

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020 | 8:00 and 10:00

The Reverend Daniel Leatherman, Celebrant and Preacher

# The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath has four purple or blue candles in a ring around a white or gold candle reflecting the liturgical color for Advent, with a pink candle for the Third Sunday, when rose-pink vestments are traditionally worn. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white or gold one on Christmas Day.

There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Common Worship Principal Service Lectionary is:

Advent 1	The Patriarchs
Advent 2	The Prophets
Advent 3	John the Baptist
Advent 4	The Virgin Mary
Christmas Day	The Christ

Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. ‘The Patriarchs’ can naturally focus on Abraham, our father in faith, and David, the ancestor in whose city Jesus was born. ‘The Prophets’ gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was ‘foretold’. John, who proclaimed the Savior, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture.

## Prelude

*Celebrant standing at Advent Wreath*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Second Sunday of Advent Sanctus bell rings, people standing,*

*Celebrant standing at Advent Wreath*

*Celebrant* The Spirit of God rests fully on the coming Lord.

*People* **The promised Christ is full of wisdom and understanding in the Spirit of God.**

*Celebrant* The promised Lord will rule with true justice and righteousness.

*People* **All fear will change to comfort.  
All enemies will be transformed into friends.**

*Celebrant* As we trust in God, we find our peace.

*People* **In the grace of God, we find our hope.**

*Week 2 of Advent*

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Savior who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. *Amen.*

*Silence is kept following the lighting of the candle*

Entrance

O come, O come Emmanuel (verses 1-3)

Hymnal 56



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

## The Word of God

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living God.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

*The people kneeling as you are able.*

## The Decalogue: Contemporary

*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People*      **Amen.**

*When appointed, the following hymn is said (8:00) and sung (10:00), all standing*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

10:00 **The Kyrie**

*Kyrie Eleison*

**Hymnal S 96**

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the first system, and "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,—" for the second system. The music features a simple harmonic setting with a melodic line in the soprano part and a supporting bass line.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the collect*

Merciful 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 Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

*Reader* **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (40:1-11)**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*After the reading, the Reader says*

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

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13** *Benedixisti, Domine*

*8:00 spoken in unison; 10:00 sung*



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- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of *Jacob*.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your *people* \*  
and blotted out all their *sins*.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is *saying*, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to *him*.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who *fear him*, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our *land*.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met *together*; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each *other*.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the *earth*, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from *heaven*.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant *prosperity*, \*  
and our land will yield its *increase*.
- 13 Righteousness shall go *before him*, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his *feet*.

Reader **A reading from the second letter of Peter** (3:8-15a)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*After the reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Hymnal 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

## The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:1-8)

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*After the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Daniel Leatherman

## **Nicene Creed**

*The Celebrant and People then say the Nicene Creed together, all standing.*

**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.  
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

## Advent II

*Celebrant* Let us lift up our voices to God in strength, saying, “Be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.”

*Leader* Together as your Church, we long to see your face. Speak to us, Lord, as we walk through the wilderness listening for the sound of your voice. Give our leaders patience, wisdom, and a heart for your will: for *Michael*, our presiding bishop; *Robert*, our bishop; and *Daniel*, our priest. In your mercy,

***be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.***

We pray for all who govern, especially *Donald*, our president, *Joseph*, our president-elect, and for the Congress and courts of this land. Guide the leaders of the nations as they work for the welfare of their people and the good of all.

In your mercy,

***be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.***

Awaken us to the suffering of people near us and those far from us. Call forth in us a spirit of generosity and kindness. Equip us to respond to their needs. Arouse in us a sense of urgency to demonstrate your Good News in our lives and voice it, that all may hear. Make us messengers of your love.

In your mercy,

***be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.***

We ask you to comfort those who have lost hope, who struggle with anxiety about the future, who live in fear. Bring healing to those for whom we now pray: *N.* (*Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.*) We pray for those who have died, that their memories be blessings in our lives.

In your mercy,

***be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

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

# The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

## Offertory Hymn

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

Hymnal 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God ——— en - du - reth, the ———



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



high - way, a high - way for our God! The ———  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they ——— per - ish, like  
feed his ——— flock like a shep - herd, the



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



pla - ces where the Lord our ——— God ——— may go!  
na - tions shall ——— pass like a dream ——— a - way;  
lead them, and ——— bring them ——— safe to his fold.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Once the altar is prepared the Doxology may be sung.*

Ho - 'o - na - ni j ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne nō,  
 Ke A - ku - a mau ho - 'o - mai - ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao, ko ke - la ao. A - me - ne.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

*The Preface for Advent*

Because you sent your 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

*8:00 Celebrant and People then say*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*10:00 Celebrant and People then sing the Sanctus*

**Hymnal S 125**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Queen Emma, King Kamehameha IV, Queen Lili'uokalani, Saints Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i, our patron Saint Timothy and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.

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

*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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then shall be said,*

*Celebrant*      We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
*People*        **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*When appointed, the following hymn is said (8:00) and sung (10:00)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God:  
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace.**

**The Agnus Dei**

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

**Hymnal S 164**



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Ministration of Communion

*The people are seated. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive the Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the “Real Presence” where, in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made “real” and “present.” The nature of this grace is that Christ received even if one of the elements is received alone. During this time of pandemic out of an abundance of caution, we will only distribute the Bread in Communion. Those who are not baptized may receive a blessing; please join in the movement to the altar and cross your arms over your heart; this will alert the Celebrant of your desire to receive a blessing.*

*Faith @ Home: Prayer/ Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament  
(from St. Augustine’s Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. 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.*

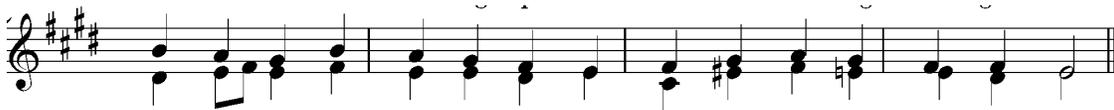
## Communion Hymn

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

**Hymnal 59**



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth’s bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon- or, glo-ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,



1 “Cast a- way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day.”  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- given;  
4 may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.



## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

## **Advent Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

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