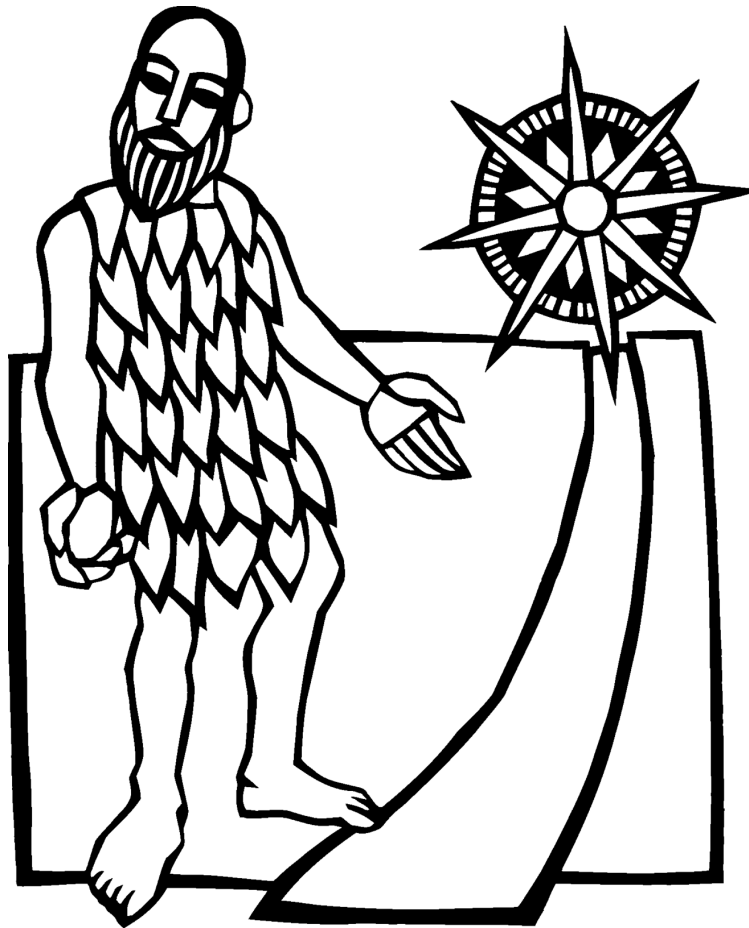


# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



## The Third Sunday of Advent

### Gaudete Sunday

December 14, 2025 | 9:00am

The Reverend Peter Wallace, Celebrant and Preacher

## **Aloha! Welcome to St. Timothy's, a place to call your spiritual home.**

*Whoever you are, no matter how God made you, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we welcome you!*

OUR MISSION: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is a welcoming and inclusive faith community dedicated to creating a place of belonging, where Christ's love is known and shared through our worship and outreach to the 'Aiea and Pearl City region of O'ahu.

WE ARE HONORED THAT YOU'VE JOINED US TODAY! We'd like to offer you warm hospitality whether you're here for a one-time visit or are seeking a church home. If you're interested in knowing more about St. Timothy's, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or our Vicar. Please note that the building across the patio from the church is Sumida Hall. As you face it, the restrooms are down the hallways: the women's to the right and the men's to the left.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME IN OUR WORSHIP. If you're interested, we offer Sunday School for preschool and elementary age keiki in the Choir/Library Room down the Ewa breezeway on your right. They will be led back to the chapel to be with you for communion. All our leaders are Safe Church trained or in the training process, and many are teachers or former teachers.

OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE of Holy Eucharist is a sacred celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It's an ancient yet relevant meal that we believe feeds and forms us for life today. This bulletin is designed to guide you through our worship. Every part of the service is printed here, so there's no need to use the pew books. If you wish to put down the bulletin and simply soak in the service, please do!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER? If you are baptized (or desire to be baptized), want to make St. Timothy's your principal worshipping community, and will support our parish life and ministries, we'd be honored to record you as a member. If you're not a confirmed Episcopalian and wish to explore membership in the greater communion of the Episcopal Church, contact our Vicar.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER SERVICE FOR COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS, AND FELLOWSHIP in Sumida Hall. We would love to have you join us and talk story!

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# Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*Sanctus bell rings, people stand. Celebrant standing at Advent Wreath*

*Celebrant* The wilderness will dance and the dry places will sing praises to God.

*People* **When we see the glory of the Lord revealed,  
we will be strengthened and saved!**

*Celebrant* God's peace opens our eyes.  
God's gift of hope opens our hearts.

*People* **With joy, we will praise the promised Savior of the world!**

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

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

*Celebrant* Let us – with joy – kindle the light of the Lord.

*The third (rose) candle is lit*

*Celebrant* God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. 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 Hymn

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Hymnal 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

# The Word of God

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant and the People will then say*

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

## The Confession

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

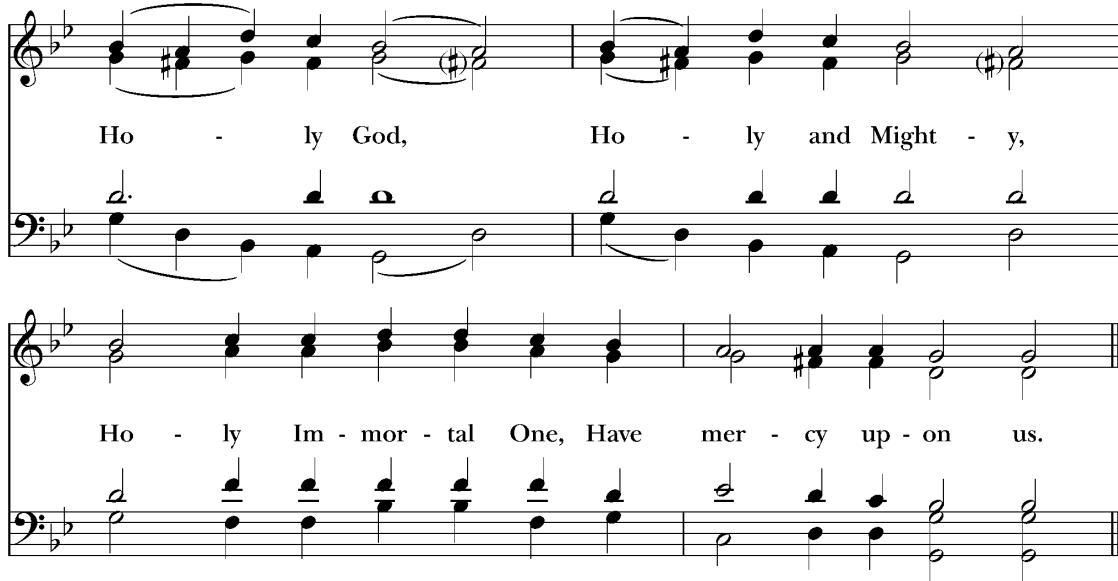
*Minister and People*

**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.**



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

### 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Blessing of Rose Altar Hangings

*All of us at St. Timothy's are grateful to Nancy Chun for the generous donation of these items for our worship.*

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*All* **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord God almighty, who for forty days instructed Moses, your servant, how to make linens and sacred appointments, which even Mary wove and made for the service of the Old Covenant; be pleased to bless these altar, lectern, and pulpit hangings made to cover and envelop the altar of your glorious Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

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

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah** (35:1-10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*After the reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*



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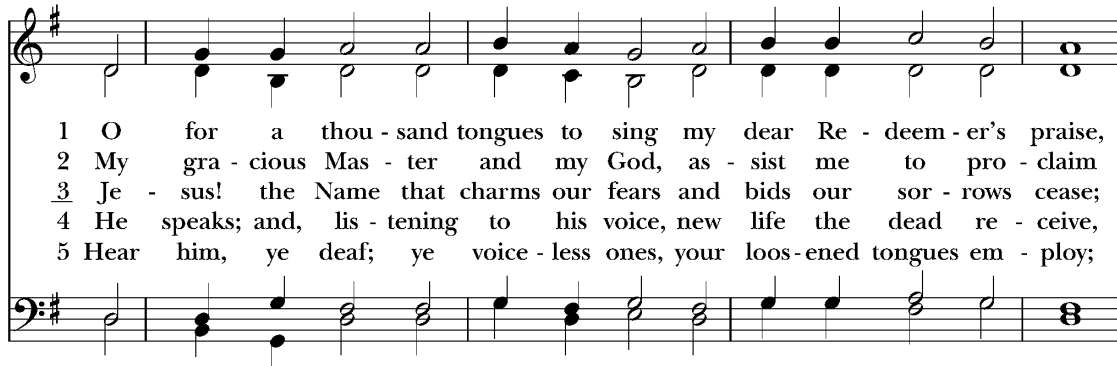
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their *help!* \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their *God*;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in *them*; \*  
who keeps his promise for *ever*;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are *oppressed*, \*  
and food to those who *hunger*.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the *blind*; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed *down*;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the *stranger*; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the *wicked*.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for *ever*, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
*Hallelujah!*

**A reading from the letter of James** (5:7-10)

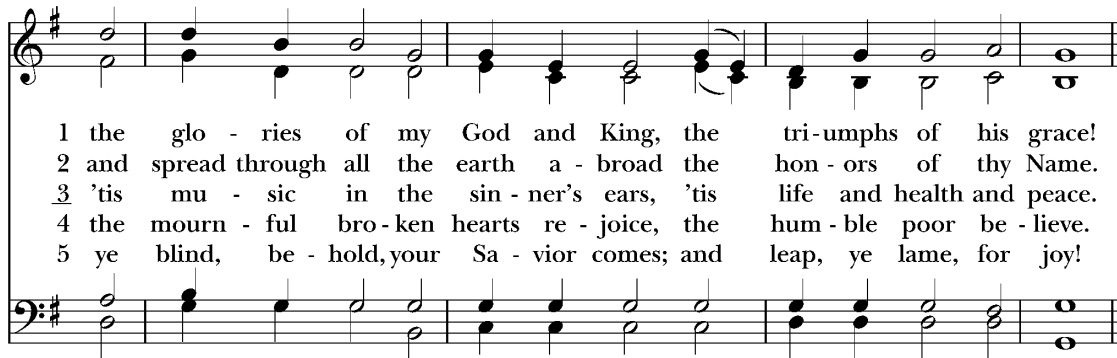
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

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



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heayen.

## The Gospel

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (11:2-11)

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Wallace

*A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able*

## **The 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 III

*In the silence that follows each bidding, intercessions may be offered silently, or aloud.*

*Celebrant* Sisters and brothers, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Let us seek the Lord praying, “Let us see your glory, O Lord; Come to us and save us!”

*Leader* Lord, save your Church from weakness of heart. Give us strength to prepare this world for the coming of your Christ. And give us patience when it seems Christ’s kingdom does not come quickly enough. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

*Leader* Let us see your glory, O Lord;

*People* **Come to us and save us!**

Lord, save this nation from disordered priorities and misplaced hope. May our values mirror your values. May we be a nation that gives justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and care to the stranger. We pray that our leaders will mirror your love to all. We pray for peace with justice in all places of violence and especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

**Come to us and save us!**

Lord, save your creation from human misuse. Bless us to play a part in the redemption you have planned for all of creation. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

**Come to us and save us!**

Lord, save us from hopelessness. Give us a vision and a future. Raise up prophets who will speak truth, hope, and encouragement to the people of the world. We ask that you teach us and our leaders the best ways to meet the needs of all our neighbors. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

**Come to us and save us!**

Lord, save the sick and the sorrowful in the midst of their affliction. May they experience the healing work of their Messiah. Make happy all those who have you for their help. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

**Come to us and save us!**

Lord, bless all members of your heavenly kingdom. May they obtain eternal joy and gladness in your presence—where sorrow and sighing are no more. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

**Come to us and save us!**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord 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 Announcements

### Prayers for special occasions

**Birthday prayer:** Watch over thy *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary prayer:** Most gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this couple. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in the companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; and in their life and in their death. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15,16*

Offertory Hymn

*Watchman, tell us of the night*

Hymnal 640

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise  
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -  
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -  
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray  
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone  
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it  
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges  
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

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 following Doxology may be sung.

**Doxology**

*Ho'onani i ka Makua mau*

**Na Himeni 1**

Ho - 'o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no,  
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**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or 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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People then sing the Sanctus (Matthias)*

**S 128**

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

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*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 he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*Celebrant and People then sing the Amen*

**Hymnal S 143**



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

*People and Celebrant*

Our Fa - ther who art in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed be Thy Name.  
Thy King dom come. Thy will be done, On Earth as it is in Hea - ven.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es, As we for - give those who  
tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - li - ver us from e - vil. For  
Thine is the King - dom and the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er.  
A - - - - men.

# 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.**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Agnus Dei** *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world (Schubert/Proulx)* **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.

## Ministration of Communion

In The Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the “Real Presence” of Christ; in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made “real” and “present” to us. By this grace Christ is received even if only one of the elements is received if you so wish.

As you come forward, you may receive the Bread from the priest, then you may go to the chalice on your left (facing the altar) to intinct the bread (“DIP”), or to your right to drink from the cup (“SIP”). Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized or prefer not to take communion may receive a blessing from the priest; please indicate your request by crossing your arms over your heart.

### A Prayer for Those Participating from Home

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.*

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

### Communion Hymn 1

*The Lord will come and not be slow*

Hymnal 462

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;  
2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;  
3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;  
4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame  
5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:

1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.  
2 and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.  
3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.  
4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.  
5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

## Postcommunion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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.**

## Advent Blessing

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*Ke aloha a ke Akua (Queen's Prayer)*

**Na Himeni 186**

O kou a - lo - ha no A i - a i ka La - ni, A  
o kou oi - a i - o, He he - mo - le - le hoi. A - - - me - ne.

*Your loving mercy is as high as Heaven / And your truth so perfect.*

Procession into the World

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

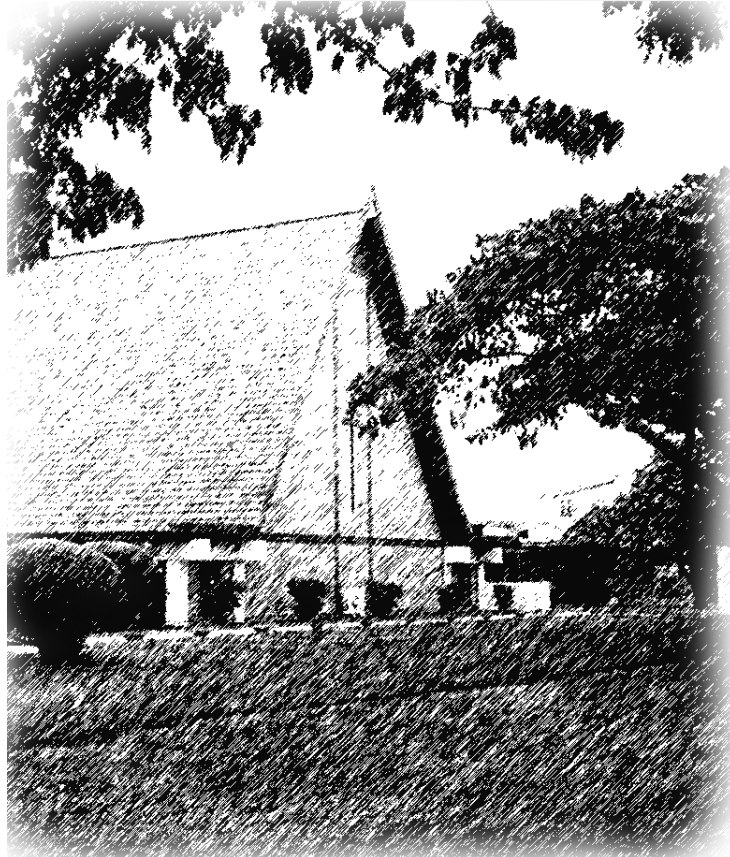
1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**



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