



December 14, 2025
The Third Sunday of Advent
Order of Service – Holy Eucharist II

Opening Song

Prepare the Way O Zion

H82- 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People: You come to your people and set them free. Amen

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

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 - Holy God

ANDRÉ STRYDOM

For the choir and people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Petoskey, Michigan



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Lessons

The people are seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

At the end of the reading the Lector says:

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146:4-9

⁴Happy are they who have the God
of Jacob for their help, * whose hope
is in the LORD their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the
seas, and all that is in them; * who
keeps his promise forever;

⁶Who gives justice to those who are
oppressed, * and food to those who
hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the
blind; * the LORD lifts up those who
are bowed down;

⁸The LORD loves the righteous; the
LORD cares for the stranger; * he
sustains the orphan and widow, but
frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹The LORD shall reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

At the end of the reading the Lector says:

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Great Forerunner of the Morn



1. The great fore - run - ner of the morn, The
 2. With heav'n - ly mes - sage Ga - briel came, That
 3. Though not yet born, John gave a - right His
 4. John's might - y deeds ex - alt his fame To



her - ald of the Word, is born; And faith - ful hearts shall
 John should be that her - ald's name, And with pro - phet - ic
 wit - ness to the com - ing Light; And Christ, the Sun of
 great - er than a proph - et's name; Of wom - an born shall



nev - er fail With thanks and praise his light to hail.
 ut - t'rance told His ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
 all the earth, Ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
 nev - er be A great - er proph - et than was he.

Text: *Praecursor altus luminis*; Venerable Bede, 673–735; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, LM; adapt. from *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION: GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Priest: God be with you

People: And also with you.

Priest: A proclamation of the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to N.
At the conclusion of the Gospel proclamation, the priest says.

Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON — The Very Rev. Lewis D. Crusoe, Rector

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

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:
***was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.***

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 he 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

We sing this Kyrie as the final petition of the Prayers of the People begging God to inspire the end of the war in Europe and the Middle East.

Ukrainian Kyrie

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.

THE CONFESSION

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

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

OFFERTORY SONG

GatherC2 - 345

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTT GART



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free!
2. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king:
4. By thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



1. From our fears and sins re-lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Dear de - sire of ev - ery na-tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
3. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
4. By thine all - suf - fi-cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.

Music: Christian F. Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

WEED – Mass—O Come Emmanuel

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord. Lord ____ God ____ of hosts.

Heav - en and earth ____ are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the__ name of__ the__ Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re-sur-rec - tion un -
til____ you come__ a-gain. un - til__ you come__ a-gain.

THE GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men,_____ a - men,_____ a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider: This is the true bread which from down from heaven and gives life to
the world

People: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All the baptized are invited to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. Please follow the directions of the ushers. The Bread and Wine are given to the communicants with these words:

Presider: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting
life.

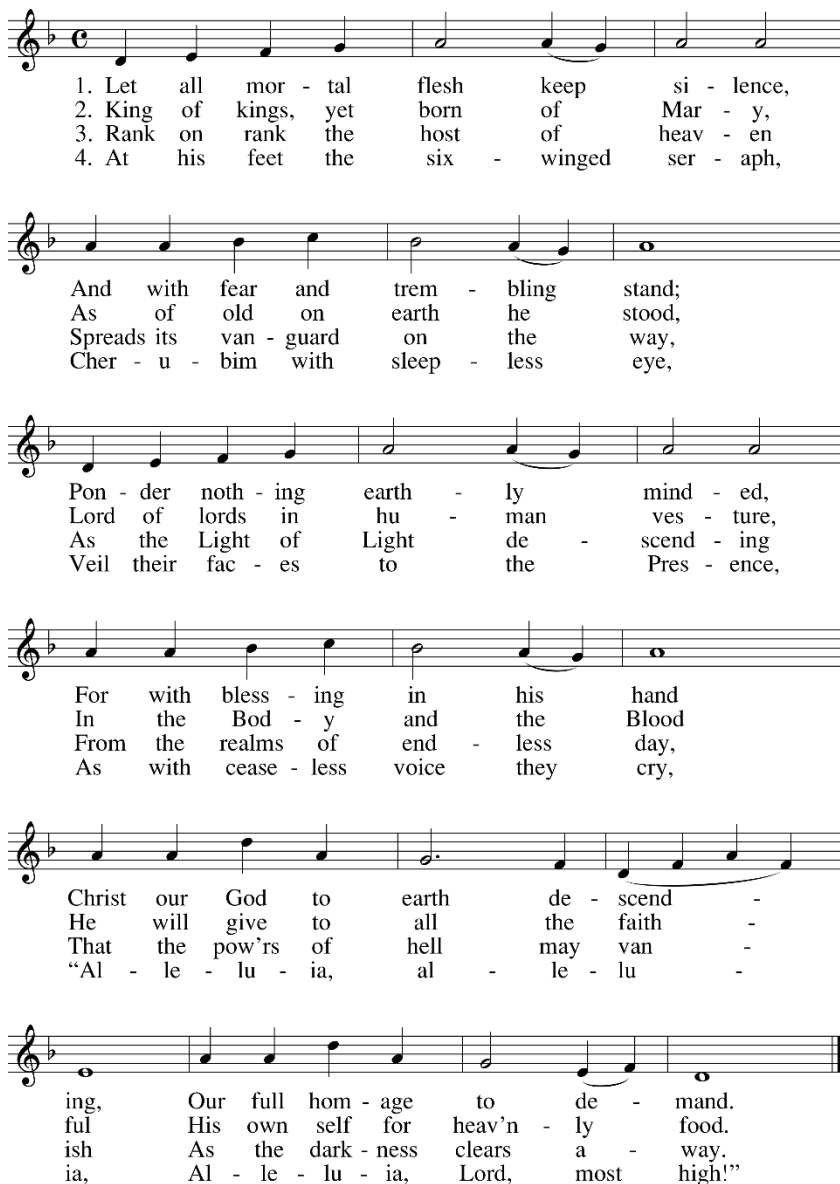
Communicants Response: *Amen*

*Please join in singing the communion hymn as we receive communion.
There will be time after communion for your personal thanksgiving.*

COMMUNION SONG

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence,
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y,
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph,

And with fear and trem - bling stand;
 As of old on earth he stood,
 Spreads its van - guard on the way,
 Cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,

Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 As the Light of Light de - scend - ing
 Veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

For with bless - ing in his hand
 In the Bod - y and the Blood
 From the realms of end - less day,
 As with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend -
 He will give to all the faith -
 That the pow'rs of hell may van -
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ing, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
 ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
 ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, most high!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th C.; para. by Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885
 Tune: PICARDY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; French Carol; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

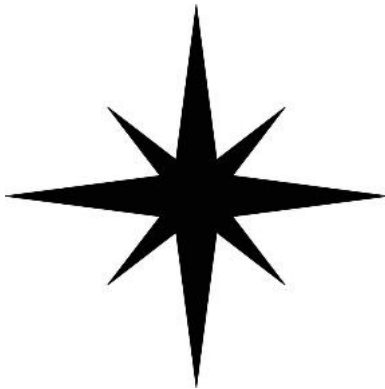
After Communion, the Celebrant says.

The people stand.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen



**ANNOUNCEMENTS,
BLESSING &
DISMISSAL**

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, he sets the pris-oner free;
5 To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be now and ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread thro' all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with line numbers 1 through 5 corresponding to the first system. The second system continues the lyrics. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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The Birthday Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer

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

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