Grace Church
MADISON, NJ

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A
November 29, 2026, 10AM

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!
Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (the red book) and also uses texts from Enriching Our Worship, a collection of supplemental resources approved for use in The Episcopal Church.
Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin and also the blue Hymnal in the pew rack.

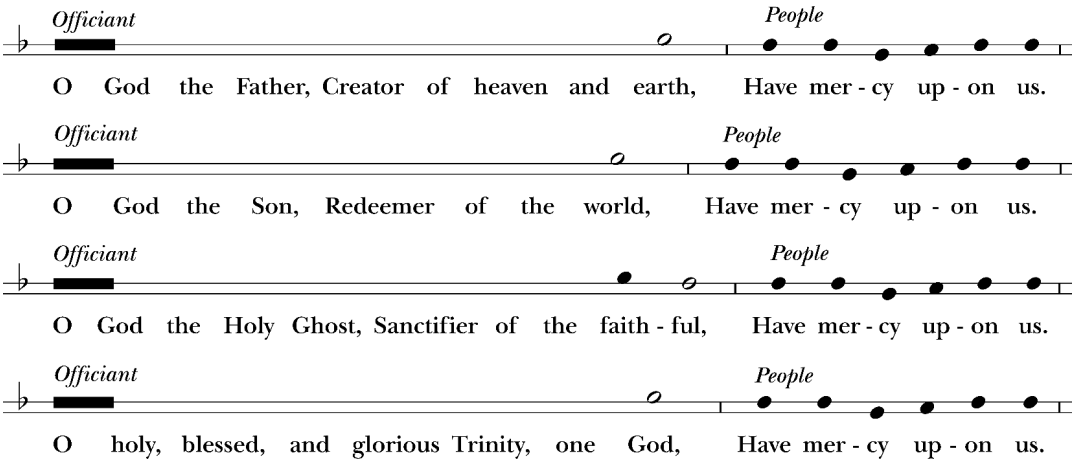
Children begin in service with their families, and will be invited to Sunday School in Nieman Hall by Miss Kathryn.
The children will rejoin the service at the Peace.

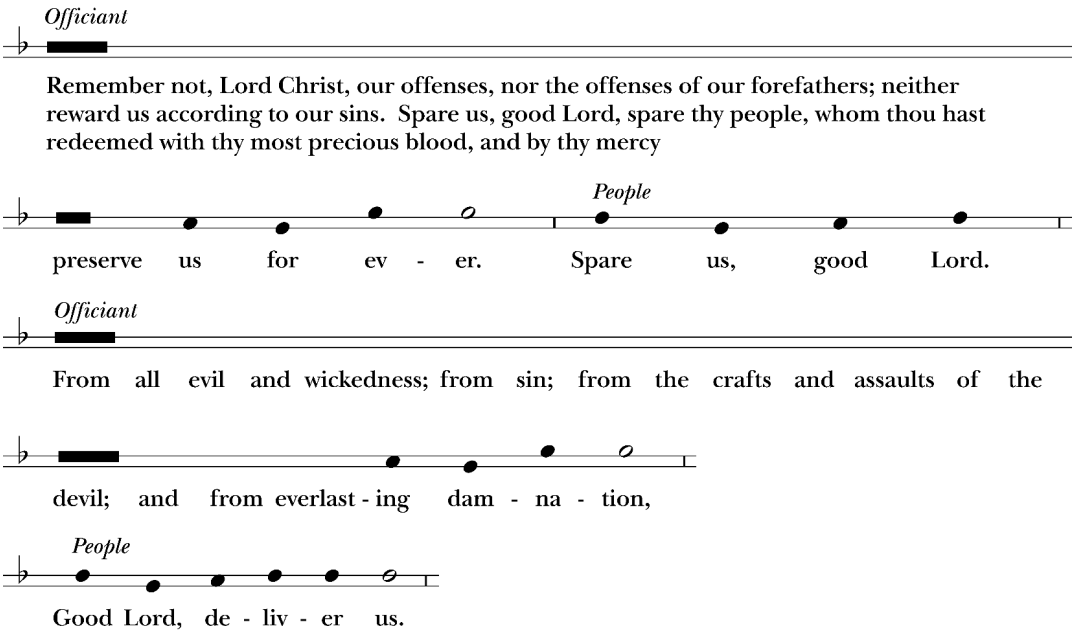
ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE *"Rorate Coeli"* Melissa Dunphy

organ

THE GREAT LITANY BCP, p. 148





From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all / want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, / and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word / and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

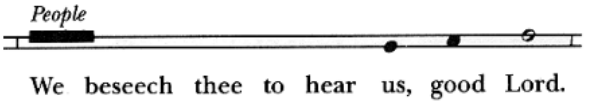
From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pesti/lence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and / unpre/pared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting / and Temp/tation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the / Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the / day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.



We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in / the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show / it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep / all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind in/to thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits / of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and / are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after / thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the / ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom up/on all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate / and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all / may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the / common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor / or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or / torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing / and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and / tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy up/on all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

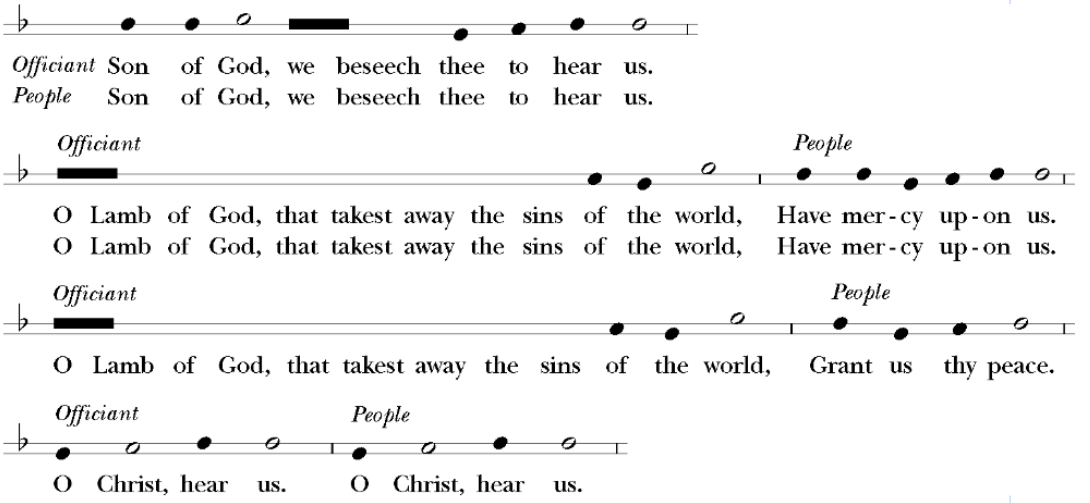
That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy / holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to / turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

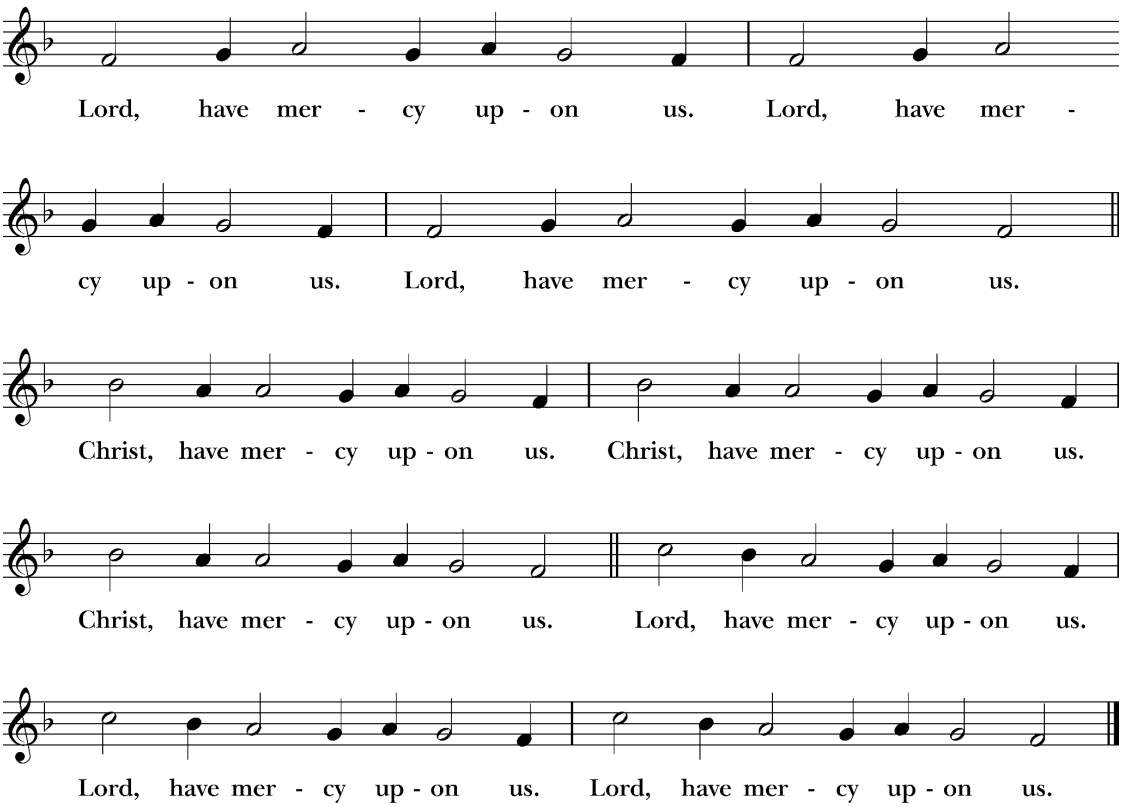
That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan un/der our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal / life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heav/enly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



KYRIE *(Merbecke)* Hymnal S-90



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Children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to join Miss Kathryn for Sunday School in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at the Peace. Nursery care is available for children through age 4.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP, p. 211

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80, 1-7, 16-18 *Sung by the choir.* Plainsong

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

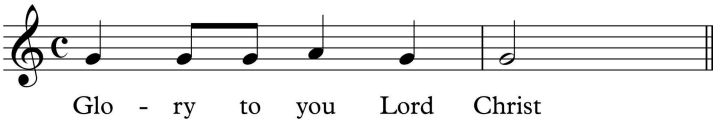
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

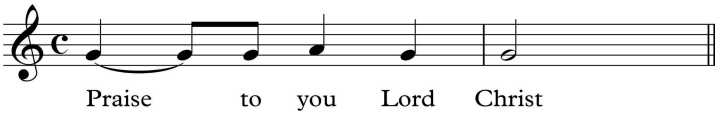
SEQUENCE HYMN "O Heavenly Word" Hymnal 64
(O Heiland, reiss)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.



ORGAN RESPONSE *"O Heiland, reiss"* Helmut Walcha

The people sit.

SERMON

The people stand.

THE NICENE 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:
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 Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Each petition concludes ...in hope and expectation we pray,
People respond **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader "...and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory everlasting." **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Sunday School Children join their families in church at this time.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY "People Look East!" Susan Rucker
Choirs, bells



Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.

The people stand.

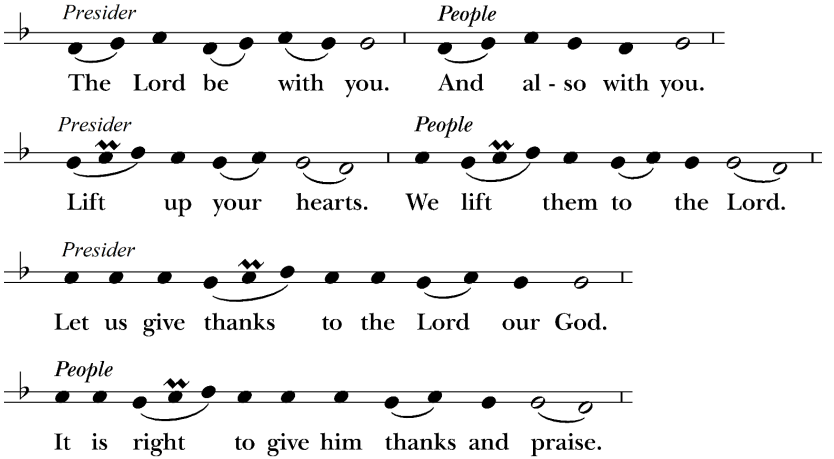
PRESENTATION HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymnal 56 Verses 1-2

(Veni, veni, Emmanuel)

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

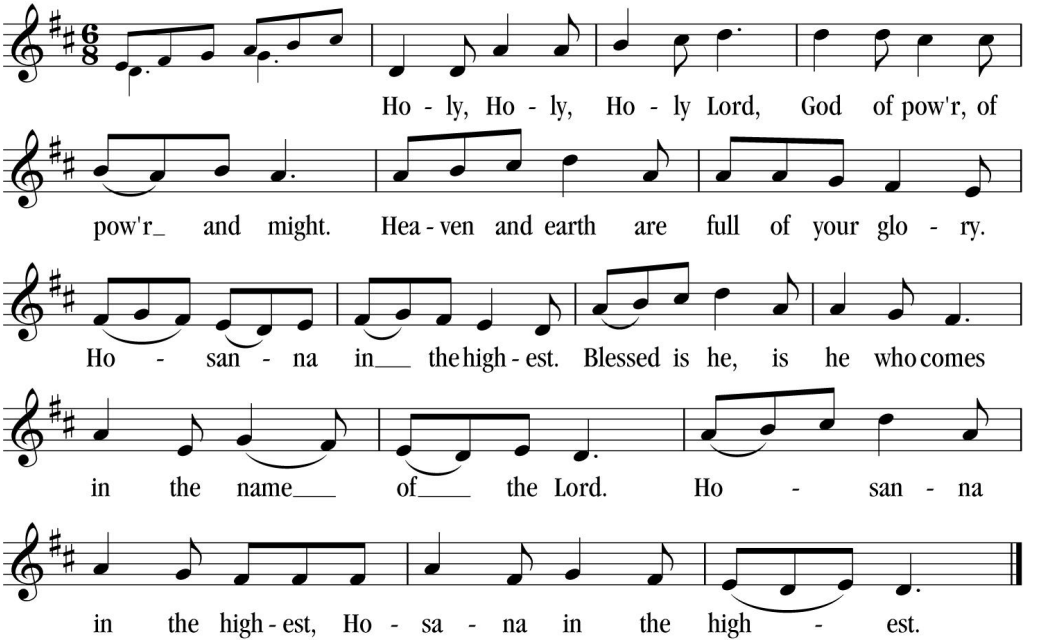
2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B Hymnal S-120



Presider It is right and a good and joyful thing…
... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS St. James Advent Series



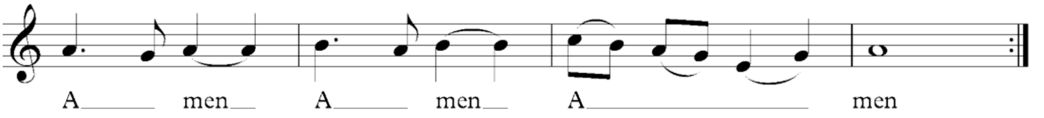
The people remain standing.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God…
…Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Presider and People

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

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise…
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



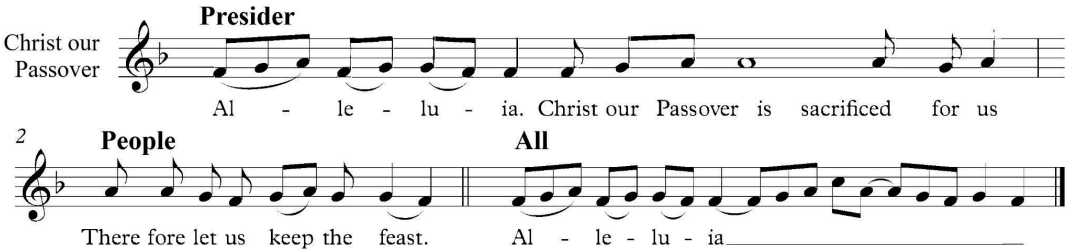
THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP, p. 364

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

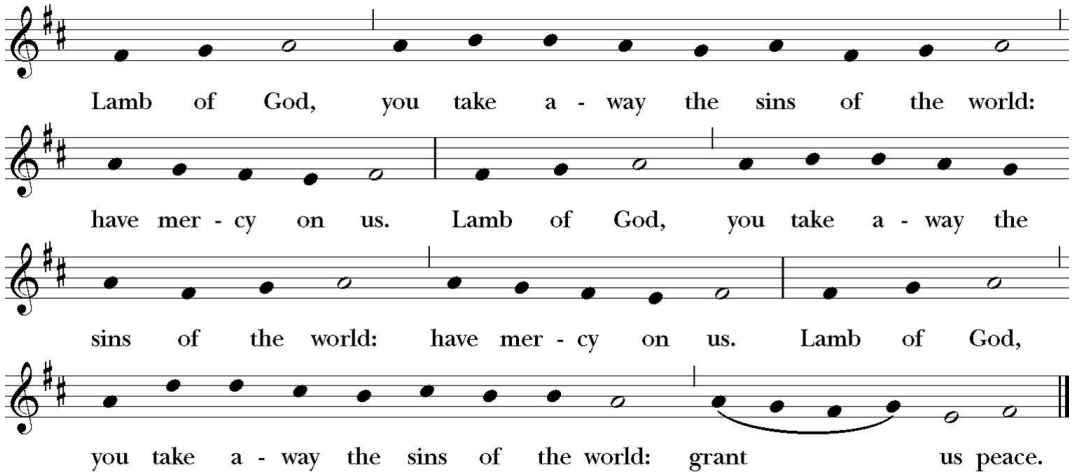
A period of silence is kept.



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.
Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and drink from the cup.
Intinction – dipping the wafer in the wine – is not practiced.
To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.
If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.
Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

FRACTION ANTHEM *(Hurd)* Hymnal S-161



COMMUNION MUSIC "Lo! He Comes" Charles Callahan
organ

COMMUNION HYMN "Once He Came in Blessing" Hymnal 53
(Gottes Sohn is kommen)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP, p. 365

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

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 Presider invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Lo! He Comes, with Clouds" Hymnal 57
(Helmsley)

THE DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *"Gottes Sohn is kommen"* J. S. Bach

Children (and others) are always welcome to watch at the organ console during the Postlude.

Grace Prayer List

We pray for all who are in need, especially Leah, Paula, Rass, Cindy, Terry, Nancy, Scott, Christ Family, Joanne, Marilyn, Jennifer, Anne, Mark, Joe, Audrey, Katie, Ruth, David, Richard, Eloise, Croft, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Brigette, Sue.

Grace Calendar Highlights

TODAY after service in Grace Hall, come make an **Advent Wreath for your home** in Grace Hall

Fri, Dec 4, 5:15PM **Grace Family Caroling**, meet in Grace Hall

Mon, Dec 7, 1-7PM **Blood Drive**, *Walk-ins welcome*

Sat, Dec 12, 9-11AM **Gingerbread Brunch Fundraiser**, Grace Hall

Sun, Dec 20, 4PM **Advent Evensong & Tree of Light**, Church

February 26-28 **Women's Retreat**, *Cross Roads Retreat*

Thank you to those who have pledged to Grace in 2027 *as of 11/23/26*

Lauren Ackland
Nancy Adamczyk
Joe & Cynthia Barilla
John & Mayan Beaudouin
Michel Belt
Greg & Laura Norwalk Bendelius
Diane Bensley
Wendy & David Berg
Leigh & Andy Bolt
Mariam Bora
Linda Bowden
Suzanne Bowles
Geoff & Crary Brooks
Elizabeth Brown
Michael & Lou Ann Bugg
Laura & Mark Burgess
Chris & Melissa Ciolino
Ken Cole & Rosemarie Collingwood-Cole
Ted & Tish Corvino
Mike & Christine Cullen
Jenn & Aaron Daley
Therese & Chris Dalton
Paul DelaCruz
Georgeann DiGiovanni
Erik & Cindy Donough
John & Angela Finlay
Rob & Heather Fraser
John & Allison Garde
David & Nancy Gates
Susan Goodman
Patrick & Heidi Griffee
Scott & Nancy Guempel
Doug & Katie Harter
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Stephen Hauge
H. Friedrich & Sally Holzapfel
Melissa Honohan
Tom & Judy Honohan
Marie Hopkins
Mark & Beth Hopkins
Kathleen Hower & Peter Munter
Han Huang & Patricia Northrop
Susan Ironside & Andrew Moore
Ted & Karen Jamer
Charlie & Judy Jurgensen
Baldwin & Cheryl King
Wade & Linda Kirby
Michael Kostial
Steven Lane
Bob & Bonnie Layton
Bob & Mary Frances Leamer
Paul & Laura Lemaire
Norman & Martha Lewis
Maureen Link
Jordan & Andrea Lynch
David Lloyd & Mary Royer
Ginger Maione
Donald & Alberta Marcy
Robert & Karen Martin
Jonathan & Susan Massey
Anne Matlack & Jabez Van Cleef
Sherri Mayans
Beth & Tucker McKeever
Marthe & Michael McLinden
John & Mary McManus
Barbara Million
Suzanne & Ed Monkemeier
Jay & Heidi Muccifori
Anne Marie & Mike Muldoon
Marilyn Musielski
Kirk & Sue Nixon
Joan Nolan
Nancy Nubel
Kirk & Peggy Oakes
Patrick & Sarah O'Keefe
Sam & Heather Partridge
Ken & Jolanta Peacock
Paul & Sandra Petrell
Ruth Portela
Doris Purdy & Ronald DeGroot
Eleanor Rawitz
Bill & Carol Rice
Elven & Diane Riley
Franklin Ritt
Mary & Al Rooney
Paula & Ted Roper
Janet Ross
Bruce Rudin
Patty Ruggles
Mark Sacher
Suzanne & Jonathan Shelby
Rick & Julie Sheppard
Rich & Cindy Steffens
Jeffrey & Christa Stewart
Sue Strong
Elizabeth Towle
James & Ruth Tranberg
Dan & Barbara Trimble
Joanna Trimble
Scott & Evangeline Tross
Han-Hsien Tuan
Theresa Wertheimer
Megan Gates & William Whelan
Stephan & Raia Wielandy
Chris & Stacy Wilde
Elizabeth Williams
Miller Wood
Andy & Cali Yost
Marco & Susan Zarbin
Philip & Erin Zoutendam