note and a fermata under the words 'in the name of the Lord'.

A musical score for a two-part setting of 'Hosanna in the Highest'. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the notes. The score ends 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

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.]

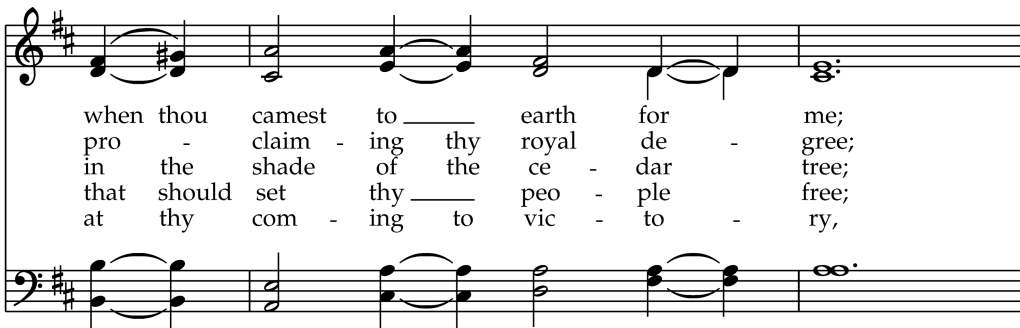
All baptized Christians, whether children presented to the Lord by their parents, or believers who have confessed with the lips and believe in their hearts Jesus is Lord are welcome to receive. If you are not yet baptized, or for some reason not prepared to receive today, it would be our pleasure to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

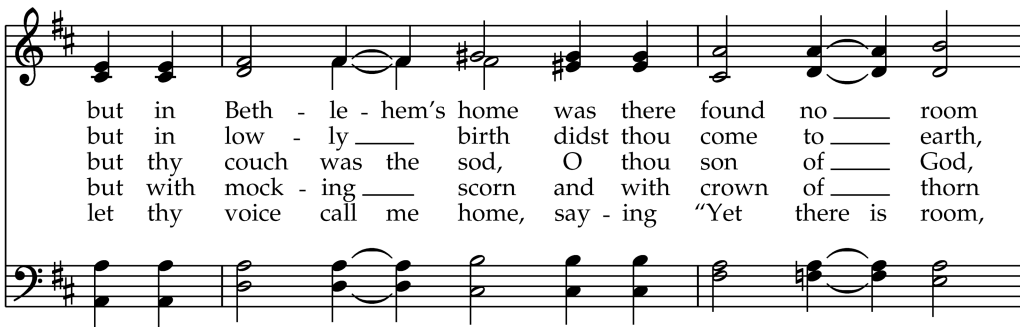
Please come forward by row up the center to receive the Sacrament and return via the side aisles. During communion, our prayer team is on the north side to offer prayer for you.



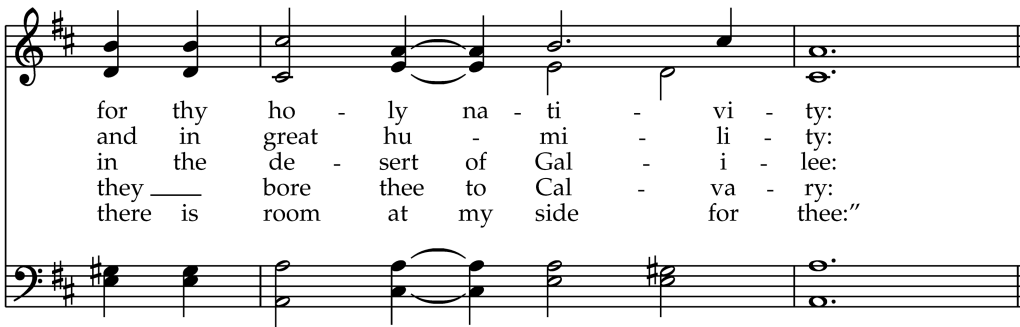
1 Thou didst leave thy _____ throne and thy king - ly _____ crown,
 2 Hea - ven's arch - es _____ rang when the an - gels _____ sang,
 3 The _____ fox - es found rest, and the bird had its nest
 4 Thou _____ camest, O _____ Lord, with the liv - ing _____ word
 5 When the heavens shall _____ ring, and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



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



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



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

Refrain

O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus;

there is room in my heart for thee.

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

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 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

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SERVING TODAY

	2:30
Lector	Cindy
Acolyte	Caroline
Chalice	Alice
Chalice	
Ushers	Harper
Prayer team	Harmony
Children's Church	Dave/Alex

THIS WEEK

Sunday	1:00	Choir
	2:30	Holy Eucharist with Children's Church
	5:30	Youth Group
Tuesday	6:30	Christians and Jews Together
Wednesday:	9:00	Holy Eucharist
	10:00	Class
	11:15	Finance Meeting
Thursday	2:30	Prayer Group

Looking Ahead

December 23 — Barn Set-up
December 24, 5:00 — Christmas Eve at the Fairgrounds
December 26 — Barn Take Down
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

December 17 — “Isaiah in 66 minutes” with Deacon Kelsey
December 24 — No class or morning liturgy

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'.

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.

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.

