

Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens

First Sunday of

Advent
living in hope

Eucharist #1

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



The Advent of Our God

Verse 1

**The advent of our God
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must meet Him on His road
With hymns of holy joy.**

Verse 2

**The everlasting Son
Incarnate deign to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His people free.**

Verse 3

**Daughter of Zion, rise
To meet thy lowly King,
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.**

Verse 4

**As Judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And all His scattered saints unite
With Him in heaven to reign.**

Verse 5

**Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone
The old man all be put away,
The new man all put on.**

Verse 6

**All glory to the Son
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.**

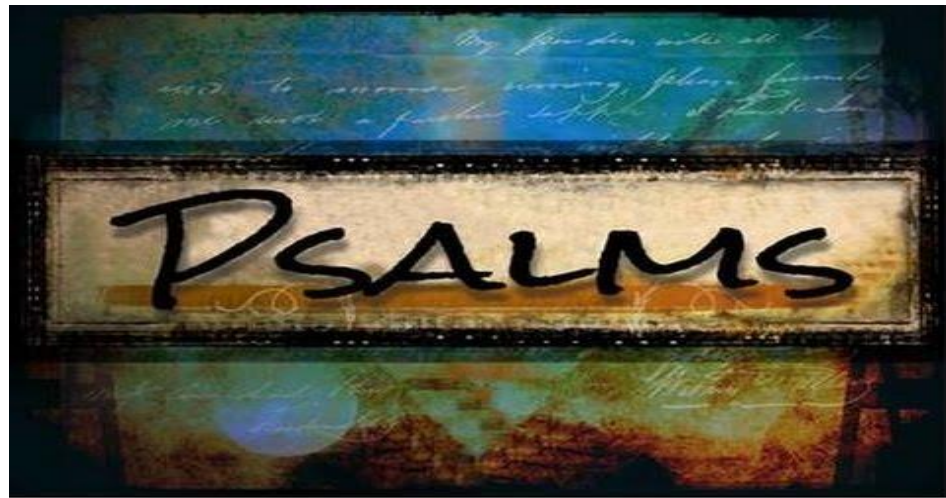




**Greetings and Announcements:
Rev. Rob Henderson**

Choir practice !!





Psalm 80 (Psalms 4 All Seasons)

Refrain:

***“Restore us again O Lord God of
hosts, and show us the light of your
face - we shall be saved.”***

Send Us your Spirit

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,**

Renew the face of the earth.

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You Servants Of The Lord
Book of Common Praise 93

Verse 1

**You servants of the Lord,
Each in your calling wait,
Observant of His heavenly Word,
And watchful at His gate.**

Verse 2

**Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame,
Attentive stand, as in His sight,
For awesome is His Name.**

Verse 3

**Watch: 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak He's near;
Mark the first signal of His hand,
And ready all appear.**

Verse 4

**How happy shall we be,
If in His service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.**

Verse 5

**Christ shall the banquet spread
With His own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head
Amid the angelic band.**



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:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious

**majesty to judge both the living
and the dead, we may rise to the
life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

First Sunday of Advent

Hope



Let Us Pray Together:



Eternal God, as we wait the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your Spirit in the transforming of our lives, this community, and the world outside our doors. Amen



Light One Candle

Light One Candle

Light one candle for hope.

Hope that the whole world needs

Light one candle for hope.

Hope that the Saviour will bring

Hope that the Saviour will bring.



THE READINGS

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***The
Proclamation
of the Word***



ISAIAH

HISTORY, PROPHECY, & SCIENCE

A Reading From The Book of Isaiah *(64:1-9)*

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

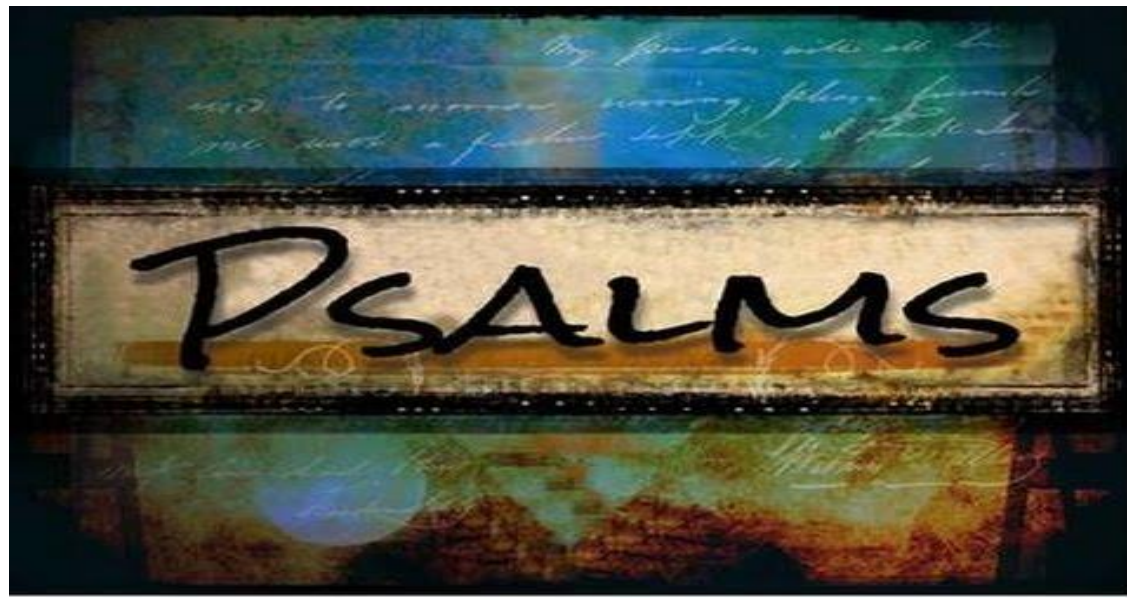
**You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your
ways. But you were angry, and we
sinned; because you hid yourself we
transgressed. We have all become
like one who is unclean, and all our
righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth.**

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 80 (Psalms 4 All Seasons)

Refrain:

***“Restore us again O Lord God of
hosts, and show us the light of your
face - we shall be saved.”***

Psalm 80 (Psalms for All Seasons)

**Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading
Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned
up-on the cherubim.**

***Restore us again O Lord God of
hosts, and show us the light of
your face - we shall be saved.***

Psalm 80 (Psalms for All Seasons)

You have fed them the bread of tears; You have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours; our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us again O Lord God of hosts, and show us the light of your face - we shall be saved.

Psalm 80 (Psalms for All Seasons)

Restore us O God.

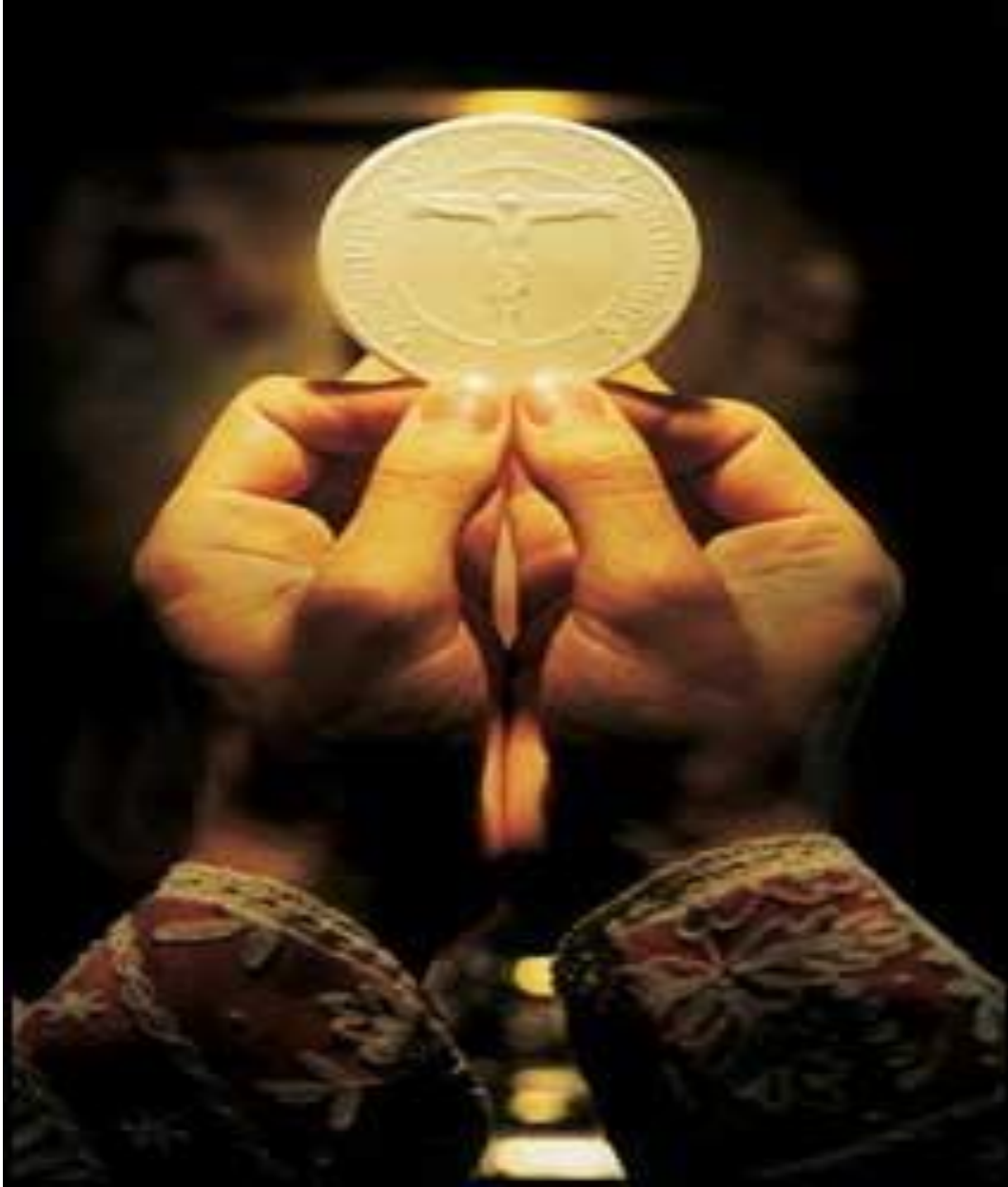
**Let your face shine upon us and we
shall be saved.**

***Restore us again O Lord God of
hosts, and show us the light of
your face - we shall be saved.***

THE GOSPEL OF

MARK

BE Amazed, BE Transformed, BE Christ to the World



*Here, O My
Lord,
I See Thee
Face To Face*

Verse 1

**Here, O my Lord,
I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch
And handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand
The eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.**

Verse 2

**Here would I feed upon the bread of
God,
Here drink with thee
The royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside
Each earthly load,
Here taste afresh
The calm of sin forgiven.**

Verse 3

**This is the hour of banquet and of
song;
This is the heavenly table
Spread for me;
Here let me feast,
And feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour
Of fellowship with thee.**



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 Mark.**

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

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.

Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place,

you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake -- for you do not know when the master of the house will come,

in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ.**

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

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I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch
And handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand
The eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.**

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Homily by Rev. Rob Henderson



Prayers of the People

First Sunday of Advent – Year B

As we begin a new year in the life of the church, let us pray together to the God of our making saying:

Hear Our Prayer.

Holy God, the signs in our world of hate distrust and greed are shown to us clearly every day. May we see with your eyes the signs of hope and victory; the opportunities for loving service; for encouragement; reassurance and thanksgiving. God of our hope.

Hear Our Prayer.

**We pray for all who follow in the way of Jesus, all who journey on this advent road. Keep us mindful of the ways in which you draw us toward your light so that we may show that light to others.
God of our hope.**

Hear Our Prayer.

Holy God we bring to you in love those who are weary with ongoing pain and weakness those who are frail with age and all who are vulnerable.

We remember those on our parish prayer list especially today:

Al & Yvonne, Sandy M., Linda R., Steve I., and Kathryn H.

God of our hope.

Hear Our Prayer.

**Holy God, rouse us from our sleep
and make us attentive to the
nearness of your presence. May we
discover your word in every sound of
this world; your touch in every human
embrace; and your love in every
gesture of self sacrifice.
God of our hope.**

Hear Our Prayer.

**Holy God as we prepare to welcome
the prince of peace, we pray for
peace in all of your good creation.
We pray for the Middle East, Ukraine
and all places of war and conflict.
We pray for peace among family
members and peace in our
communities and neighborhoods.
God of our hope.
Hear Our Prayer.**

**Make our hearts ready for your
coming O Lord and receive our
prayers in the name of the one who
comes our gracious saviour
Jesus the Christ.**

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;**

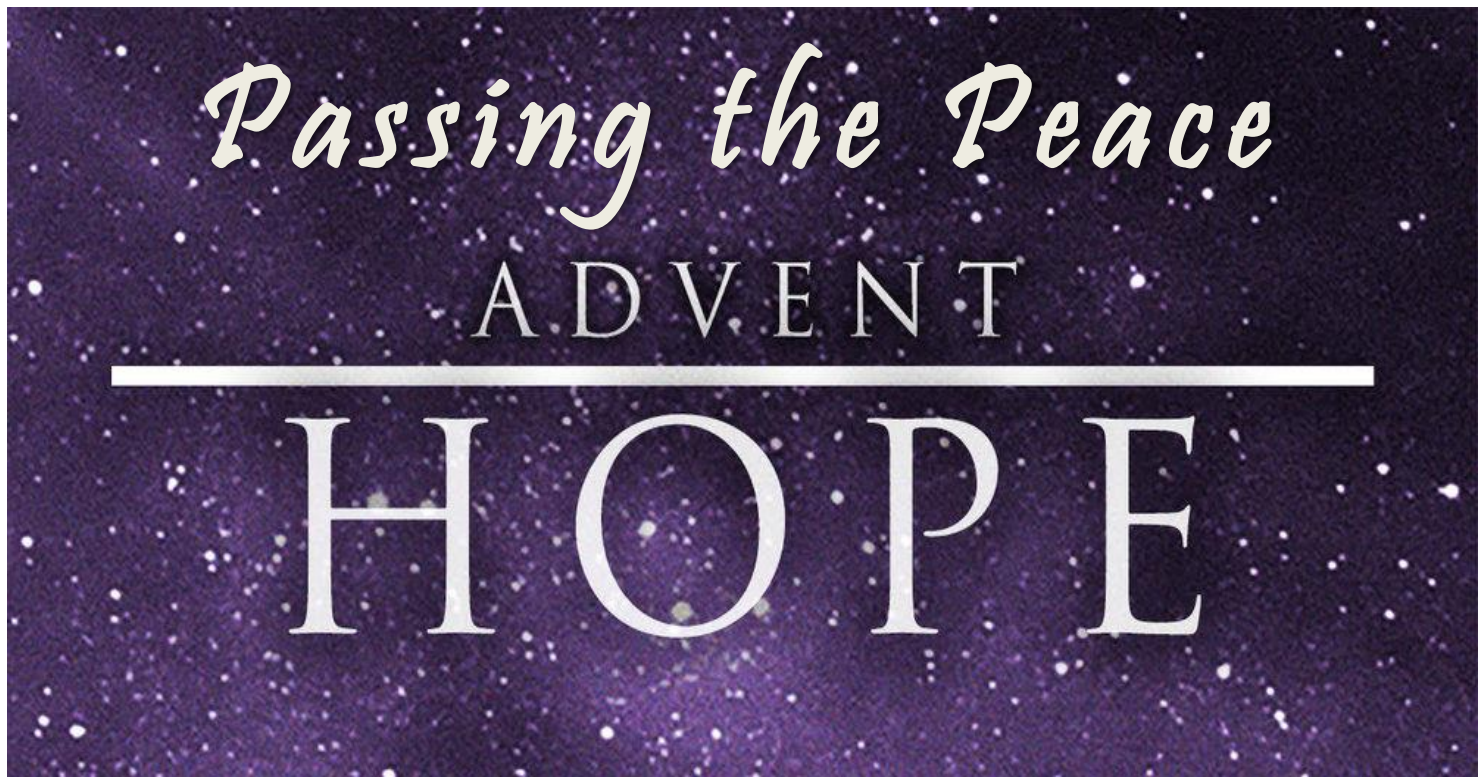
we have not loved

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.**

Wait

ON THE
LORD
ISAIAH 40:31



Book of Common Praise 362

**Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
be strong, take heart.**

(Repeat)



**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 Horst and Shirley Ammonn in memory of their parents, Ken & Mary Shepard and Alfred & Rosa Ammonn, also son, Gregory Scott and brother, Ken.

Prayer Over The Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.

We ask this in the name 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:
wonderfully 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 the one 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

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.**



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



Send Us Your Spirit



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Refrain

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**

Verse 1

**Come to us, Spirit of God,
Breathe in us now
We sing together.**

**Spirit of hope and of light,
fill our lives.**

Come to us, Spirit of God.

Refrain

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**

Verse 2

**Fill us with the fire of your love,
burn in us now,
Bring us together.**

**Come to us, dwell in us,
change our lives, O Lord.
Come to us, Spirit of God.**

Refrain

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**

Verse 3

**Send us the wings of new birth,
fill all the earth
with the love you
have taught us.**

**Let All creation now
be shaken with love.
Come to us, Spirit of God.**

Refrain

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**

**Come, Lord Jesus,
Send Us your Spirit,
Renew the face of the earth.**



We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:

**God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of
eternal life. Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before
the Son of man.**

**We ask this in the name of
Christ the Lord.**

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.**

The Blessing





Hark the Glad Sound
Book of Common Praise 98

Verse 1

**Hark the glad sound!
The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.**

Verse 2

**Christ comes,
the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**

Verse 3

**Christ comes,
the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And from the treasuries of grace
To bless the humble poor.**

Verse 4

**Our glad hosannas,
Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.**





God Bless

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

Dismissal

New Hope



The Son of God became a man to
enable men to become the sons of God.

Verse 1

**New hope, new hope
Is what we will be given by the Lord.
New hope, new hope
Is what we will be given by the Lord.**

Refrain

**He is coming ! He is coming !
He is coming, Jesus!
He is coming ! He is coming !
He is coming, Lord!**

Verse 2

**New Life, new life,
Is what we will be given by the Lord.
New Life, new life,
Is what we will be given by the Lord.**

Refrain

**He is coming ! He is coming !
He is coming, Jesus!
He is coming ! He is coming !
He is coming, Lord!**

Verse 3

**New heart, new heart,
Is what we will be given by the Lord.
New heart, new heart,
Is what we will be given by the Lord.**

Refrain

**He is coming ! He is coming !
He is coming, Jesus!
He is coming ! He is coming !
He is coming, Lord!**

Repeat Verse 1

**New hope, new hope
Is what we will be given by the Lord.
New hope, new hope
Is what we will be given by the Lord.**

Refrain

**He is coming ! He is coming !
He is coming, Jesus!
He is coming ! He is coming !
He is coming, Lord!**





THANK YOU
for worshipping with us

GO IN PEACE

HAVE A GREAT WEEK

May hope, peace, joy and love

fill your home
and heart!

Wishing you a
blessed Advent!

