

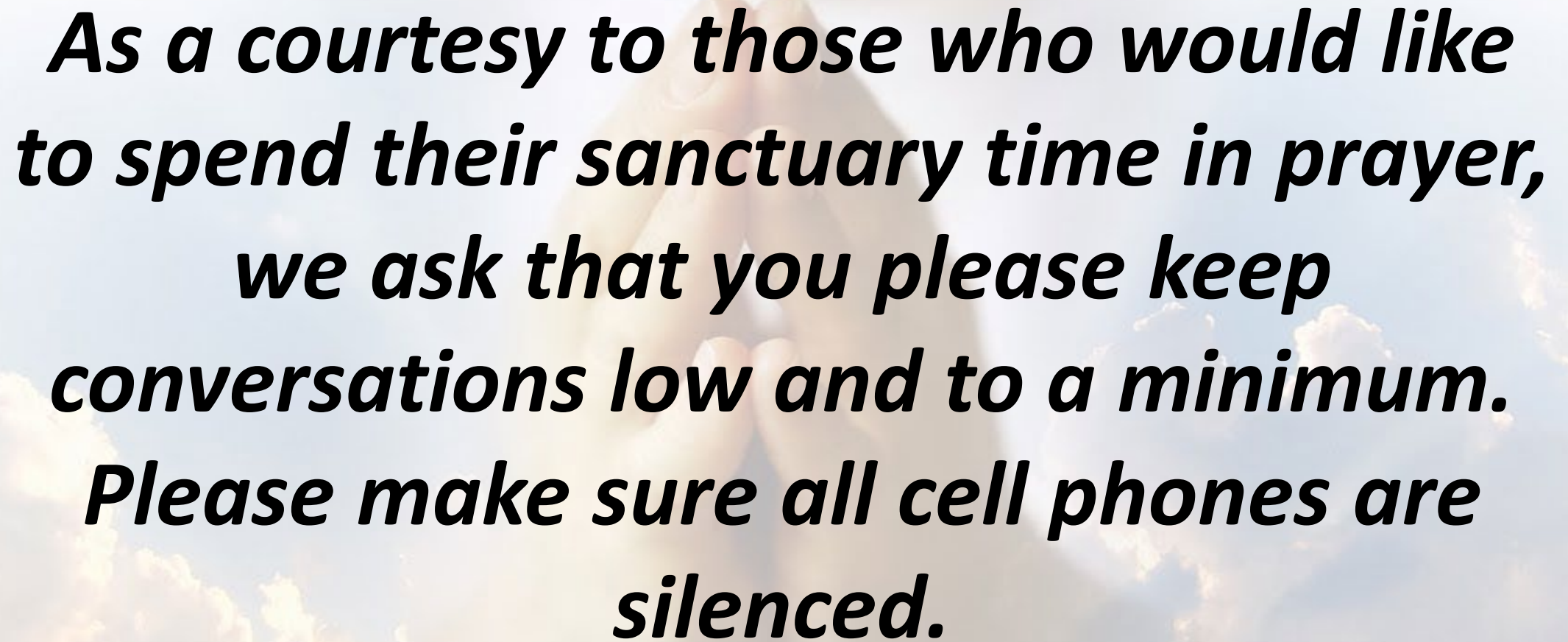
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***Our mission is to share the Good  
News of grace and love with all  
through worship, service, and  
fellowship.***



***"Our Vision:  
Joy is a spiritual community sharing  
the love of Christ in a challenging  
world".***

# Hymns for Today's Service that are in the Hymnal:

**Gathering: ELW # 263- Savior of the Nations Come**

**Praise: ELW # 265- The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

**Cong. Offertory: - ELW # 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**Distribution: ELW # 251- My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness**

**ELW # 295- Of the Father's Love Begotten**

**ELW # 254- Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Sending: ELW # 723- Canticle of the Turning**

The image features four lit candles in an Advent wreath. From left to right, the candles are blue, blue, red, and blue. They are set against a dark background with a vibrant, multi-colored starburst pattern of light rays. The candles are surrounded by greenery and small white and red berries.

***The Fourth Sunday of Advent***

***December 22, 2024***

**PRELUDE:**

*O Come, O Come,*  
**EMMANUEL**

***Janet Voyles, Silas Daniel***



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
alive in the world,  
reviving creation,  
arriving soon.
- C** Amen.
- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***





**P** God of mercy,

**C** we confess that we have sinned.

**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**

**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

**P** God of might,

**C** we confess that we have sinned.

**We have turned away from our neighbors.**

**We have trusted false promises.**



**P** God in our midst,  
**C** **we confess that we have sinned.**

**We plead: come to us.**

**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

**P** A righteous branch springs forth:  
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,  
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
receive the grace and forgiveness of God  
through **✝** Christ Jesus,  
whose day draws near.

**C** **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

***ELW 263-“ Savior of the Nations Come”***

- 1 Savior of the nations, come;  
virgin's son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:  
God has chosen such a birth.**
  
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
but the mystic Breath of God,  
was the Word of God made flesh,  
fruit of woman, blossom fresh.**



**GATHERING HYMN:**

***ELW 263—" Savior of the Nations Come"***

**3 Wondrous birth—oh, wondrous child—  
from his throne, a virgin mild!  
Very God, and Mary's son,  
eager now his race to run!**

**4 From God's heart the Savior speeds,  
back to God his pathway leads;  
out to vanquish death's command,  
back to reign at God's right hand.**



**GATHERING HYMN:**

***ELW 263-" Savior of the Nations Come"***

**5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.**

**6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!**

# GREETING

**P** The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**KYRIE:**

***"LORD HAVE MERCY"***

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Christ, have mercy.

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

***Lighting of the Advent Candle: “Advent’s Holy Light” vv 1-4***

- 1. As we watch for the dawn of a brighter day,  
a candle of hope lights the way.  
As we look for the signs of the promised birth,  
of a Savior who brings heaven to earth.**





*Lighting of the Advent Candle: "Advent's Holy Light" vv. 1-4*

**Refrain:**

**Lord, we are waiting for peace to reign.**

**Lord, we are listening for love's refrain.**

**For hope, peace, and joy and love to unite  
in the beauty and wonder of Advent's holy  
light.**



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As we look for the signs of the promised birth,  
of a Savior who brings heaven to earth.**



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**Refrain:**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us Pray.

**C** **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



## Micah 5:2-5a

*From Bethlehem comes a ruler*

Micah 5:2 (NIV)

*“But you, Bethlehem Epaphreth,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me one  
who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from old,  
from ancient times.”*





- P** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

# Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55

*You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)*

<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your |  
lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will | call me  
blessed:**

<sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.



50 You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation. **R**

*You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly.*

51 You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

52 **casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**



53 You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.

54 **You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

55 the promise made | to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. **R**

***You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly.***



# Hebrews 10:5-10

***I have come  
to do your  
will.***

And by that will  
we have been  
sanctified through  
the offering of  
the body of

# Jesus Christ

once for all.

**HEBREWS 10:10**



- P** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.





**O OF THE  
FATHER'S LOVE  
BEGOTTEN**

**SPECIAL MUSIC 8:15 AM**

*ARR. Mark Hayes*



SPECIAL MUSIC 11:00 AM

*JOY Choir*

Preparing  
The Way Of  
The Lord

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:– *“Alleluia”***

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia.**

**P** The Holy  
Gospel  
according to  
**Luke 1:39-45**  
**[46-55]**

**C** Glory to  
you O Lord.

*(Gospel is read)*





**P** : THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

**C** : PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.



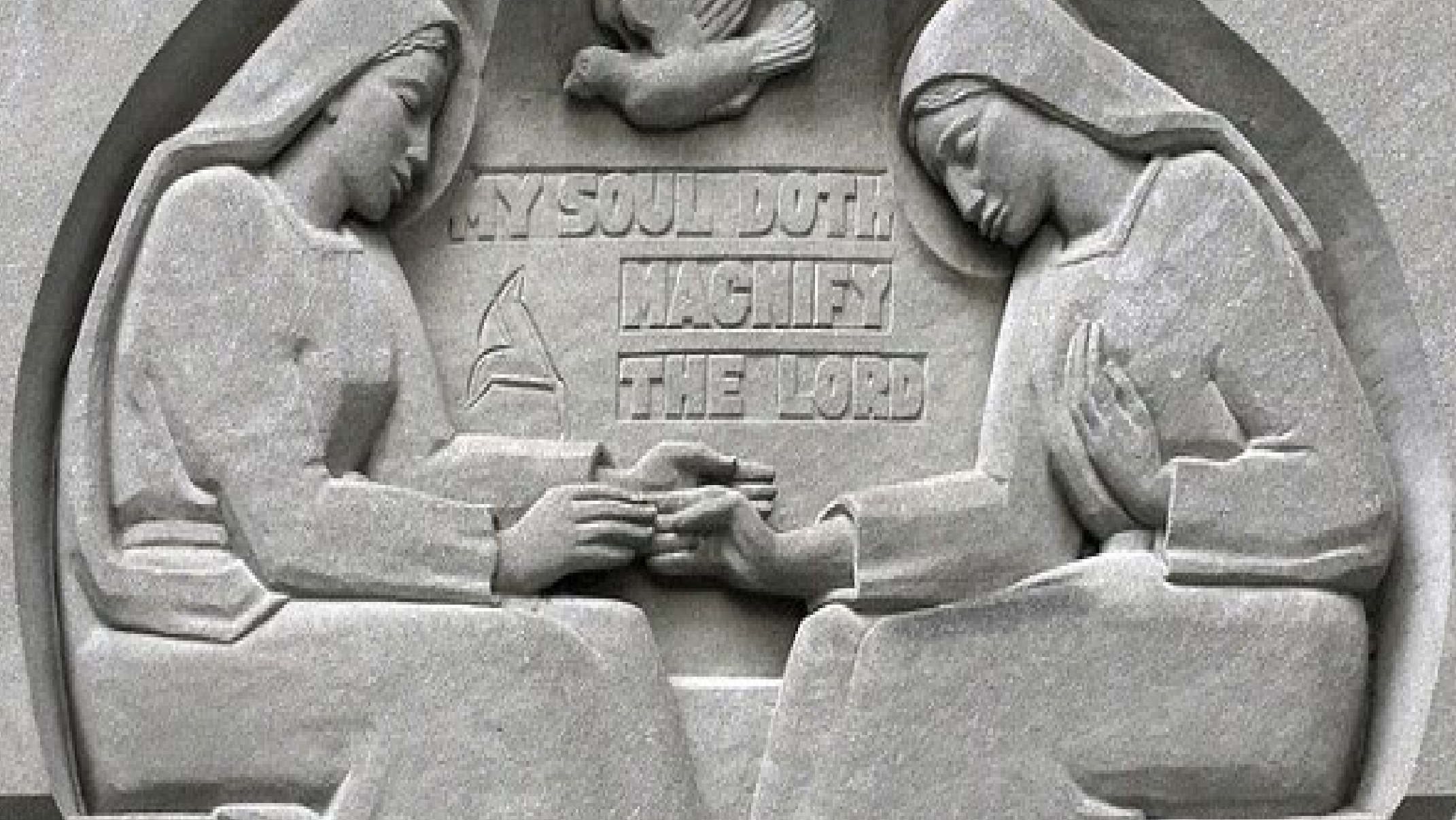


# Magnificat

Luke 1.39-55

***TODAY'S  
MESSAGE GIVEN  
BY***

***INTERN  
BOB BONOMO***



**SILENCE FOR  
REFLECTION**

***Hymn of the Day: ELW # 265 – “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”***

**1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee;  
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**



***Hymn of the Day: ELW # 265 – “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”***

**3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;**

**"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.**

**"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."**

**Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

**4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born**

**in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,**

**and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:**

**"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!**



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR NEW MEMBERS

**P** I present these sisters and brothers, who desire to affirm their baptism.

Let us pray.

**P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**R** **I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**R** **I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**R** **I renounce them.**

(to Congregation)

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**P** You have professed your faith with us.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the Gospel through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**R** **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**P** People of God,  
do you promise to support these people and pray for  
them in their life in Christ?

**C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P** Let us rejoice with these new members of Joy!

**C** **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

# **PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**



# Passing of the Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

*(Share the sign of peace in the manner you feel most comfortable.)*





**OFFERTORY:**

*In the bleak midwinter*

***Janet Voyles, Silas Daniel***

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: *ELW # 257 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”***

***vv. 4***

**4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

***Refrain***

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

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Creator God,  
you made the whole world,  
even the farthest stars,  
and you draw near to feed us.  
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.  
Strengthen us with this food  
that we may live in expectation  
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and  
praise.**

**“It is indeed  
right....”**

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**SANCTUS: "HOLY"**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Lord God, Lord God, Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**



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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

# **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,**



# **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** God feeds us with tender mercy.  
Come to the table.

**C** **AMEN.**

*ALL baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table  
for the sacrament.*

*Please proceed as directed by the ushers.*

*We will observe Communion at the Altar Rail today.*

*Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice (Clear juice in  
center of tray) are also offered, if desired.*

***“LAMB OF GOD”***

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymn: *ELW # 251- "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"***

**1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;  
I sing my Savior's praise!  
You looked upon my lowliness,  
and I am full of grace.  
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age  
this blessing shall proclaim—  
great wonders you have done for me,  
and holy is your name.**



**Distribution Hymn: *ELW # 251- "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"***

**2 To all who live in holy fear  
your mercy ever flows.  
With mighty arm you dash the proud,  
their scheming hearts expose.  
The ruthless you have cast aside,  
the lowly throned instead;  
the hungry filled with all good things,  
the rich sent off unfed.**



**Distribution Hymn: *ELW # 251- "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"***

**3 To Israel, your servant blest,  
your help is ever sure;  
the promise to our parents made  
their children will secure.  
Sing glory to the Holy One,  
give honor to the Word,  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High,  
one God, by all adored.**

# ***ELW # 295-"Of the Father's Love Begotten"***

**1 Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.**



## ***ELW # 295-"Of the Father's Love Begotten"***

**2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.**





## ***ELW # 295-"Of the Father's Love Begotten"***

**3 This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore.**



# ***ELW # 295-"Of the Father's Love Begotten"***

**4 Let the heights of heav'n adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
ev'ry voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore.**



***ELW # 295-"Of the Father's Love Begotten"***

**5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be:  
honor, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory  
evermore and evermore! Amen.**

## ***ACS # 906-“No Wind at the Window”***

- 1 No wind at the window, no knock on the door;  
no light from the lampstand, no foot on the floor;  
no dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by  
fear:  
just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear.**



*ACS # 906-"No Wind at the Window"*

**2 "O Mary, O Mary, don't hide from my face.**

**Be glad that you're favored and filled with God's  
grace.**

**The time for redeeming the world has begun,  
and you are requested to mother God's Son."**



**3 This child must be born that the kingdom might come:**

**salvation for many, destruction for some;**

**both end and beginning, both message and sign;**

**both victor and victim, both yours and divine.**



*ACS # 906-"No Wind at the Window"*

**4 No payment was promised, no promises made;  
no wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed.  
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess,  
replied with conviction, "Tell God I say yes."**



## ***ELW # 254- "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"***

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.**



***ELW # 254- "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"***

**2 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

***COMMUNION BLESSING: (Please Stand)***

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C** Amen.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Generous God,  
we thank you for the gift of life,  
for the bread of salvation.  
We thank you for coming among us,  
for leading us into peace.  
We thank you for showering us with mercy,  
for sending us into the world.  
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us  
as we feed the hungry in your name.

**C** **Amen.**

# BLESSING:

**P** God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

**C** Amen

**SENDING HYMN: *ELW # 723 – “Canticle of the Turning”***

**1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?**



**SENDING HYMN: *ELW # 723 – “Canticle of the Turning”***

***Refrain***

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.**

**Let the fires of your justice burn.**

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**





**SENDING HYMN: *ELW # 723 – “Canticle of the Turning”***

**2**    **Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the  
past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to  
flight,  
for the world is about to turn.**



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**Let the fires of your justice burn.**

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**



**SENDING HYMN: *ELW # 723 – “Canticle of the Turning”***

**3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.**



**SENDING HYMN: *ELW # 723 – “Canticle of the Turning”***

***Refrain***

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.**

**Let the fires of your justice burn.**

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**



**SENDING HYMN: *ELW # 723 – “Canticle of the Turning”***

**4    Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.**



**SENDING HYMN: *ELW # 723 – “Canticle of the Turning”***

***Refrain***

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.**

**Let the fires of your justice burn.**

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**

## DISMISSAL:

- A** Go in peace.  
Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**



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***Janet Voyles, Silas Daniel***

