

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 7th, 2025

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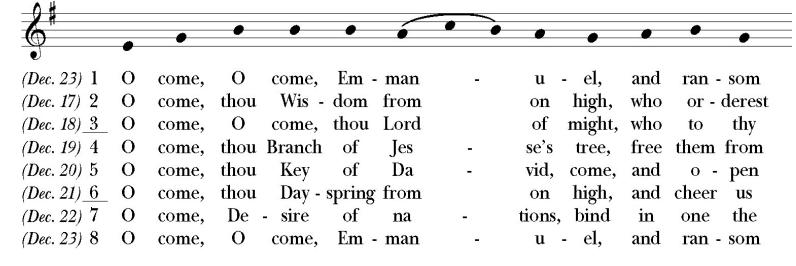
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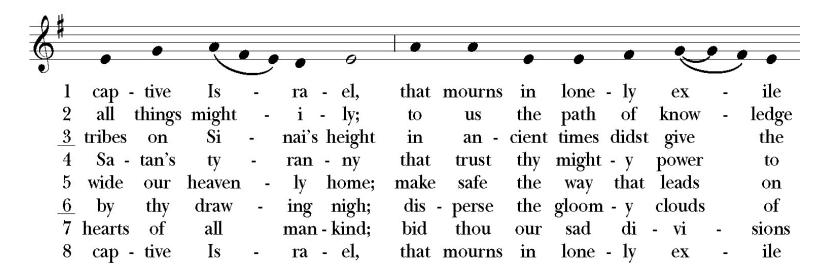
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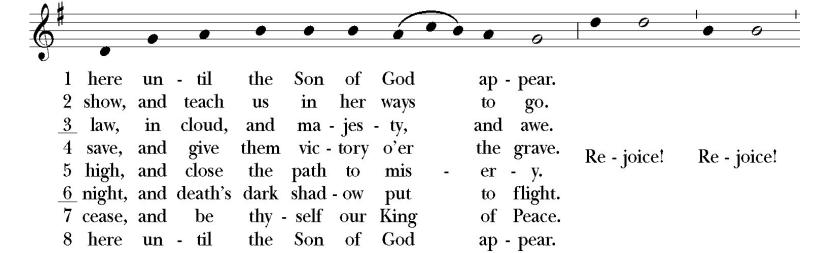
Call to Worship

Hymnal 56, vss. 3&4

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



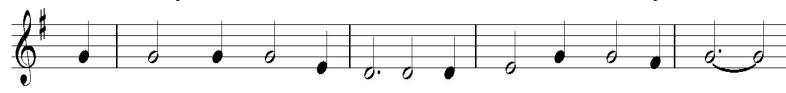






Processional Hymn

Hymnal 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.



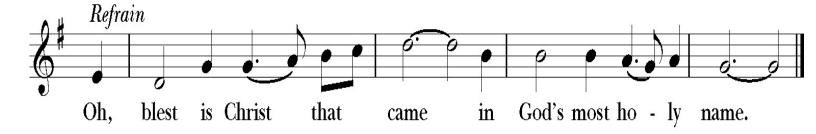
hill val - ley lev - el Let and a ev - ery way ap - pear. free-dom, and jus - tice, truth, and His rule and is peace tid - ings sal - va - tion pro - claim in His ev - ery of place.



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.



Salutation BCP 323

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

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

The Collect of Purity

BCP 323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Summary of the Law

BCP 324

Hear what our Lord *Jesus Christ* saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie Eleison

BCP 324; S 91

(intro)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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The Collect BCP 159

Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people will recite the psalm responsively by the whole verse, or in unison. **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

Deus, judicium

- 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 oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *from one generation to another.
- 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. Amen.

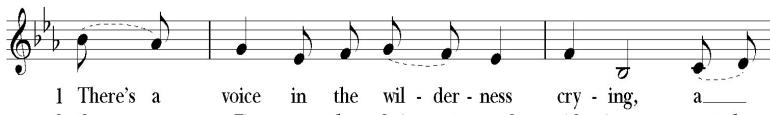
Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together 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.

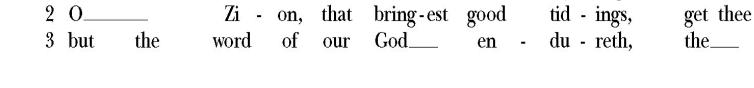
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

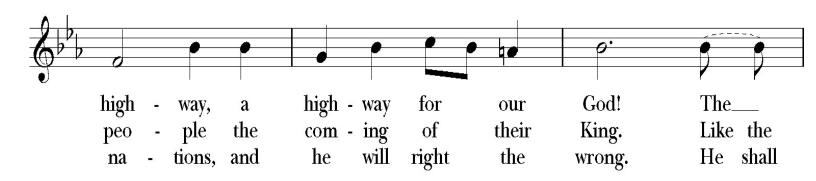
Hymnal 75

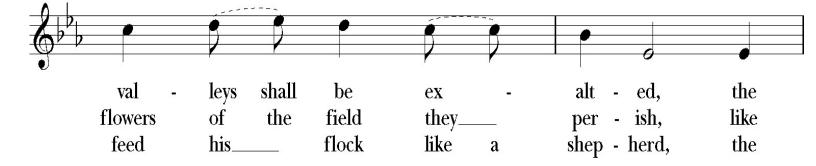






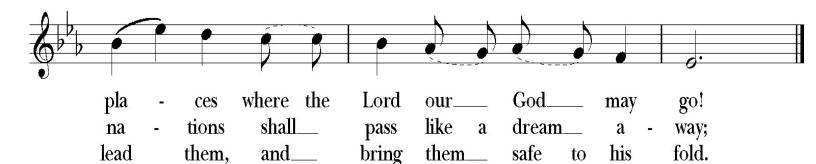
call from the ways trod: Pre pare in the des - ert un the heights and sing! Pro claim des - o - late to to a up of the Lord is he the midst__ arm strong; stands inof







lof - ty hills brought make straight all the crook low; ed power and pomp grass our works de cay, the of lambs he'll gent - ly hold; pas - tures of peace he'll to



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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Reverend David Braddock

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

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

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially President Donald Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Anglican cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of Bangladesh. In our Diocesan cycle of Prayer: Pray for Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishop Poulson Reed and our Priest David Braddock. Pray for St. John's, Woodward and Grace, Yukon. Pray for The Rev. Robert Willis, The Rev. Joshua Blake and his wife Laura ant The Rev. Tammy Wooliver. In our Parish cycle of Prayer: Pray for Andy Bowers as he pursues Holy Orders. Pray for Mark and Stephanie Stephens, Iva Nell Templer and Kally Tuttle and Joe McGuire. Remember the birthday of Jeanne Graham.

(Your own petitions and intercessions may be added at this time either silently or aloud).

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for *Jesus Christ's* sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*.

Confession of Sin BCP 330

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, +pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen*.

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 *John 2:1-2*

The Peace BCP 332

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(in unison)

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

Offertory (seated)

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Instrumental music played during collection. Hymn 707

For this Sunday undesignated checks or cash in the plate offering is designated for the priest discretionary fund.

The Doxology (stand)

Hymnal 380; vs. 3

(Play through one time)

"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. (pause) Amen"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 333

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus (intro)

BCP 334; Hymnal S 114

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus bells are rung

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son *Jesus Christ* to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (bells)

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." (bells)

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior *Jesus Christ*, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior *Jesus Christ's* holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son *Jesus Christ*, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son *Jesus Christ*, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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.

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Agnus Dei (intro)

BCP 337; S 157

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

Celebrant 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 ushers lead worshippers to the altar rail. All baptized individuals are invited to communion.

Instrumental music played during communion. Hymn 711



Post Communion Prayer (kneeling or standing)

BCP 339

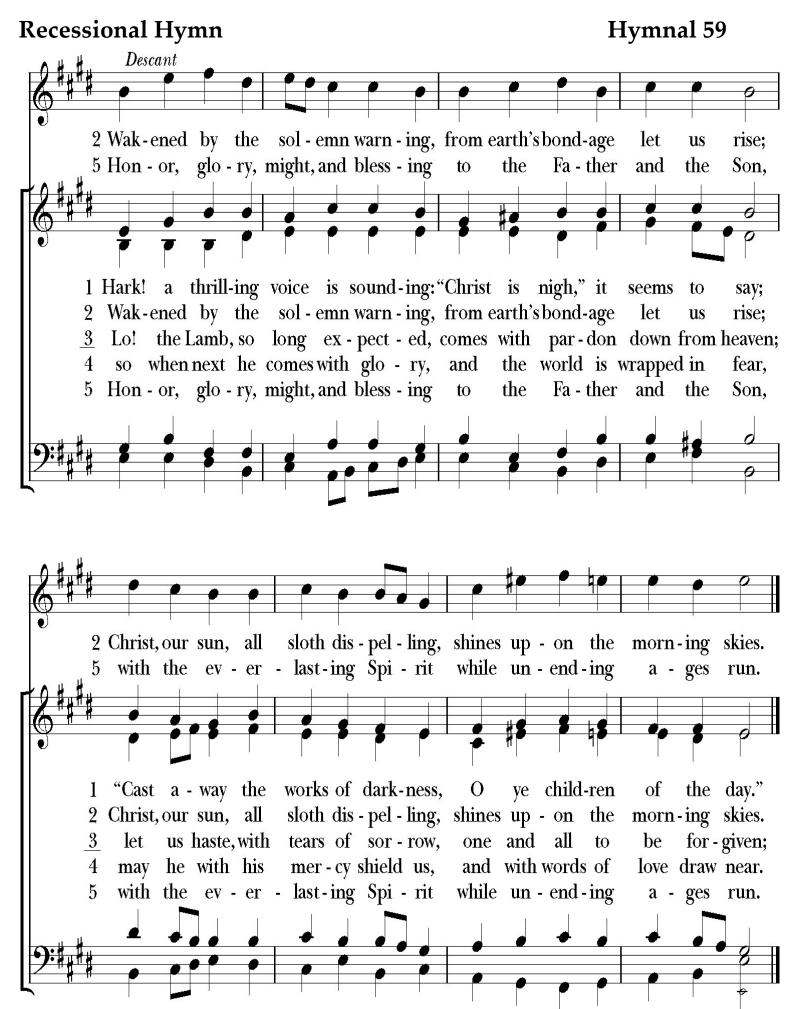
Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior *Jesus Christ*; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son *Jesus Christ* our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.



Dismissal (standing)

BCP 340

Officiant Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord,

and make a difference in the world.

People We will, Thanks be to God.

This week at St. Paul's:

Wednesday, December 10th 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 14th 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

CELEBRANT: The Reverend David Braddock

LAY EUCHARIST MINISTER: Jessie Craighead

LECTORS: First Lesson: Jessie Craighead

The Epistle: Bonnie McAskill

USHERS: Lynn Sharp and Jon Kidwell

CRUCIFER: John Womack

ALTAR GUILD: Jon Kidwell

HOSPITALITY:

LOCK-UP: Rick Stebbens



The Head of this Church: Jesus Christ

Presiding Bishop: The Most Reverend Sean Rowe
Bishop of Oklahoma: The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed
Priest-In-Charge: The Rev. David Braddock
Senior Warden: John Womack
Junior Warden: Cassy Howard

Vestry Members:

Seat 1 Bonnie McAskill-2025*
Seat 2 Rick Stebbens-2028
Seat 3 Cassy Howard-2025

Seat 4

Seat 5 Nancy Davidson-2026* Seat 6 Jon Kidwell-2028

Seat 7 John Womack-2028*

Treasurer: Nancy Davidson

Parish Clerk: Nancy Davidson

Pledge Clerk: Jon Kidwell

Guild Directress: Iva Nell Templer

Each term expires in January three years from election.

^{*}second term