

Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens

*Third Sunday
of Advent*

Joy

Eucharist #1

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2021

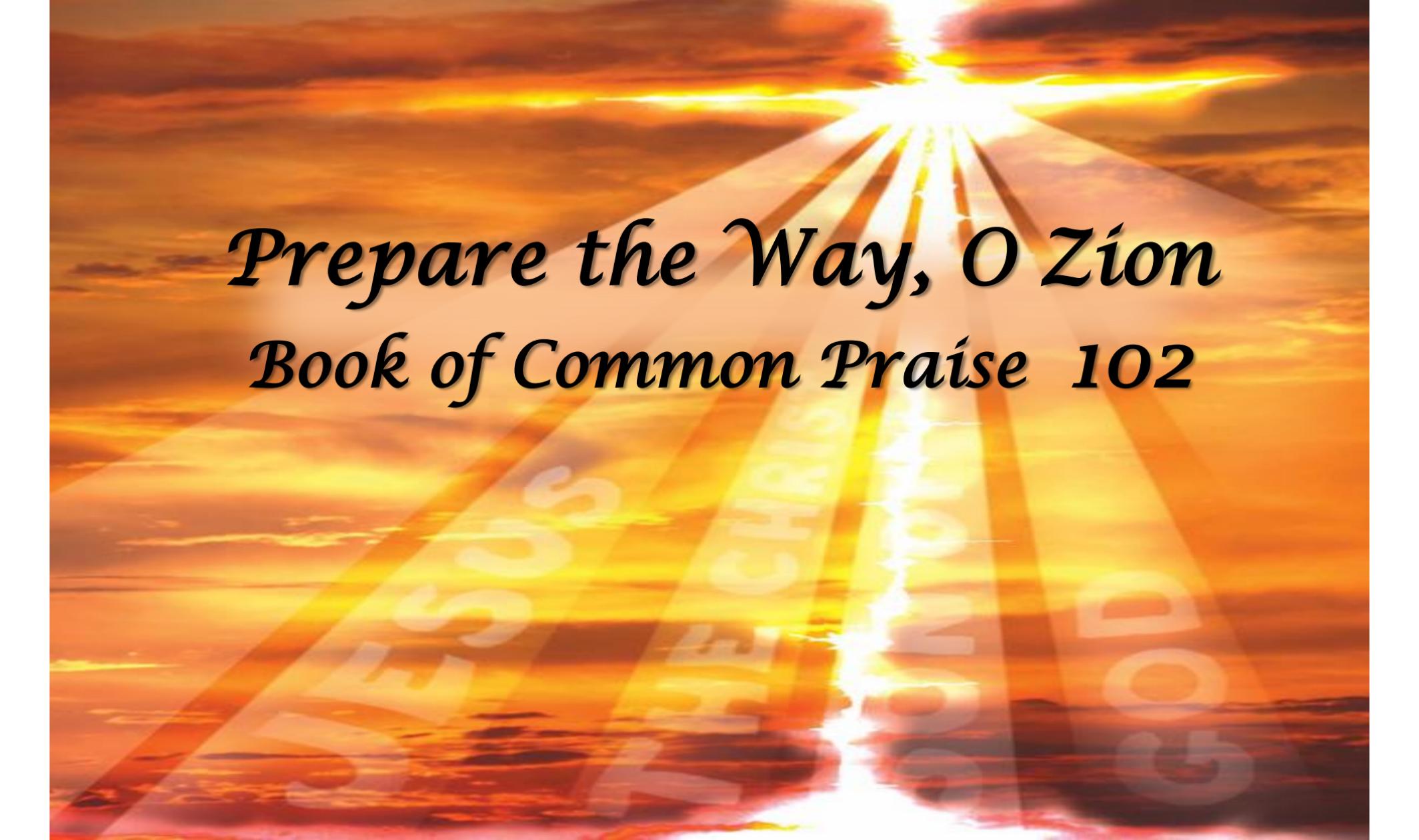


SING WITH *joy* TO THE LORD.

Sing Your Joy



Greetings and Announcements:
Rev. Rob Henderson



Prepare the Way, O Zion
Book of Common Praise 102

Verse 1

**Prepare the way, O Zion
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
A level way appear.
Greet one who comes in glory,
Foretold in sacred story.**

Refrain

**Oh blest is Christ who came
In Gods most holy name.**

Verse 2

**He brings God's rule, O Zion;
He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
And justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise
resounding,
For grace and joy abounding.**

Refrain

**O blest is Christ that
came
In God most holy Name.**

Verse 3

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
Your Saviour's rule embrace.**

**His tidings of salvation
Proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before Him,
Their voices will adore Him.**

Refrain

**O blest is Christ that
came
In God most holy Name.**



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.**

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: **Almighty God,**

People: **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Trisagion (sung 3 times)

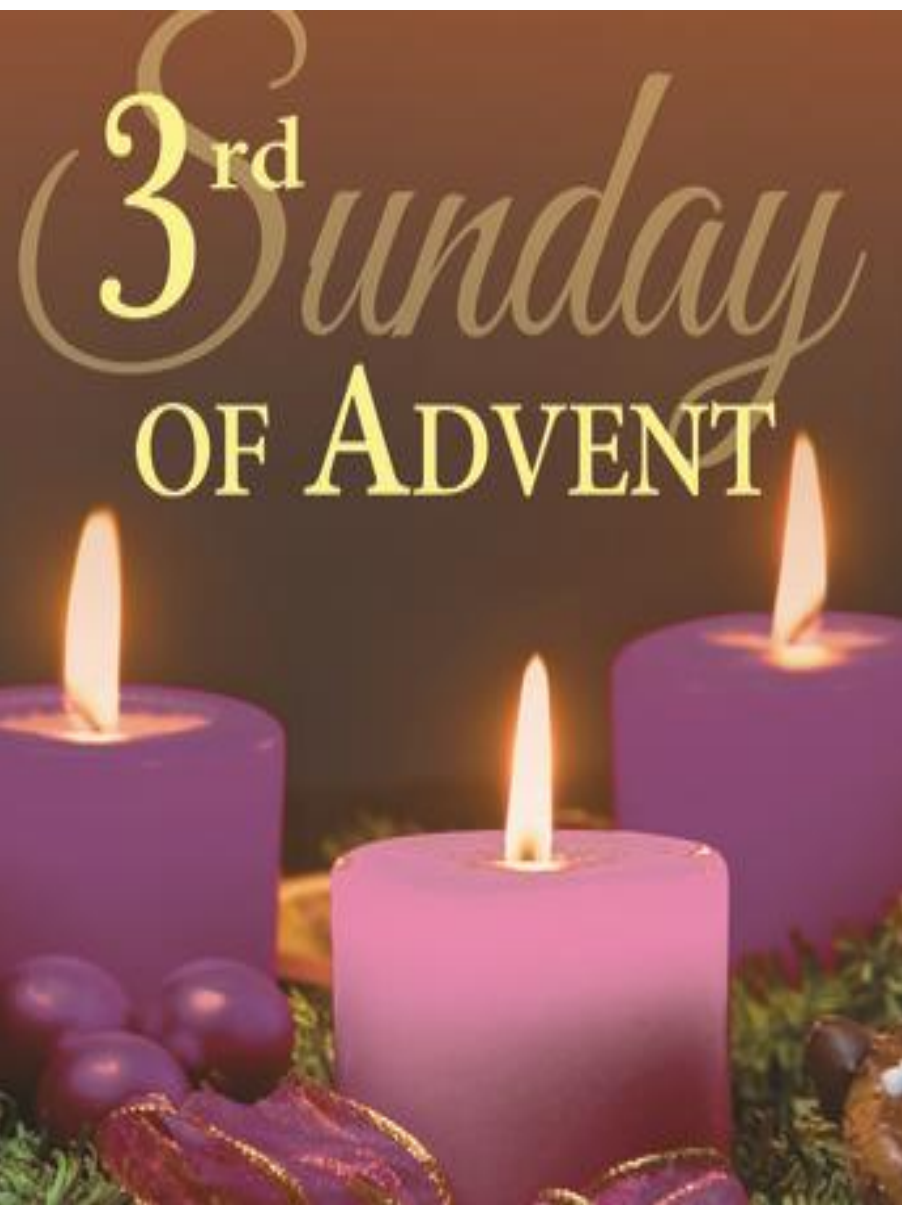
**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Repeat twice

We say together the Collect for today:

**God of power and mercy, you call us
once again to celebrate the coming
of your Son. Remove those things
which hinder love of you, that when
he comes,**

**he may find us waiting in awe and
wonder for him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**



All Pray:



Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh, and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.



Light One Candle

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Light one candle for joy.

Joy that the whole world needs

Light one candle for joy.

Joy that the Saviour will bring

Joy that the Saviour will bring.



THE READINGS

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The Proclamation of the Word

The Peace of God

PHILIPPIANS

THE GREATEST JOY IS KNOWING JESUS

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul
to the Philippians (4:4-7)**

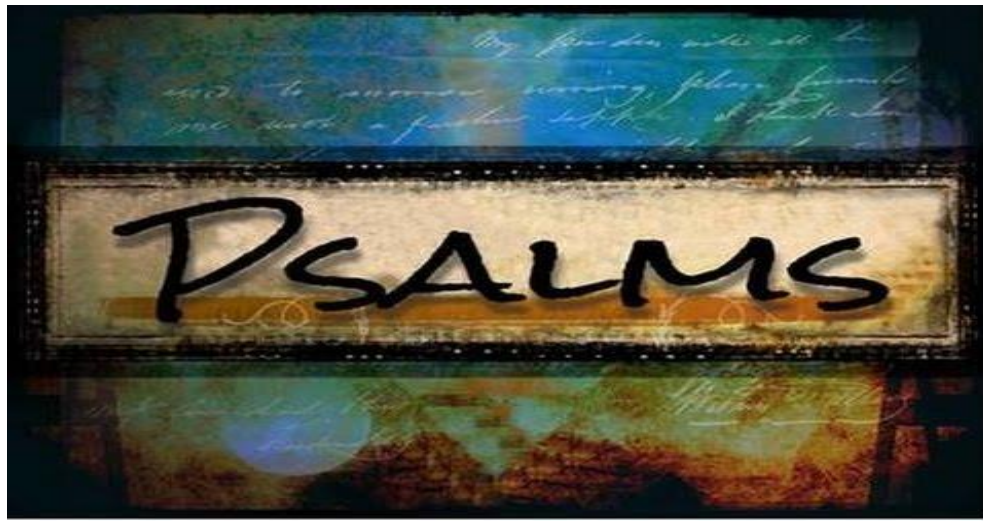
Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**And the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds in
Christ Jesus.**

Reader: **The word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 63 (adapted from Psalms for All Seasons)

Refrain:

***“My soul thirsts for God, the living God.
My soul thirsts for God, the living God.”***

Psalm 63 (Psalms for All Seasons)

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you! My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place; that I might behold your power and your glory.

***My soul thirsts for God, the living God.
My soul thirsts for God, the living God.***

Psalm 63 (Psalms for All Seasons)

**For you have been my helper and under
the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**

My whole being clings to you.

Your right hand holds me fast

My soul thirsts for God, the living God.

My soul thirsts for God, the living God.

The background image is a landscape photograph. The sky is filled with dramatic, wispy clouds in shades of deep red, orange, and purple, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The foreground is a dark, flat desert floor covered with small, dark, scrubby bushes. In the distance, there are low, dark mountains or hills.

Word Of God Speak

All stand for the Gospel

Reader: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: **The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.**

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

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you,

God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them,

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,

**whether he might be the Messiah,
John answered all of them by saying,
"I baptize you with water; but one who
is more powerful than I is coming; I am
not worthy to untie the thong of his
sandals. He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and fire.**


His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ.**

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

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Word Of God Speak



REJOICE
IN THE LORD ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
REJOICE!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Homily: Rev. Rob Henderson



*Prayers of
the People*

Third Sunday of Advent – Year C

God is here with us now. As we joyfully await the glorious coming of the Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church, our community, and the world saying:

Jesus Come Soon.

Father, we want to be ready to receive you. Take us as we are and cultivate in us a heart that longs for you and worships you above all else.

Jesus Come Soon.

We pray for the church. For Todd our Bishop and for all people in the Diocese of Huron and the Anglican Church in Canada. May we intensify our efforts of seeking justice and peace and work to create a world that will welcome the Christ when he comes.

Jesus Come Soon.

We pray for our parish. May we let go of our vested interests and seek your will in this place. Inspired by your Spirit, may we seek reconciliation from grievances with family, friends, or co-workers. Help us build trust with one another.

Jesus Come Soon.

We pray for the places in which we live every day. May the noise around us dimmish so that we can hear the sounds of your creation and your voice in the busyness of our lives.

Jesus Come Soon.

We pray for the sick and those who care for them, remembering those on our parish prayer list who have asked for prayer. We pray for the outcasts, the homeless, those who are lonely during this season. May we seek them as you do.

Jesus Come Soon.

**O Lord, fill our minds and hearts
with everything that is good loving.
Everything that comes to us and
brings joy to your world. We pray in
the name of Christ as we await his
coming.**

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: **Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love
and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.**

Celebrant: **Most merciful God,**

People: **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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant: **Almighty God**
 have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you
from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**



Passing the Peace

Celebrant: **The peace of the Lord
be always with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

**Receiving the
gifts of money
and other gifts
for the needs
and
responsibilities
of the Church.**



*Where
Jordan
Cuts The
Wilderness*

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Praise 105*





Altar Flowers

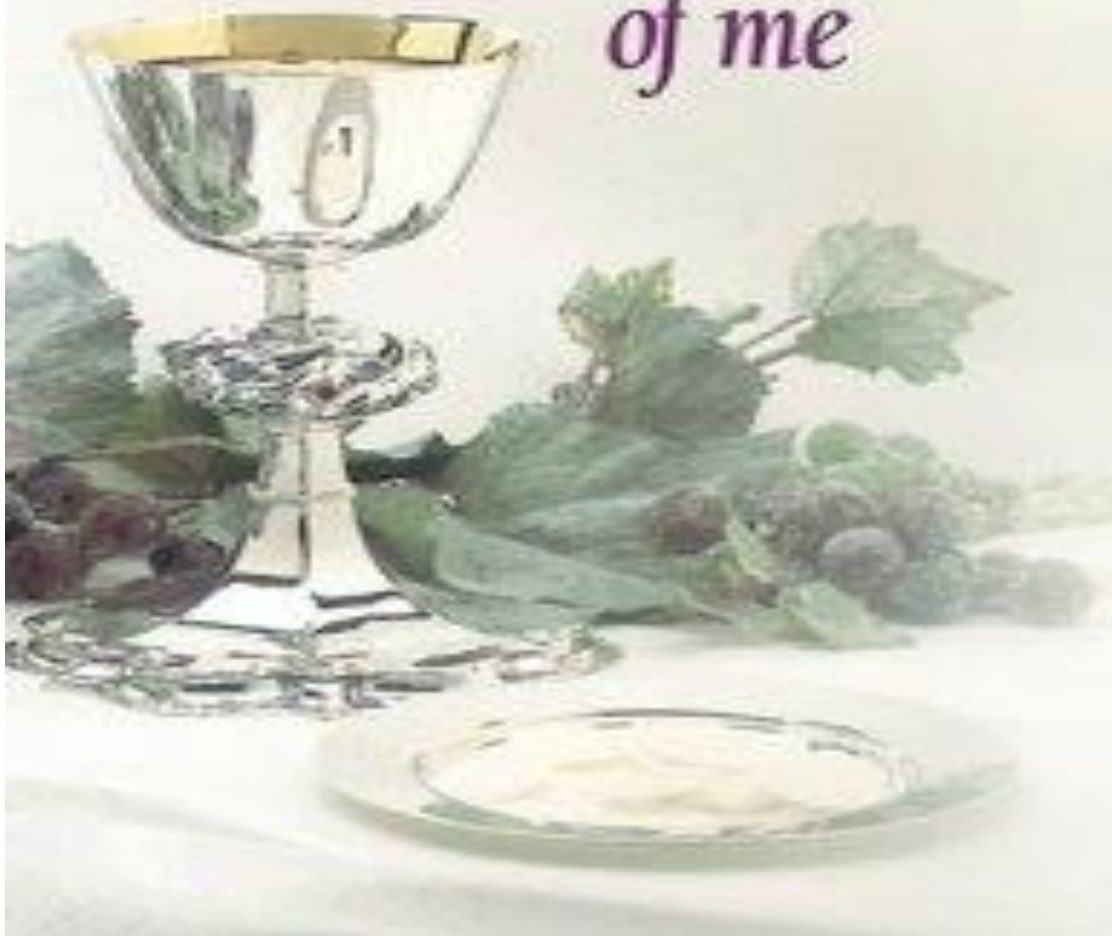
The flowers for the Altar today
are given to the Glory of God by
Delores Millman in memory of
Brock and Carole Millman.

Prayer Over The Gifts

**God of hope, renew in us the joy of
your salvation and make us a living
sacrifice to you, for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

*Do this
in remembrance
of me*



Eucharistic Prayer # 1

Celebrant: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: **Lift up your hearts.**

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: **Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.**

People: **It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: **It is indeed right
that we should
praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,**

**but opened a path of salvation
for all people.**

**You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants
Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing
to all nations.**

**Through Moses
you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise
of salvation.**

**Therefore, with them,
and with all your saints
who have served you
in every age,
we give thanks
and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory
of your name.**

Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
God of Power and Might
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna on high.**

**Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest,
Hosanna in the Highest,
Hosanna, Hosanna on High.**

Celebrant: **Holy God, source of life
and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.**

**He healed the sick
and ate and drank
with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news
of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your
gracious will.**

**On the night he freely
gave himself to death,**

**our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to
you,**

**he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
and said,**

**“Take, eat:
this is my body
which is given for you.**

**Do this
for the remembrance of me.”**

**After supper
he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said,**

**“ Drink this, all of you:
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 for the remembrance of
me.”**

**Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys
the power of sin and death;**

**By raising him to life
you give us life forever more.**

**Therefore we proclaim
the mystery of faith:**

All: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

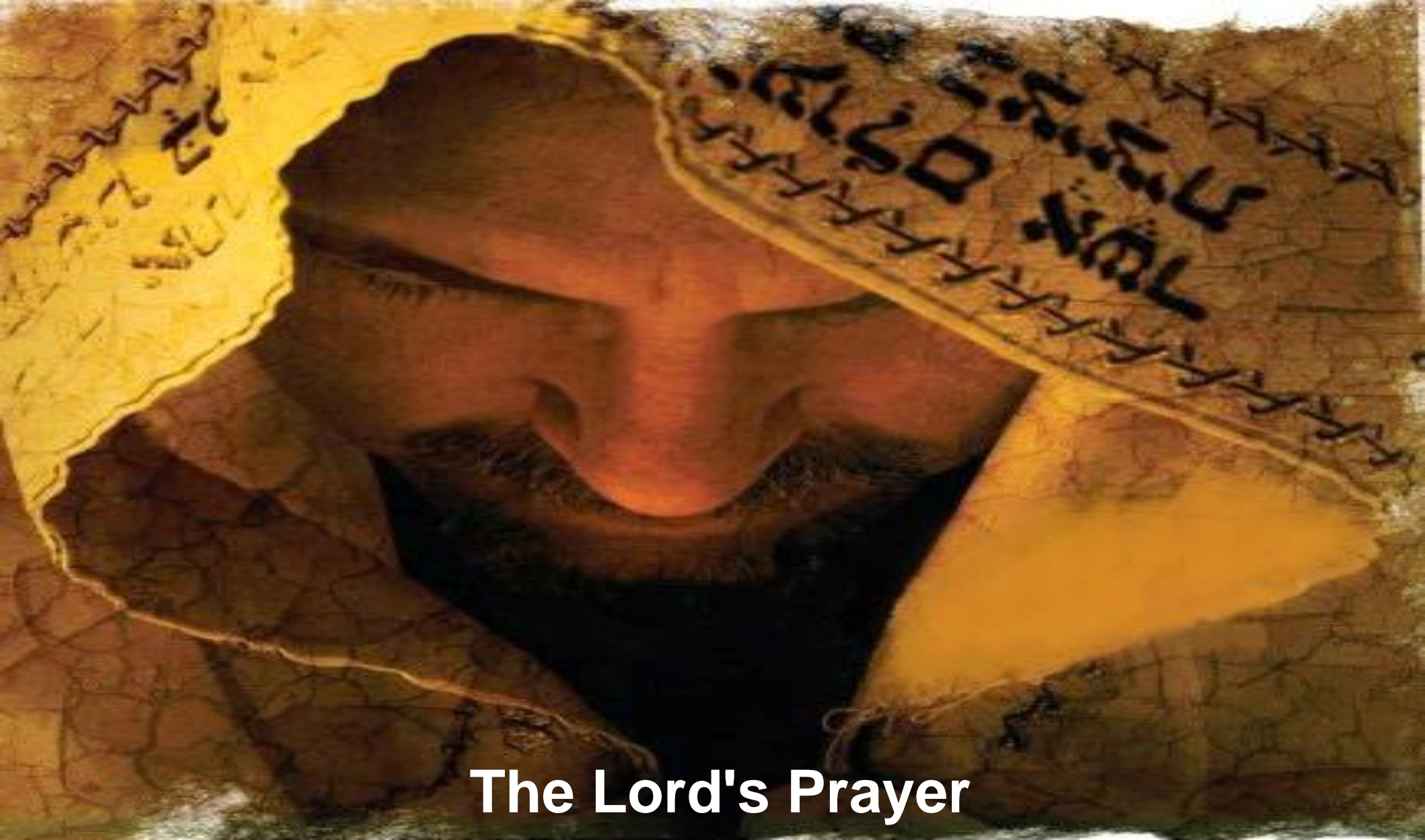
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: **Recalling his death,
proclaiming
his resurrection,
and looking for his coming
again in glory,
we offer you, Father,
this bread and this cup.**

**Send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink
at this table
may be one body
and one holy people,
a living sacrifice
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Through Christ,
with Christ,
and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours,
almighty Father,
now and for ever.**

People: **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Landry)

Cantor: Let us pray to God our Father in the way
Jesus taught us to pray:

All: **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 Yours is the kingdom,
And the power,
and the glory,
Now and for ever. Amen**



Breaking of the Bread #5
Advent



Celebrant: **God of promise,
you prepare a banquet
for us in your kingdom.**

People: **Happy are those who are
called to the supper of the
Lamb.**



**The gifts of God
for the
People of God.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Come ^{to}_{the} Table

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please stay physically distanced when
approaching to receive the bread.**

**After receiving your wafer,
please step to the side and remove your mask
before consuming the bread.**

Gluten free wafers are available.

A tropical night scene with palm trees, a beach, and a star shining over the ocean. The sky is dark blue with a bright star in the upper right, casting a beam of light down towards the water. The ocean is dark blue with white waves. A sandy beach is visible in the foreground, and a small town with colorful buildings is on the horizon. Two palm trees are on the left side of the image.

*Come, O Lord, And Set
Us Free
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We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:

**Merciful God, may this eucharist
free us from our sins, fill us with
unending joy, and prepare us for the
birthday of our Saviour. We ask
this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord now and for ever.
Amen.**

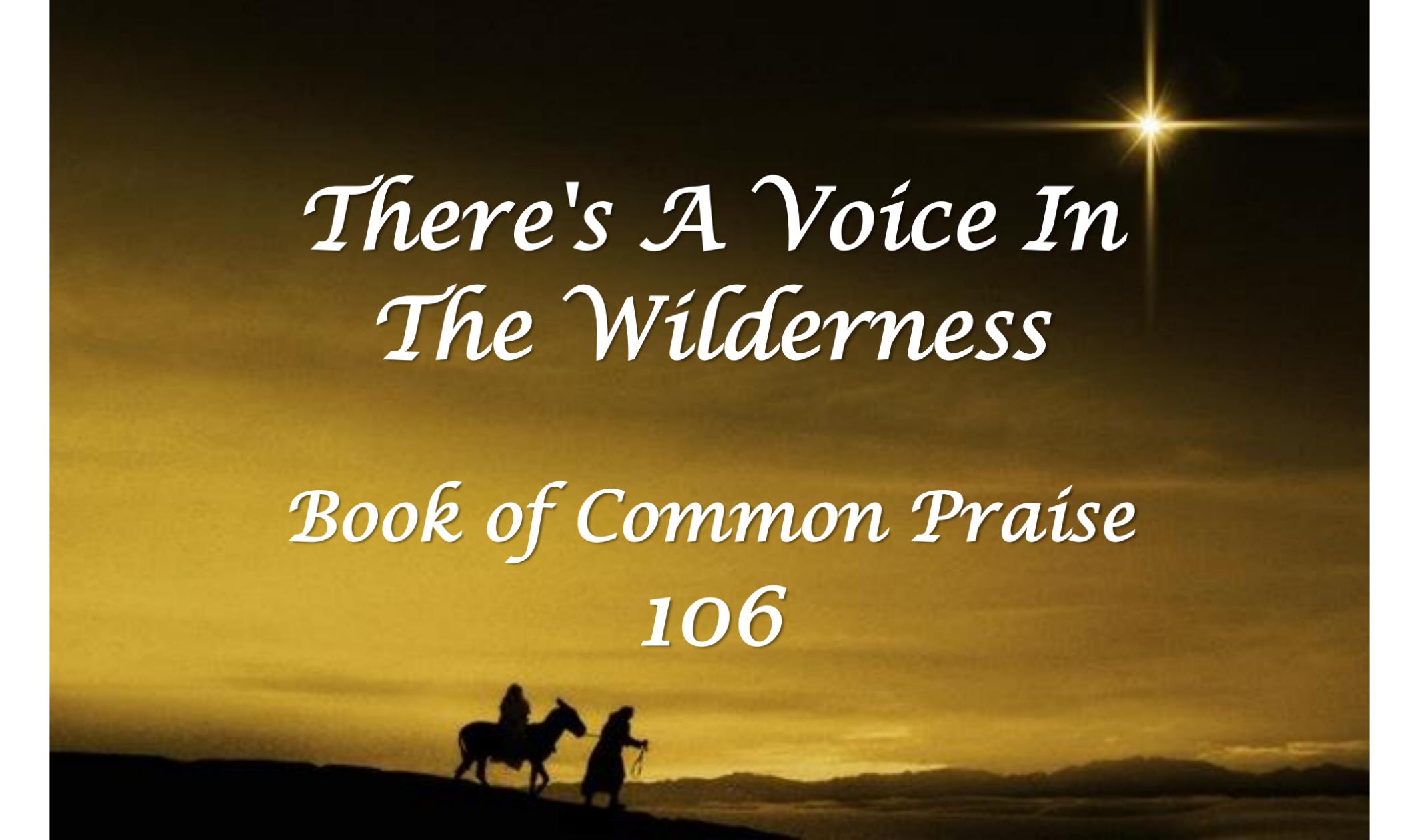
The Doxology

Celebrant: **Glory to God,**

People: **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than
we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from
generation to generation,
in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**



Advent
Blessing



*There's A Voice In
The Wilderness*

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Verse 1

**There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places,
Where the Lord our God may go!**

Verse 3

**But Your word, O God, is faithful,
Your arm, O Lord, is strong;
You stand in the midst of nations,
And You will right the wrong.
You will feed Your flock like a
shepherd,
And fold the lambs to Your breast;
In pastures of peace, You'll lead them,
And give to the weary rest.**

The image features four lit yellow candles as the central focus. They are arranged in a slightly staggered formation, with their flames glowing warmly. The background is dark, filled with out-of-focus circular light spots (bokeh) in shades of yellow and orange. In the foreground, there are several pinecones and some red berries, adding a festive, winter feel to the composition. The overall lighting is soft and warm, emanating from the candles.

The Dismissal

*Christ will bring
Joy
to the World*



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God Bless
have a great week

WITH

Joy

*WE LOOK TO JESUS
AS WE WAIT*