

Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens

*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

*Joy*



Eucharist #5

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**BREAD OF LIFE** *Lord of All* **HOLY ONE**  
**DELIVERER** ANointed ONE *Lamb of God* **OUR PEACE**  
**IMMANUEL** *MIGHTY ONE* **JESUS** *WORD OF GOD* **SAVIOR**  
**GOD WITH US** ALPHA & OMEGA **CHRIST** **REDEEMER**  
*King of Kings* **BELOVED** **WONDERFUL**  
*Lord of Lords* **SON** **COUNSELOR**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD** **MIGHTY GOD**  
*THE WAY THE TRUTH THE LIFE* **EVERLASTING FATHER**  
**LION OF JUDAH** **PRINCE OF PEACE**  
**MESSIAH**

# *Jesus Name Above All Names*

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Verse 1

**Jesus name above all names,  
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord,**

**Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer Living Word.**

Verse 2

**Jesus name above all names,  
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord,**

**Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer Living Word.**

Verse 3

**Jesus name above all names,  
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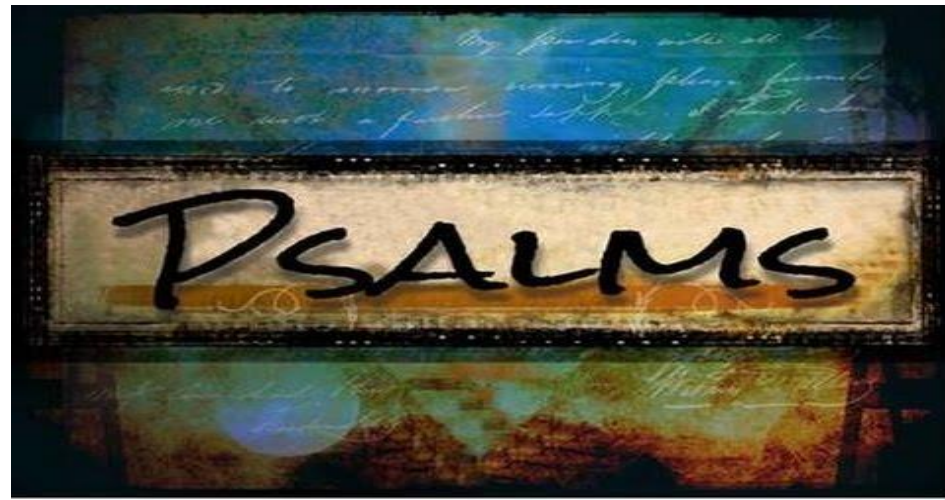
**Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer Living Word.**



**Greetings and Announcements:  
Rev. Rob Henderson**

# Choir practice !!





*Psalm 126 (George Black Psalter)*

**Refrain:**

***“Our God has done great things for us  
and we are glad indeed.”***



*There's a voice in the wilderness*

**Come, O Lord, and set us free.**

**Maranatha.**

**Desert and dry land**

**Will grow green in praise;**

**Clay will rejoice with full bloom:**

**Showers of flowers**

**Given birth in dead earth;**

**In colours they echo Love's song.**





*O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel  
Book of Common  
Praise*

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Verse 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you,  
O Israel.**

Verse 2

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who orders all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you,  
O Israel.**

Verse 3

**O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you,  
O Israel.**

# ***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.**

*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.**

ADVENT - WEEK 3

A photograph of four lit red candles arranged in a circle on a dark surface. The candles are surrounded by green pine needles and several dried orange slices. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the flames of the candles, which cast a warm, golden glow. The background is black, making the red of the candles and the green of the pine needles stand out.

*Joy for the World*

Let Us Pray Together:



**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*



# Isaiah

**A Reading From The Book of Isaiah**

*(61:1-4, 8-11)*

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

**The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;**



**to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion -- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.**

**They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.**

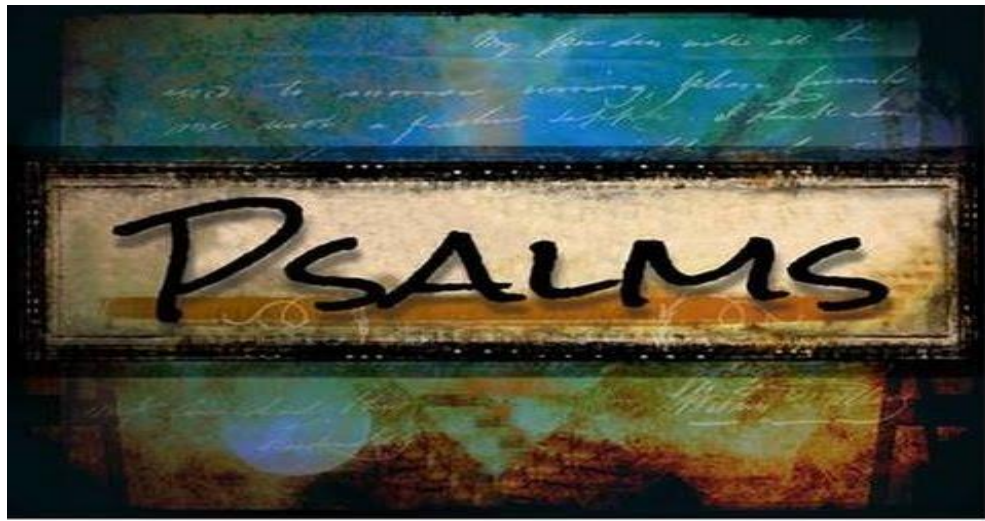
**For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples;**

**all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the  
LORD has blessed. I will greatly  
rejoice in the LORD, my whole being  
shall exult in my God; for he has  
clothed me with the garments of  
salvation, he has covered me with  
the robe of righteousness,**

**as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



*Psalm 126 (George Black Psalter)*

**Refrain:**

***“Our God has done great things for us  
and we are glad indeed.”***

*Psalm 126 (George Black Psalter)*

**When God restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.**

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

***Our God has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.***



*Psalm 126 (George Black Psalter)*

**Then they said among the nations,  
"Our God has done great things for  
them."**

**Our God has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.**

***Our God has done great things for  
us and we are glad indeed.***

*Psalm 126 (George Black Psalter)*

**Restore our fortunes, O God, Like the watercourses of the Negev.**

***Our God has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.***

*Psalm 126 (George Black Psalter)*

**Those who sowed with tears will  
reap with songs of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping, carrying  
the seed, will come again with joy,  
shouldering their sheaves.**

***Our God has done great things for  
us and we are glad indeed.***

THE  
GOSPEL  
OF JOHN

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ



*Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us*

*Book of Common Praise 561*

Verse 3

**When the storms distress us  
And dark clouds oppress us  
Then your word protects us  
And its light directs us.**

*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 John.**

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

# A Reading From The Gospel of John (1:6-8, 19-28)



*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ.**

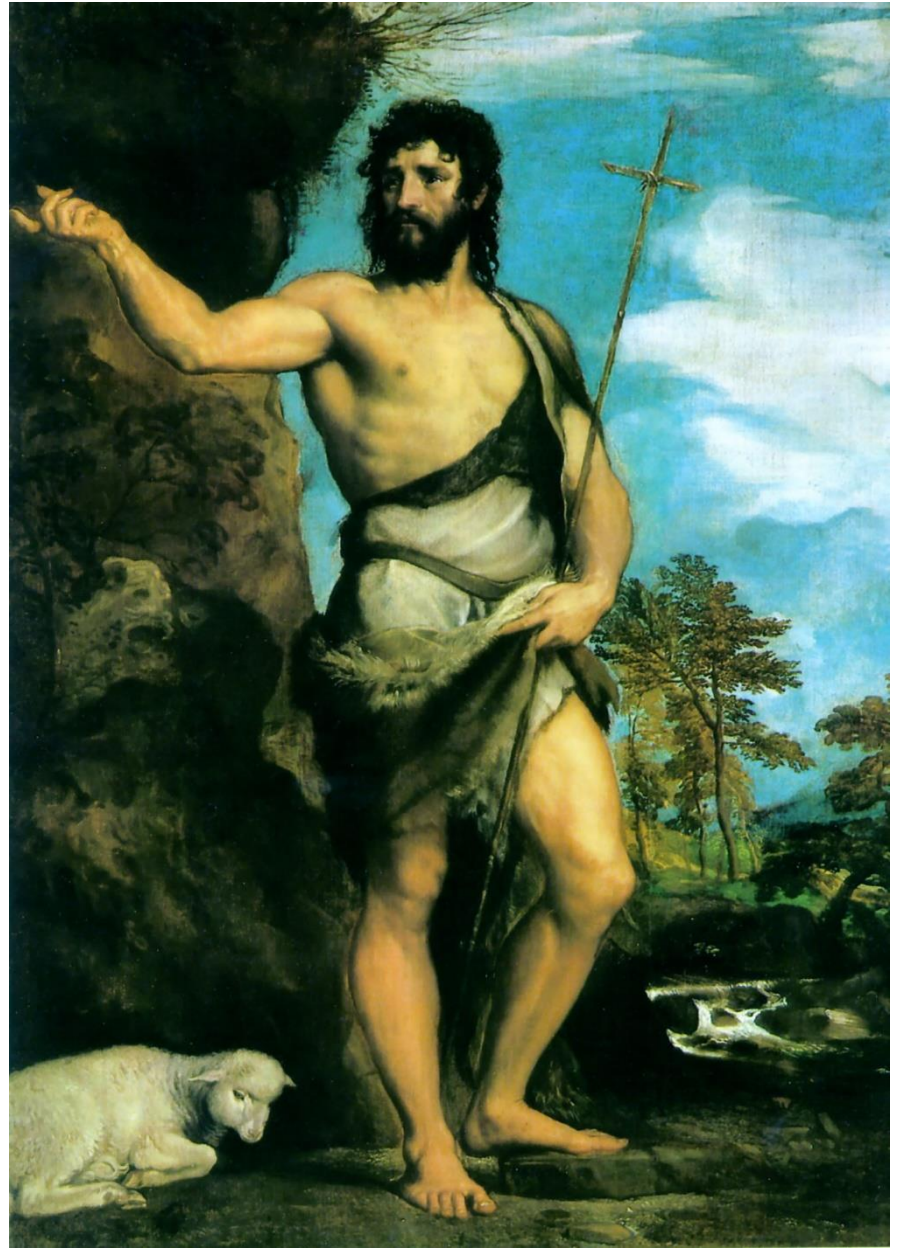
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Verse 3

**When the storms distress us  
And dark clouds oppress us  
Then your word protects us  
And its light directs us.**

*The Homily:  
John Bíro*





*Prayers of  
the People*

*Third Sunday of Advent – Year B*

**Jesus said that the signs of God's dominion were to be seen in the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead to new life and the preaching of good news to the poor. Let us pray that we may be the instruments of God's work in the world, by saying:**  
***Hear our prayer.***

**We thank you God for the gift of creation. Grant that we who bear your image may be faithful stewards of your gift and manage its abundance with wisdom for the good of all. We thank you that you have called us to be your people.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**Give us patience as we await your coming and grant us wisdom to discern your will in our daily lives.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**We thank you for this community of faith. Strengthen your church as its witnesses to your love and hear our prayers for those on our parish prayer list. Especially today we hold up: *Evelyn, Dave, Leona, Junia, Gloria, Joanie T., and Bob.* For this we pray to the Lord.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**We thank you for the privilege of ministering to others. We remember before you, those who are sick, lonely, afraid, or in any kind of need.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**



**We thank you for your countless gifts.  
We praise you for friends and family,  
for food and shelter. May we always  
be mindful of what you have given us  
and be quick to share with others.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**We offer our thanksgivings, our prayers and ourselves to you this day. The one God and the source of light, life and joy.**

**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.**



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

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

*Go Now In Peace*

*Carrie Luke*



*Verse 1*

**Go now in peace.**

**Go now in peace.**

**May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, Everywhere,  
You may go.**



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



# Tithes and Offerings

Worship the Lord in Giving



# Altar Flowers

The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Mary Campbell in memory of her parents Rev Harold & Olivia Cross and her loving husband Neil.

*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.**

“THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.

*Do this in  
remembrance  
of me.”*

LUKE 22:19



# Eucharistic Prayer # 5

*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:* **We give you thanks  
and praise,  
almighty God,  
for the gift of a world full of wonder,  
and for our life which comes from  
you. By your power you sustain the  
universe.**

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:*

**You created us to love  
you with all our heart,  
and to love each other as  
ourselves,  
but we rebel against you  
by the evil that we do.**



**In Jesus, your Son,  
you bring healing to our world  
and gather us into one great family.**

**Therefore, with all who serve you  
on earth and in heaven,  
we praise your wonderful name,  
as we sing,**

*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 the one who comes**

**in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the Highest,**

**Hosanna in the Highest,**

**Hosanna, Hosanna on High.**

*Celebrant:*

**We give you thanks and praise,  
loving Father,  
because in sending Jesus,  
your Son,  
to us you showed us  
how much you love us.**

**He cares for the poor  
and the hungry.**

**He suffers with the sick  
and the rejected.**

**Betrayed and forsaken,  
he did not strike back  
but overcame hatred with love.**

**On the cross, he defeated  
the power of sin and death.**

**By raising him from the dead  
you show us the power of your love  
to bring new life to all your people.**

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:*

**On the night before  
he gave up his life for us,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread,  
gave thanks to you,  
broke it,**

**and gave it to them, saying,**

**“Take this, all of you,**

**and eat it:**

**this is my body**

**which is given for you.”**

**After supper,  
Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing,  
gave it to his friends, and said,**



**“Drink this, all of you:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new  
and eternal covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many,  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.”**

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:*

**Gracious God,  
with this bread and wine  
we celebrate the death and  
resurrection of Jesus,  
and we offer ourselves  
to you in him.**

**Send your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts,  
that we may know  
the presence of Jesus  
in the breaking of bread,  
and share in the life  
of the family of your children.**

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:*

**Father,**

**you call us to be your servants;**

**fill us with the courage**

**and love of Jesus,**

**that all the world may gather in joy**

**at the table of your kingdom.**

**We sing your praise,  
almighty Father,  
through Jesus, our Lord,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.**

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Our  
Father  
in  
Heaven



*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.**

*Lamb  
of  
God*



Verse 1

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 2

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 3

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.**



Come *to* the Table

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

**Please allow personal distance when  
approaching to receive the sacrament.**

**If you do not wish to receive the wafer,  
please cross your arms in front of your  
chest to receive God's blessing.**

**Gluten free wafers are available.**



# *Communion Hymn*



A tropical night scene with a starburst light shining down on a beach. The sky is dark blue with a bright starburst light at the top center, casting a beam of light down towards the beach. The beach is illuminated with warm lights, and there are palm trees and buildings in the background. The text is overlaid on the scene in a white, cursive font.

*Come, O Lord, And Set Us  
Free  
Book of Common Praise*

*113*

Verse 1

**Come, O Lord, and set us free.**

**Maranatha.**

**Desert and dry land**

**Will grow green in praise;**

**Clay will rejoice with full bloom:**

**Showers of flowers**

**Given birth in dead earth;**

**In colours they echo Love's song.**

*Verse 2*

**Come, O Lord, and set us free,  
Maranatha. Strengthen the hearts  
Of the fearful and weak;  
Be strong; fear not, God is near,  
Coming in power and losing our bonds  
Setting the captives free.**

Verse 3

**Come, O Lord, and set us free,  
Maranatha. We have been waiting  
And longing for light,  
Watching for signs of the Lord.  
“Promised of ages,”  
“Messiah to come,”  
Hear us, we beg you: “Come save!”**

Verse 4

**Come, O Lord, and set us free,  
Maranatha. Give us a star**

**In the sky day and night,**

**Sign of your promise to save.**

**Over the mountains we follow its light,**

**Hoping for sign of your life.**

**Come, O Lord, and set us free.**

**Maranatha.**

*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*

# People Look East!

Book of Common Praise 91



Verse 1

**People, look east.**

**The time is near**

**Of the crowning of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able,**

**Trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the guest, is on the way.**

Verse 2

**Furrows, be glad.**

**Though earth is bare,**

**One more seed is planted there:**

**Give up your strength the seed to nourish**

**That in course the flower may flourish.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the rose, is on the way.**

Verse 3

**Birds, though you long  
have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.**

Verse 4

**Stars, keep the watch.**

**When night is dim**

**One more light the bowl shall brim,**

**Shining beyond the frosty weather,**

**Bright as sun and moon together.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the star, is on the way.**

Verse 5

**Angels, announce with  
shouts of mirth**

**Christ who brings new life to earth.**

**Set every peak and valley humming**

**With the word, the Lord is coming.**

**People, look east and sing today:**

**Love, the Lord, is on the way.**



The image features four lit candles in the center, casting a warm, golden glow. The background is dark with numerous out-of-focus light spots (bokeh) in shades of yellow and orange. In the foreground, there are pinecones and other festive decorations, including red berries and gold-colored leaves. The overall atmosphere is cozy and celebratory.

*The Dismissal*

*Christ will bring*

*Joy*

*to the World*



A photograph of a sunset or sunrise through a forest of tall, thin trees. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long, golden rays of light that filter through the trees. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. The foreground shows a grassy hillside.

*Yahweh, I Know  
You Are Near*

Chorus

**Yahweh, I Know you are near  
Standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe,  
And you lead me in ways everlasting.**

Verse 1

**Where can I run from your love  
If I climb to the heavens  
You are there  
If I fly to the sunrise,  
Or sail beyond the sea,  
Still I'd find you there.**

Chorus

**Yahweh, I Know you are near  
Standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe,  
And you lead me in ways everlasting.**

Verse 2

**You know my heart and its ways,  
You who formed me before I was born  
In secret of darkness,  
Before I saw the sun,  
In my mother's womb**

Chorus

**Yahweh, I Know you are near  
Standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe,  
And you lead me in ways everlasting.**

Verse 3

**Marvellous to me are your works;  
How profound are your thoughts,  
My Lord  
Even if I could count them,  
They number as the stars.  
You would still be there.**

Chorus

**Yahweh, I Know you are near  
Standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe,  
And you lead me in ways everlasting.**

Tag last line

**Yahweh, I know you are near**







*God Bless*  
have a great week

*WITH*

*Joy*

*WE LOOK TO JESUS  
AS WE WAIT*