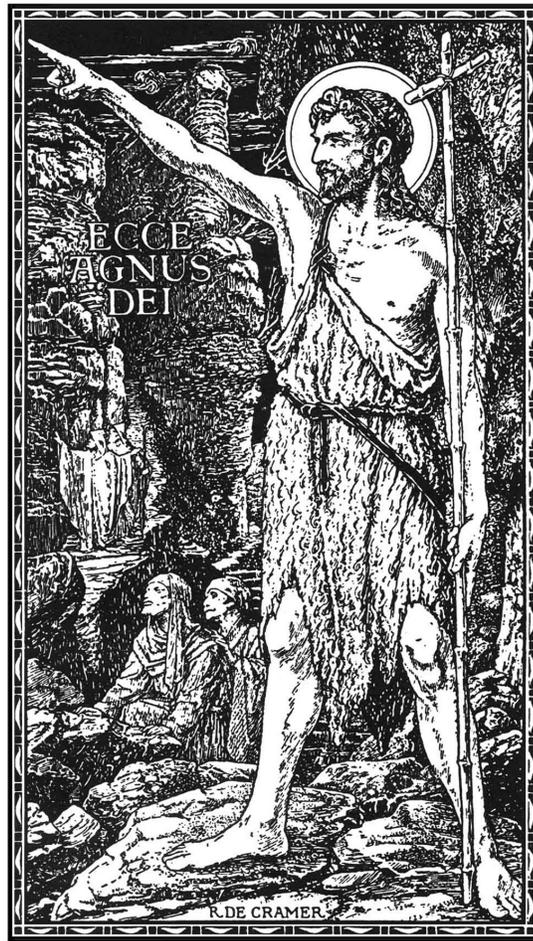




BEHOLD
THE LAMB
OF GOD!
I MUST
DECREASE,
HE MUST
INCREASE.



The Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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GATHERING RITE

Processional Hymn

Watchman, tell us of the night

Hymn 640

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The Christian Life

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!

Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872)

Music: Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

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Gathering Rite at the Wreath

First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when “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” (Isaiah 35:10).

Second Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

Hymn 60 Creator of the stars of night instrumental

Light the third candle of the Advent wreath.

Trisagion at 8 AM

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us (3 times)

Trisagion at 10 AM

Hymn S100

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

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson is from the book of prophet Isaiah

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146:4-9

Lauda, anima mea

- 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!

THE SECOND LESSON

A reading from the letter of James

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord

Hymn 437

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*

Music: Birmingham, from *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. *Songs of Praise*, 1925

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 11:2-11

Presider/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

***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.”

Presider/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Advent Prayers of the People

Lector/ Deacon: In this time of Advent, we intentionally carve out time in our busy lives to recognize the grace of God and to pray for one another,

Please respond: Increase our capacity to love.

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for the universal church and its people throughout the world. May we, especially during this Advent season, bear witness to the love of Christ in compassion, dignity, and respect.

***People:* Increase our capacity to love.**

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for our nation's leaders in this turbulent time of our nation's politics that they may be guided by the values and principles that have seen our country through many a storm.

***People:* Increase our capacity to love.**

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for one another and our parish family that it may grow in membership. We pray that we might continue to be a true community, that we love one another and treat one another with respect and kindness, mirroring the love of Jesus.

***People:* Increase our capacity to love.**

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for the stranger, the lonely, the rejected, those who live on the margins and who are sometimes invisible to us. For those whose voices are not heard. We pray that our love would be a vehicle for them to feel accepted, appreciated, and loved in the name of Christ, who always stood with the poor and disenfranchised.

***People:* Increase our capacity to love.**

Lector/ Deacon: We pray especially for Church of the Incarnation, Penfield; Southwest District Dean and Wardens, the Diocesan Dean for Liturgy and Formation, Rev. Kit Tobin, Rev. Craig Uffman, Rev. Jonn Van Eenwyk, and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

People: Increase our capacity to love.

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for those who are sick and in need of our care. (Pause to pray in silence or aloud)

People: Increase our capacity to love.

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for those whom we have loved and lost to death. (Pause to pray in silence or aloud)

People: Increase our capacity to love.

Presider: In this Advent season, continue to prepare our hearts, that we might be able to appreciate the heights and depths of your love for us and our world. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Presider: 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.

Sharing of Peace

Deacon: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us now share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Presider/ Deacon: All things come from thee O Lord and from thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Hymn

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes

Hymn 72

Descant



4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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:

People:

Sanctus- at 8 AM

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sanctus at 10AM

Hymn S125

The Holy Eucharist

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

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.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1957)

Presider:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

People:

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

People: Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Presider: In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [St. Luke and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People: Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
At 8 AM

At 10 AM

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.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

At 8 AM

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

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The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

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.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Communion of the People

This is God's table and All are welcome.

Communion Hymn

Humbly I adore thee

Hymn 314



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal 1940*; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982*
 Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697

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SENDING RITE

Presider: Let us pray:

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.

Anthem (at 10:00)

Remembrance and Healing

The Blessing

Presider: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Announcements

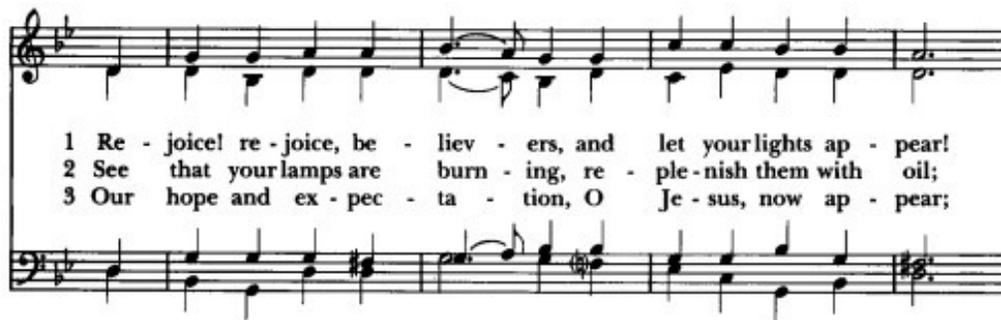
Sending Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers!

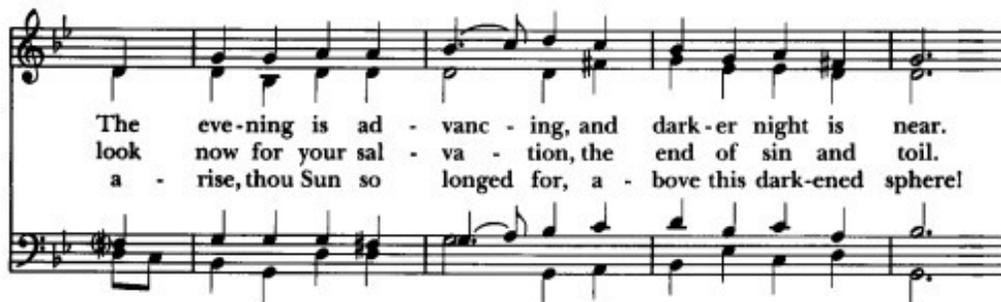
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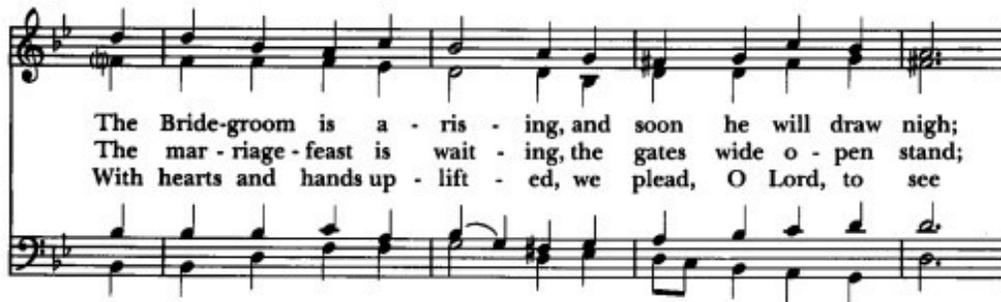
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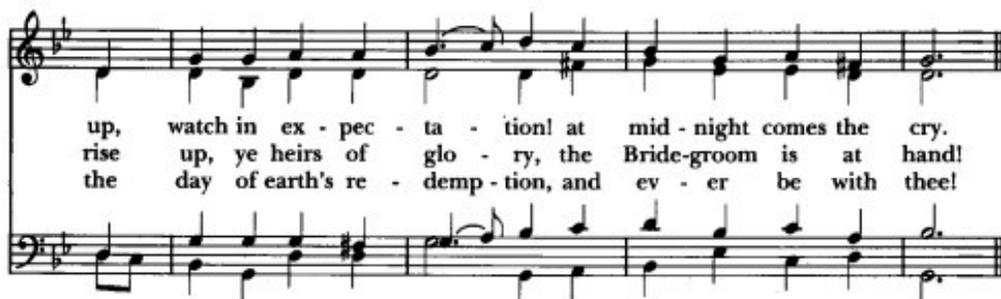
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need Lectors

We need readers for Lessons & Carols on Dec. 28; please me know if you can participate. I'll also put a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who want to join in. Also FYI, so many of our official lectors will be unavailable during the Christmas holiday, so we are asking the congregation for readers for Christmas Eve Family Service at 5 and Christmas morning at 10.

Advent and Christmas schedule

We are really excited about Saturday December 20th when we will have our Christmas concert. This is proving to be a very good choice of time for folks to gather. It is at 2pm. Come and help us sing in the Christmas season.

On Sunday the 21st the Greening will be limited to the 10am service.

The 8 will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent per normal.

Christmas Eve 5pm Holy Eucharist Interactive Christmas gospel and sermon.

11pm Solemn Holy Eucharist with Candlelit ceremony

Christmas Day at 10AM

December 28th Lessons and Carols

8am Lessons and a few carols

10am Lessons and carols

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Please continue your prayers for those still suffering from the horrific hurricane in Jamaica, the people of Ukraine, the people of Gaza, and other war-torn countries.

We pray that our parish would continue to grow and that more young families would see our church as a spiritual home.

We pray for all refugees, for all those displaced from home due to violence or intolerance.

We also pray for those in our parish family who need or requested our prayers:

Alice Hardin, Sue Veronda, Ellen Wheeler, Dominic Gasbarre, Violet Palecki (mother to Sharon Scott} ,

Don Roemermann, Robert Hurlbut, Winnie Allen, (mother to Susan Palomaki)

Linda, and Michael Dertzo (parents to Melissa Panara). Louanne Washing (friend of Susan Miller), and Dr. Bruce Baker (father of Patty Winn)

<i>The participants in the service this week and next are:</i>				
8:00 AM	December 14-Advent 3		8:00 AM	December 21– Advent 4
<i>Acolyte</i>	Cathy Thayer		<i>Acolyte</i>	Cathi Franchino
<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Sharon Grantham		<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Mary Lou Plakus
10:00 AM			10:00 AM	
<i>Acolyte</i>	Karen Keegan		<i>Acolyte</i>	Vic Bridges
<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Susan Prener		<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Peggy Verna
<i>Greeters/Ushers</i>	Gail Murray		<i>Greeters/Ushers</i>	Alice and Bill Hardin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sandy Sucher		<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Ellen McDougal
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