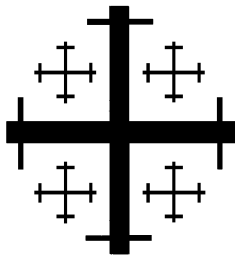


Holy Innocents, Martyrs

January 04, 2026

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

A warm welcome to our visitors today! We are blessed that you have joined us to celebrate God's presence in word and sacrament. We offer a wide variety of programs and service opportunities. For more information, or to become a member, contact one of the pastors.

Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Jesus escapes the sword in the gospel on this day—but not for long—not forever. He died for us. He died for the world, to put an end to the cycle of violence that continues to claim innocent victims. Rachel's lament, recorded in Jeremiah and echoed in Matthew, is not the last word. "There is hope for your future," says the Lord.

Prelude *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* German Carol
Setting: George Lachenauer (1933 -)

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

Entrance Hymn *Cold December Flies Away* ELW 299



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown-ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

Text: Catalanian carol; tr. Howard Hawhee, b. 1953
Music: EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT, Catalanian carol
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Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Kyrie Eleison [Greek, "Lord, Have Mercy"]

ALL *Capo 1* D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A⁷maj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2) D(sus4) E^b(sus4) Bm Cm

For peace in our hearts, the sal - va - tion of our souls,

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A⁷maj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR D E⁷ F#m Gm G A⁷ A B^b

For peace through out the world; the well be - ing of God's church,

and the un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E^b Bm Cm Em Fm A B^b Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A⁷maj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2) D E^b G A^b

For this ho - ly house and for all who ga - ther here to

lift up their hearts in wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm Gmaj⁷ A⁷maj⁷ Em Fm A(sus2) B^b(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son

CANTOR D E^b F#m Gm Em Fm G A^b A B^b D E^b

Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us grac - ious Lord.

ALL D E^b Em Fm A B^b D(sus4) E⁷(sus4)

A men.

Hymn Of Praise *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* (ELW 722)



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet mark the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that joined by faith with your great heart be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ, com-bined in per - fect rhyme,
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE 7 6 7 6 D, M.V. Werkmeister, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, 1784

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Prayer Of The Day

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the innocent children of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims. By your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated for today's readings.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:15-17

¹⁵ Thus says the LORD:

A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD:

Keep your voice from weeping
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work,
says the LORD:
they shall come back from the land of the enemy;

¹⁷ there is hope for your future,

says the LORD:

your children shall come back to their own country.

Psalm 124 All read together

- ¹ If the LORD had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
² if the LORD had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us,
³ then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
⁴ then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
⁵ then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
⁶ Blessed be the LORD
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. ¹⁶ Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And
"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"
¹⁹ Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust their lives to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia Verse/Gospel Acclamations

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to you, O Lord.' which ends with a double bar line.

¹³ Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

P The Gospel of our Lord

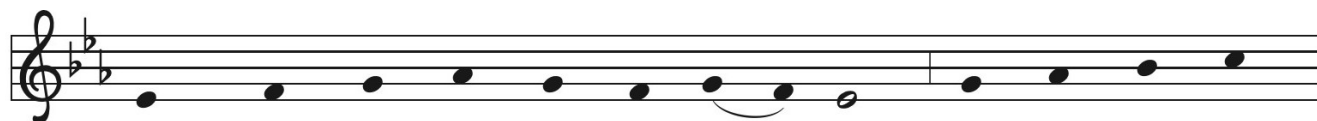
Praise to you, O Christ.

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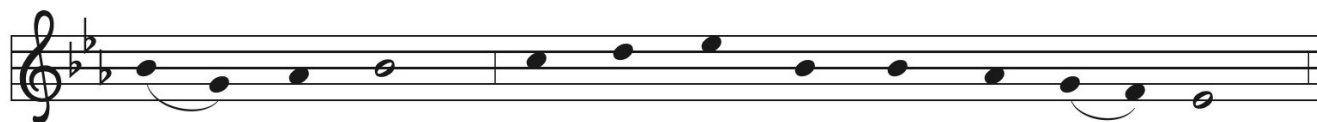
Sermon Pastor Kyle

Silent Reflections

Hymn Of The Day *In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness* (ACS 1093)



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the
 2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,
 3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your
 4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



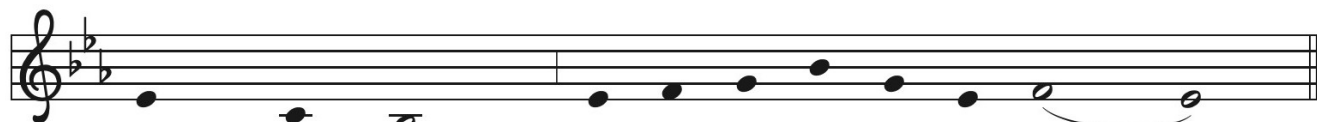
first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it
 firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.
 match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,
 A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,
 Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,
 Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,
 Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us
 sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and
 Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we
 lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,
 breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 glimpse your face,
 of the Lamb,

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 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.
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Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God

All 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.

Prayers Of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord **C Amen.**

(11) Blessing of the NTNL Peer Ministry

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**
Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory (8) Pastoral Pastoraal Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

**(11) Go Tell It on the Mountain AA Spiritual
arr. Dave Howland 2011 Handbell Choir**



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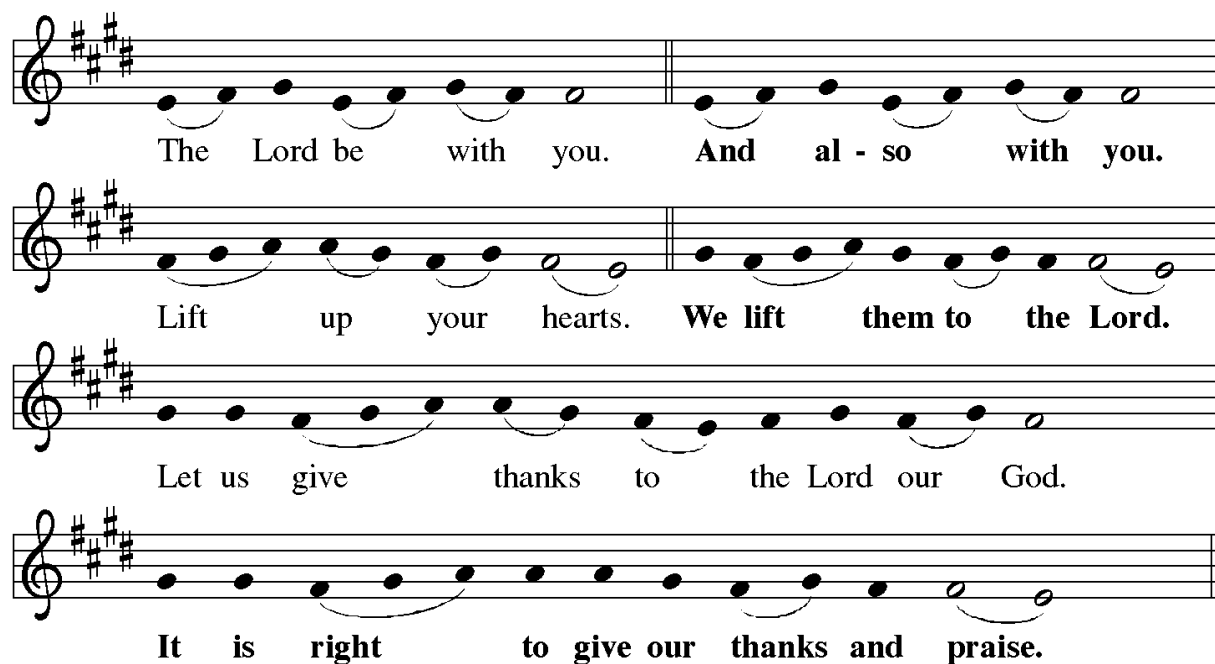
Please stand and sing

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

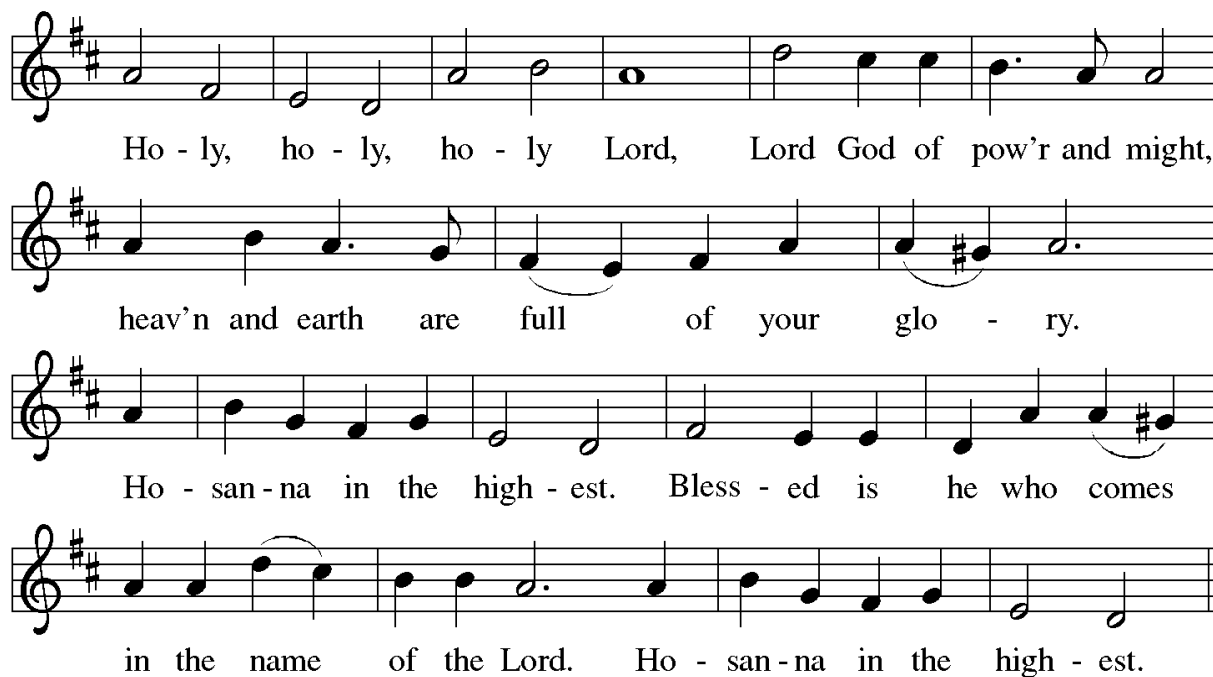


P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father through Christ our Lord.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

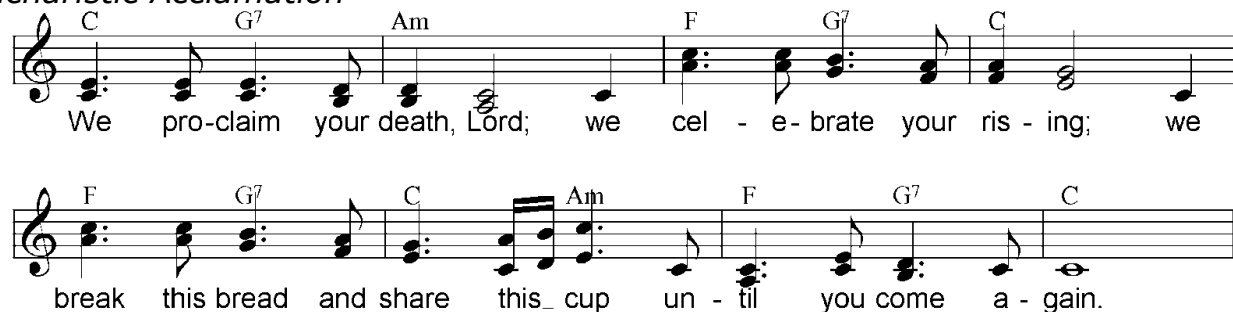
Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we
 break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

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P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**C 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,
forever and ever. Amen**

P Body of Christ given for you.
Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [*Latin*, Lamb of God]

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Holy Communion

In-Person: We commune at the altar.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:
"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

***I Wonder as I Wander* Appalachia Folk Tune
arr. Michael Helman 2008 Handbell Choir**

Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

When Long Before Time, The Singer and the Song

1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,

when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,

and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,

and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936; arr. George Black, 1931–2003

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Here Is Bread

C G/B Am E' F C/G G
 1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

F/A Am G C G/B Am E⁷
 he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro - claim till he comes

F/A C/G G⁷ C Gm⁷ Bb/C
 Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain
 FM⁷ F Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷
 In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is

Bb/C F F#dim⁷ Em⁷ A⁷(#5)
 life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,

Dm⁷ G⁷ C
 Christ is with us here.

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- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C** Amen

Post Communion Canticle



C Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

A Let us pray... God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

P The Benediction ✠

C Amen

Sending *Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)*

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Noel Suisse, Grand Jeu et Duo* French Carol
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

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Upcoming Commemorations

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF) Friday, January 9, 2026

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.
