Holy Communion: Rite Two Second Sunday in Advent December 7, 2025 | 10:00 AM



WELCOME!

We are an Episcopal (Anglican) community of various backgrounds and beliefs, drawn together by our love of God in Jesus Christ. We believe that God's radically inclusive love excludes no one. At St. Dunstan's, all people are welcome, no exceptions. Please visit our Welcome Table on the patio to get more information about our church. A "Welcome Pad" is located at the end of each pew if you would like to share your name and/or contact information. If you are interested in membership, please speak with our Rector, Rev. Rebecca.

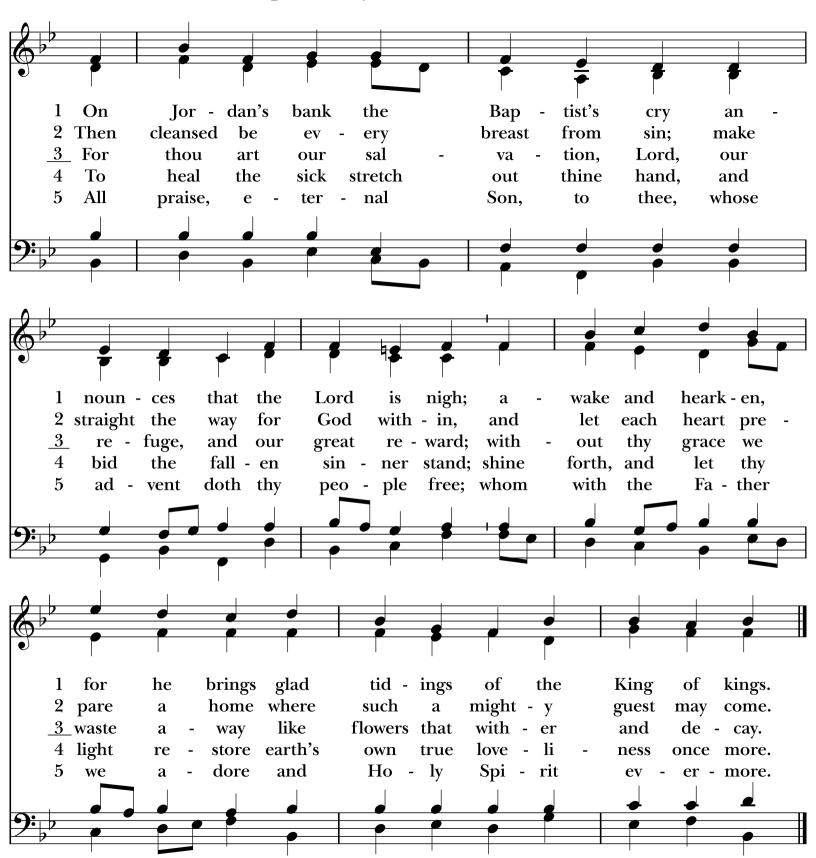
We're so glad you're here!

Prayer book & Hymnals: In the pews you will see various books in different colors. The red book is our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). BCP pages are included if you prefer to use the Prayer Book. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains many of the hymns in today's service. Other hymns, beginning with "J-", can be found in the white, large ringed book entitled "Make a Joyful Noise," produced by our Parish Musician, Gregory Funk.

The Prelude: O come, O come, Emmanuel Richard Purvis

Opening Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank



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 Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

- Reader 1: What indeed are we looking for? Advent is looking for the beginning of new things, different things: new life!
- Reader 2: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
- People: the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
- Reader 2: They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
- People: for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
- Reader 1: This week we also light the second Advent candle which symbolizes peace.

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

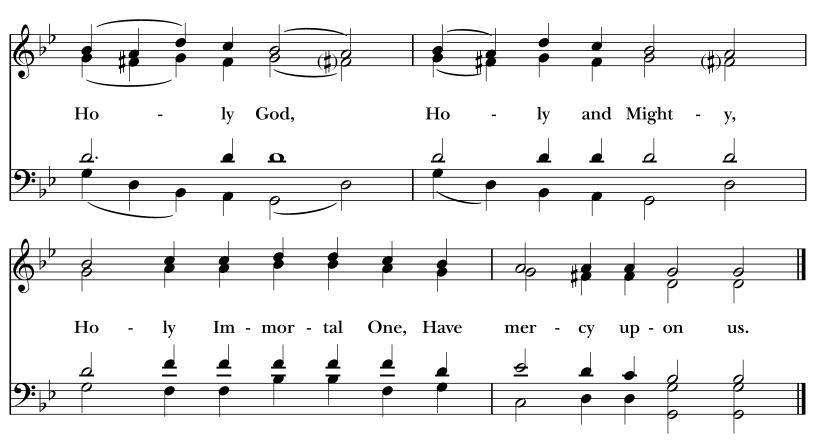
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

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*.

Trisagion, sung three times

Hymnal S 102



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

All are seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19



- 1 Give the King your justice, O / God, * and your righteousness to the / King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously * and the poor with / justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, * and the little hills bring / righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the op-/pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en-/dure, * from one generation to an-/other.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field, * like showers that water the / earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no / more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of / Israel, * who alone does wondrous / deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

 Amen. A-/men.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

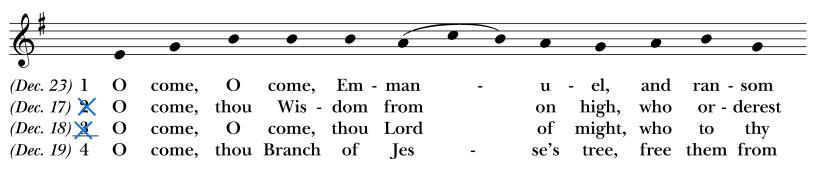
Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with

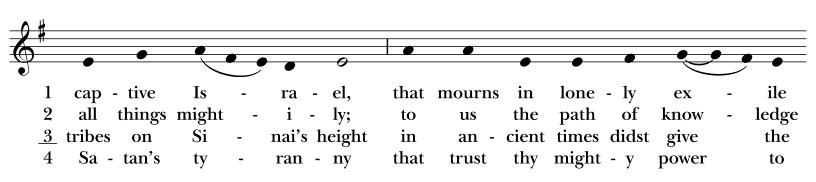
all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

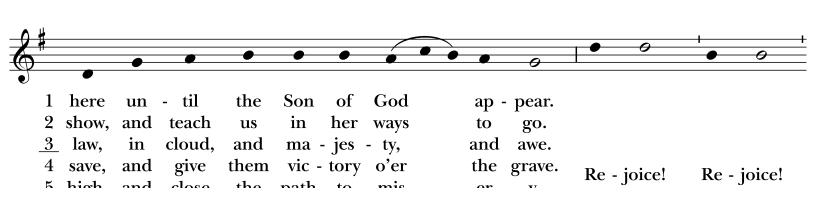
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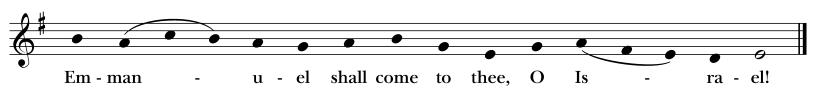
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 56,v1,4, standing as able O come, O come Emmanuel









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

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The Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew...

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Moment

Sermon

The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

The Nicene Creed, standing as able

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People

John the Baptist preached a repentance which would bear fruit in the lives of those who heard him. In penitence and faith, let us offer to God our prayer for all people, saying: In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church throughout the world and for all those ordained to particular ministries for the building up for the body of Christ, that in our diverse vocations we may serve to the glory of God. In the name of Christ: hear our prayer.

We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world, remembering especially those who are victims of political or social injustice. We pray for those whom we have elected to public office, and for political leaders everywhere, that they may administer the tasks of government with courage and equity. In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community, for our neighbors and friends, for those with

whom we study and work. Guide and strengthen us all in our common life that we may know the gifts of your grace and love. In the name of Christ: hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the elderly, and those who live alone. We pray for those who are overworked and for those who cannot find work. Send upon them the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may abound in hope. We especially pray for those in need on our prayer list: Gary, Kirsten, Becky, Amber, Mark, Shirley, Margaret, Brandy, Kelly, Mary Helen, Rick, Jack, Anne Elise, Eleanor, Kyla, Edith, Joan

O In the name of Christ:

hear our prayer.

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war and peace for the people of Syria, Sudan, Congo, Ukraine
- For continuation of the ceasefire in Israel and Gaza
- For refugees and migrants and for all refugee families being served through our church and the ministries of our diocese.

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh

From the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of Church of the Good Shepherd, Bonita

From the Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Balboa Naval Medical Center, San Diego

You are invited to add your own petitions at this time in your heart or with your voice.

Concluding Collect, Celebrant

We offer these prayers to you, our God, in penitence for what is past and in faith that your work in us will bear fruit as we seek to do your will, for you alone are the Holy One. May our lives give honor to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Confession of Sin, kneeling

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers, said together

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

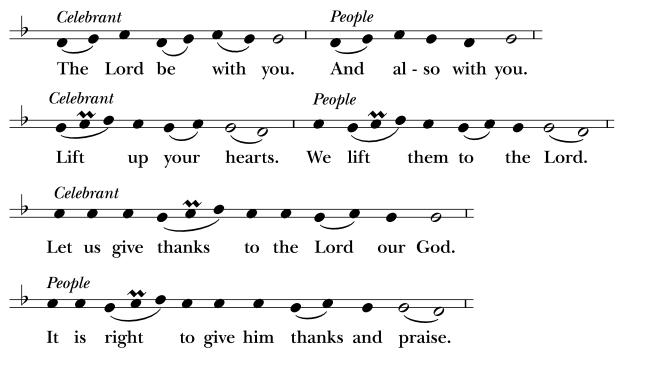
Prayer Quilts, said together

Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for the loving hands and spirits of those who created this quilt for the comfort of those in need. Let this quilt be a tangible sign and symbol of your enfolding love as Your Holy Spirit embraces them, eases their pain and worry, and brings them Your comfort and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: Prepare ye the way Michael W. Smith

Prepare ye the way, Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Yeshua You reign on high, You reign on high.
Almighty God Your love is like no other Your love is like no other yeah



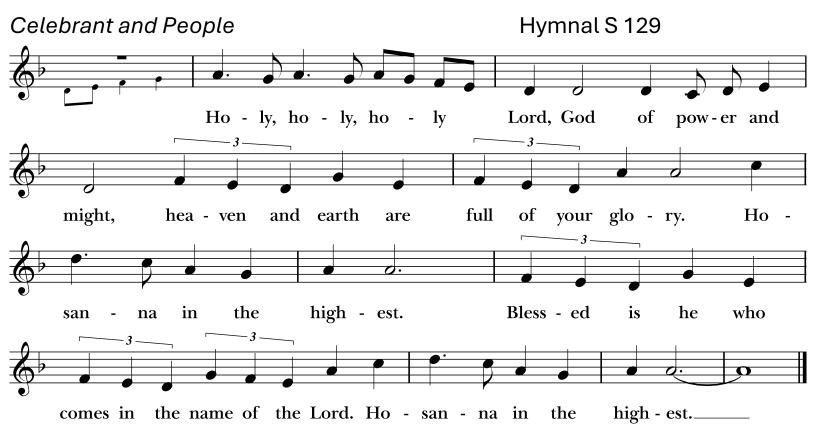
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Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant sings a Proper Preface.

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:



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The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have

made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



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And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant

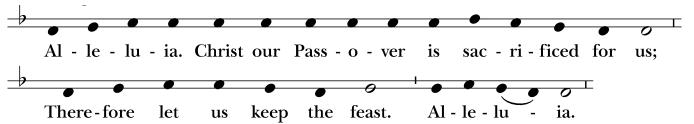
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover



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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.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of your church/denominational background. Please extend 2 hands if you wish to have your bread dipped into the wine and extend one

hand if you prefer to receive bread only and/or the common cup. If you need gluten free bread or prefer no wine, please indicate this. If you do not want Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead, indicated by crossing your hands over your chest or simply remain in your seat.

Offertory Anthem: The Lion and the Lamb Alan and David Arkin

The lion will come in the hush of the night, and lie by the lamb so wooly and white, and all of the beasts of the field and farm will stay at his coming and meet with no harm.

The lion will come and the creatures will know that the lamb will be safe along with the doe, the calf and the heifer, the kid sand goat, the foal and the mare, and the pig and shoat.

The lion will come so gentle and mild, right up to the cradle that shelters the child, and all of the men who work in the field will know that he comes as the prophet revealed.

the child will be safe along with the mother, the youth and the maid, the sister and brother. And there when the harvest stands ripe in the sun, as a sign that all killing is over and done, as a sign that all men are brothers and one, the lion will come and lie down with the lamb,

and lie down, and lie down with the lamb.





3. John the Baptist now calls to us: "Repent and change your ways. The true Messiah is coming soon. He is the hope of the world!"

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest In the name of Christ Jesus, and through the family of St. Dunstan's, we send you out bearing these holy gifts for God's holy people: that those who will receive them with us may experience the majesty and the mystery of His presence. We who are many are one body,

People because we all share one bread and one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, 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*.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

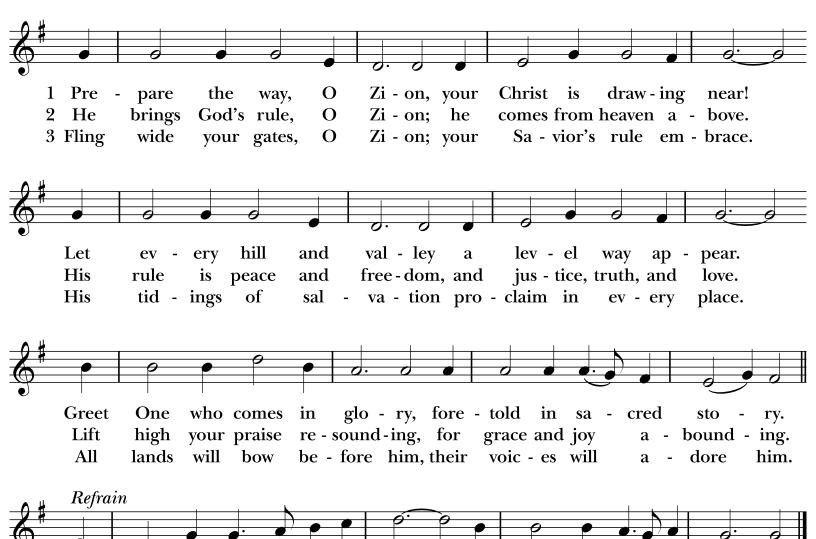
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The Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

The Postlude: People, Look East

INTERCESSIONS

The names listed here are for your daily prayers throughout the coming week. You are welcome to add names to the list before or after the service in the clipboard located in the narthex. If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at 619-460-6442 or Ellen Single at 619-241-2925 and tell us if you want it made available just to the Clergy, to the Daughters of the King, or to the whole parish. Names will be removed 1 month after they are listed.

<u>Healing:</u> Gary Krueger, Kirsten, Becky Lujan, Amber, Mark Liberman, Shirley Mann, Margaret Henson, Brandy Williams, Kelly, Mary Helen Kane, Zane Hoyt, Rick Rickards, Anne Elise Kelly, Eleanor Cain, Kyla, Edith Vallese, Joan Jones, Jack

Birthdays this week: Denise Fletcher, Ron Wills, James Bond, Andrea Muir, Emily Sampson, Kyle Berglund



ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen, RectorMusic Gregory Funk, Parish MusicianDeborah Berglund, Children's Victory Choir

Mindy Wilcox, flute

ReadersEvan Martin, Mindy Wilcox, Jennifer Gaebe

Eucharistic Ministers CJ Lowder, Mindy Wilcox, Pam Matosian

Altar Guild Melody Quin & Cindy Bond **Acolytes** Sarah & Phoebe

Advent Wreath Lighting The Martin Family

Sunday Sexton Ryan Sifton

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Church office hours: M-TH, 9am-3pm; Fridays 9am-12pm noon

INFORMATION FOR THE SERVICE

St. Dunstan's Pledge cards are available in the back of the church. You can mail a check to the office or donate online through ACS or on www.stdunstans.org or in person on Sunday morning.

If you wear **hearing aids with T-coil** you can hear our service directly through your hearing aids. If you do not have T-coil, or have hearing loss and are not yet ready for hearing aids, you can use one of our portable receivers and headset. A "**quiet room**" with streaming of the service is available in the back-east corner of this building and accessible seating options are marked and available throughout the church. Check with a Hospitality Minister for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our services (noises and all). Our nursery is also open all morning for ages 0-3 (located on the east side of this building) and our "Pray-Ground" (front-left pew of the church) is open during the service with quiet children's activities. Christian education is at 9:00am for all ages (Sept-May) and during the 10:00am service children are welcome to come forward for a "Children's Moment" and may leave with teachers during the sermon for brief children's education and return just before Holy Communion. Children of all ages may receive Holy Communion at their parent's discretion.

Accessible bathrooms are located inside the church to the left and right of the main entrance. Please let a Hospitality Minister know if you need assistance with anything or have any questions.

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