



## HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



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## WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, GriefShare, and regional youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at [office@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hopeepiscopal.org).

*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 +Romans 15:13*

## ADVENT

The 1st day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember the true meaning of Jesus' birth, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds. Advent invites us to step away from what can be a frenzied time of parties and shopping to consider how we commemorate the birth of Jesus. We look forward to the triumphant return of Jesus at the second coming.

Since approximately the 13th century, the usual liturgical color in Western Christianity for Advent has been violet. On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, rose may be used instead, referencing the rose used on Laetare Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent. A rose colored candle in Western Christianity is referenced as a sign of joy (Gaudete) lit on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. In some denominations, blue, a color representing hope, is an alternative liturgical color for Advent, a custom traced to the usage of the Church of Sweden (Lutheran) and the medieval Sarum Rite in England. In addition, the color blue is also used in the Mozarabic Rite, which dates from the 8th century. This color is often referred to as "Sarum blue". Worship identify purple or blue as appropriate for Advent.

## CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

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# Second Sunday of Advent

## HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol † indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Silent Procession

### Advent Wreath Lighting

*Reader:* God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ.

*People:* **Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

**We will lie down and sleep in peace,  
For you alone, O LORD, make us dwell in safety.**

**We will light this candle in Peace.**

We light this candle in Peace. (Light the Candle)

On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

♣ Processional Hymn #89 - "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by  
 glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -  
 near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,  
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its  
 heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give  
 still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

♣ The Acclamation

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

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

## The Collect for Purity

Christians have prayed this prayer for more than a thousand years. It is a prayer that orients our hearts and minds to God and prepares us for the praise and thanksgiving that is at the heart of our worship. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we ask to be transformed so that our lives, our love, and all of our worship may reveal the glory of God and our love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## The Collect of the Day

This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

## ✠The Collect for Purity

*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.**

## ✠The Gloria - *Traditional tune.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## ✠The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

**M**erciful 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.

## ✠The Collect for Shaped by Faith - *said by all*

**God of Wisdom and Love, in whom we find our joy: Help us to listen for your Word and to discern your way forward for our Church. Give us the insight to hold on to what is true, the courage to explore new ideas, and the boldness to create with you. Let us be Shaped by Faith for your mission; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The congregation may be seated for the readings.*

### First Lesson

*Baruch 5:1-9*

*Reader*      A Reading from the Book of the Baruch.

**T**ake off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.  
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.  
For God will give you evermore the name,  
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."  
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
look toward the east,  
and see your children gathered from west and east  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.  
For they went out from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;  
but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.  
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting  
hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.  
The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.  
For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

*Canticle 16 - Luke 1:68-79*

*Reader:*      We will read the Canticle responsively.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
**he has come to his people and set them free.**  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
**born of the house of his servant David.**

## The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

## The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
**from the hands of all who hate us.**  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,\*  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### The Epistle

*Philippians 1:3-11*

*Reader* A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

**I** thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

♣ Gradual Hymn #73 - "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

♣ The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. ✠✠✠

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

**I**n the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
 'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make his paths straight.  
 Every valley shall be filled,  
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
 and the crooked shall be made straight,  
 and the rough ways made smooth;  
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel**

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.



## The Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

## The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, "Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!"

## The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Leshner

### ✠The Nicene Creed

*To be read in unison.*

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.

## The Prayers of the People

*The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for those we name out loud or silently in our hearts.

*Silence*

**Amen.**

*The Priest says*

Loving God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

## The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany, with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Silence*

### **The 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**

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ's peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God's forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.

### **✠The Peace**

*Deacon*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

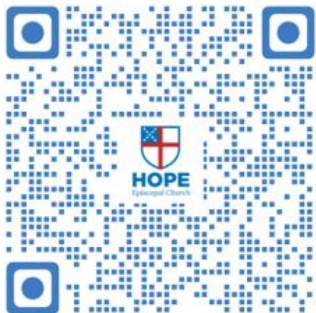
### **The Offertory**

*The offering will be taken at this time.*

*Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:*

- 1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin*
- 2. Text: "[AMOUNT]" to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, a link will be sent by return text to complete the donation.*
- 3. Offering plate: cash or a check payable to "Hope Episcopal Church". You may designate any ministry in the 'memo' line.*

*Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



Offertory Music

#66-“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and  
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most  
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ  
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through  
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and  
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -  
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -  
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,  
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and  
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from  
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.  
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.  
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.  
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass. In Holy

Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

### Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

**Offertory:** At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

**Ablutions:** The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, “I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.”

**Sursum Corda:** Literally, “we lift up our hearts.” Here in the *Sursum Corda* the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

**Sanctus:** Sanctus means “holy.” We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Doxology

*The congregation stands*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

### ✠The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer 2*

*The people stand.*

### The Sursum Corda

*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.**

*Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

### ✠Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

*The people kneel or stand.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff of music contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and".

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

### **Praise for the Work of God the Father**

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

### **Praise for the Work of God the Son**

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

### **Praise for the Work of God the Holy Spirit**

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ✠

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ✠

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## ✠The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,**

<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<b>Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.</b>
<b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>	<b>Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.</b>
<b>And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.</b>	<b>Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.</b>
<b>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</b>	<b>No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal.</b>
<b>For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.</b>	<b>Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.</b>

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

## Communion

*Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

## The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament

*Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (Matthew 6:9-13).

## Breaking of Bread

The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

## The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.



## Music During Communion

### Post Communion Hymn

#711 - "Seek Ye First"

1 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,  
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be  
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
*Refrain*  
2  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.  
Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

13. 11. 7 with Alleluia

### Prayer after Communion

In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

### The Thanksgiving

*The congregation stands*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# ✠ The Blessing

## The Recessional

## #68 - "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Langloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

# ✠ The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Three-Fold Amen

## Postlude

## The Blessing & Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

## Worship Servers

December 8, 2024

### This Month's Birthdays:

1st - Max Brown  
2nd - Anna Gail Fenn  
2nd - Patty Gokey  
4th - Braiden Keating  
5th - Charlie Geib  
5th - James Catigano  
9th - Missy Gebhard  
12th - Tia True  
15th - Yvonne Herbst  
16th - Janelle Weckerly  
16th - Jennifer Gruber  
19th - Jeff Gebhard  
23rd - Alessandra Fiore  
28th - Jimmy Harrington

### This Month's Anniversaries:

17th - Dave & Amy Dissinger

If you'd like to sign up to provide lunch, there is a sign-up list on the whiteboard in the parish house. The entire year is listed on the sign-up pages. The last Sunday of the month is a Pot Luck, so plan to bring your favorite dish!

Ushers - Jo Steffy, Jim Burchik  
Lectors - Damaris Perez (1st), Stephanie Seaman (Psalm), Lucy Longo (2nd)  
Prayers of the People - Kathleen Peach  
Lay Eucharistic Minister - Micah Roldan  
Altar Guild - Lynette Brown  
Acolytes - Ethan Weckerly, Liam Peach

### Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Barbara, Angie, Katie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Nancy, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Lester, Susan, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Janice, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, the Solis Family, the Leibley Family, Betsy, Bud Dissinger, Emily Garber and family, and our Grief Share, Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity Episcopal Church, Jersey Shore  
Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

*To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the church office so they can be added to our prayer list.*

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10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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