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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025
10:00 AM

The Rt. Rev'd James J Shand, DD, Assisting Bishop of Easton
The Rev'd Frank B Crumbaugh III, Priest-in-Charge
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music
Alesia Grier, Family Ministry Coordinator
Brenda Faulkner, Parish Administrator

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Nursery Care and Sunday School for children are available weekly during the 10 a.m. service in the Wiggle Worship Room, through the open door on the left side of the worship area. Activity/Coloring Tables are also available for children in the rear of the church.

To find restrooms and water fountains, exit the church through the rear doors and turn right. The restrooms and water fountains will be on your right before you exit the narthex.

A hearing-assist system and large-print bulletins are available. Please see an usher to request either of these items.

Our 10 a.m. Eucharist Service is live-streamed each Sunday. You can view the services on our website or our YouTube channel.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the narthex after the service

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti Snyder, Juanita Dombkowski

Lectors: Dave Ellwood, Pat Spinella

Ushers: Charlie Mead, Bernie Gast

Acolytes: Kai Moore, Avery Miller, Lilly May, Emma May

Altar Guild: Maria Jones, Becky Myers, Nancy Link

Counters: Judy Peppel, Anna Sission

Greeters: Mary Lu Prender, Toinette McDowell

Video Tech: Liza Hamill

Sound Tech: Dan Starsonneck

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Welcome

Prelude

"Advent Noël"

Chauvet/arr. Ryan

+Processional Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal #65

+Opening Sentences

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

+Collect for Purity (said by all)

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.

+Kyrie

(Organ)

Lord,

have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

+ Please stand as able



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



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



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

+The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Read responsively by verse

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 **Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

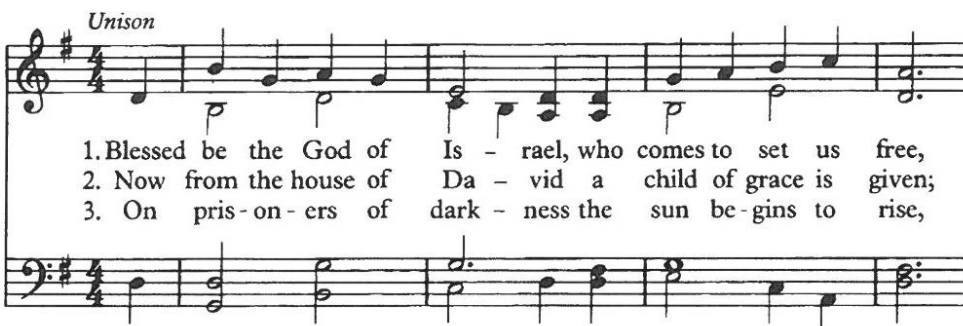
Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

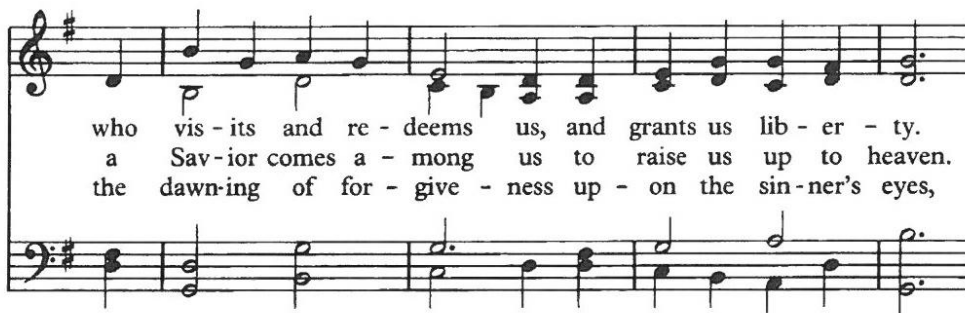
+Sequence Hymn

Blessed be the God of Israel

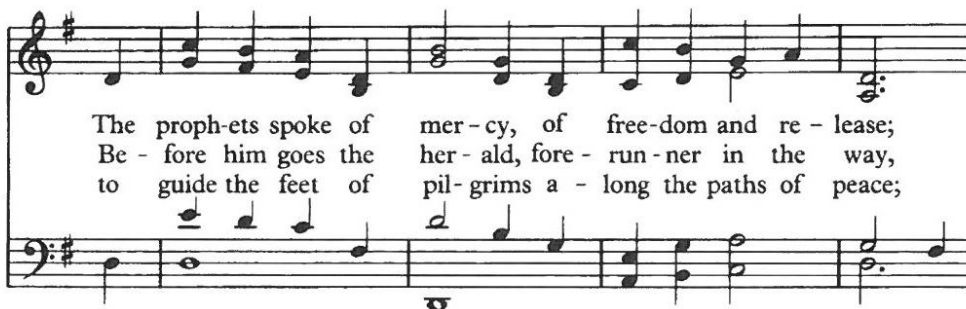
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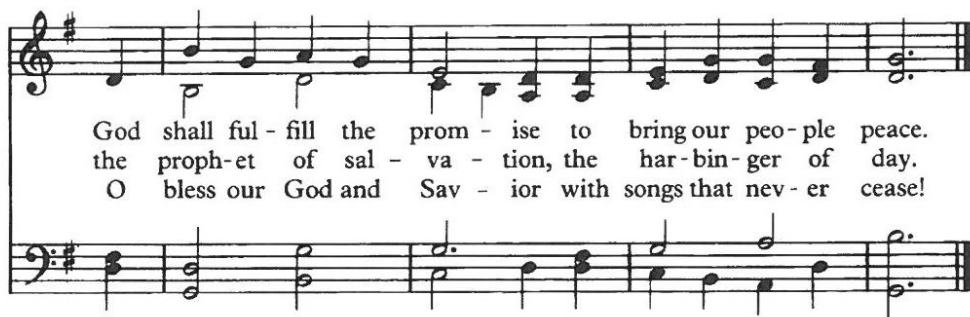
1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,
 2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace is given;
 3. On pris-on-ers of dark-ness the sun be-gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,



The proph-ets spoke of mer - cy, of free-dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;



God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
 the proph-et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

+The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Please turn to face the Celebrant

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

+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**

+The Prayers of the People Form Six

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For an end to violence in Ukraine, Syria and Lebanon, Israel and Palestine, Yemen and the Horn of Africa; for all refugees; for peace in this community, the nation, and the World; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who will be born today and all who will die today; for all who live out of doors by no choice of their own, for those who have little or nothing to eat and those who have no work; for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For *Sean* our Presiding Bishop, *Bud* our Bishop, and *Frank* our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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. **Amen.**

+The Peace

Celebrant 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 Offertory Anthem

“Every Valley”

Beck

Eliana Ranelli, soprano

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted and ev'ry mountain made low,
and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen.
(Isiah 40:4-5)

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Offertory Response

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**
(hymnal #112, stanza 4)

+The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

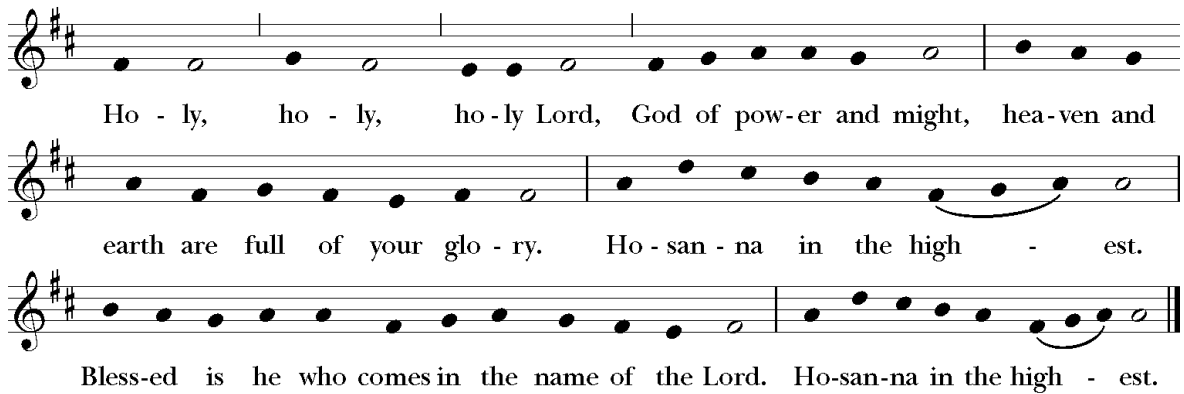
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Then 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.

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:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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 forever.
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

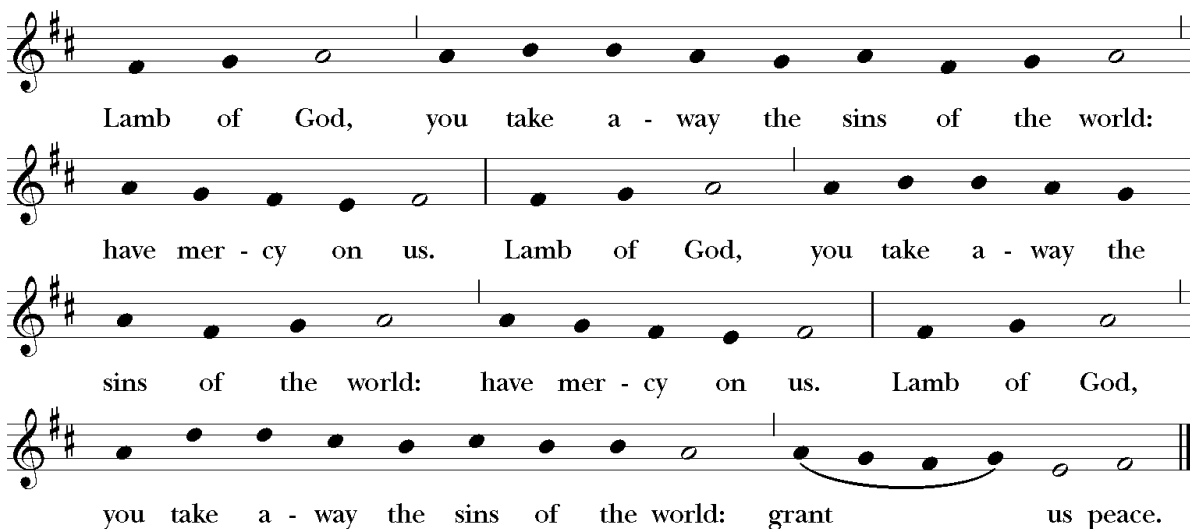
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

+Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung



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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal #307
Hymnal #76

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head. Al - le -
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

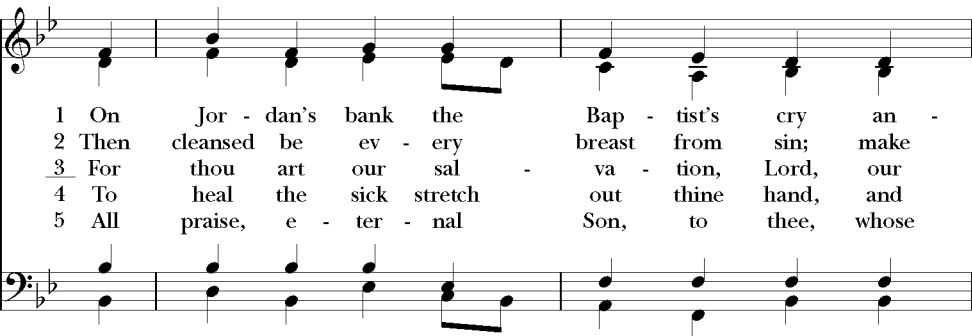
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

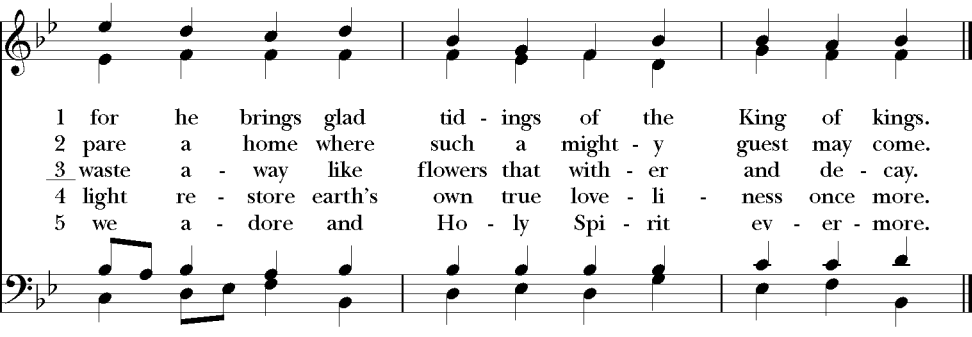
1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!



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 heark - 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.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+Blessing

Birthdays & Anniversaries

+Recessional Hymn Isaiah the prophet has written of old **Pg. 17 & 18 of Bulletin**

+Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

+Postlude

“Little Prelude in g minor”

Taylor

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+Recessional Hymn Isaiah the prophet has written of old

1. I - sa - iah the pro - phet has writ - ten of old how
2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, the
has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

peo-ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the
 no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters co - ver the seas.
 reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.



Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving for someone special in your life with an offering toward the purchase of Christmas flowers to adorn the church, please fill out this flower memorial slip and place it in the offering plate prior to Dec 15th. Please include "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line.

Given by: _____

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Person to be remembered or honored				

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
The Second Sunday of Advent

TODAY!

Wiggle Worship Room: 10:00 for Pre-School – K

Sunday School: 10:00 for 1st – 5th Grade

Christmas Children's Choir rehearsal after Communion

Choir Rehearsal: 11:25 a.m. in the Choir Room

Youth Group: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

SCHEDULED MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Education for Ministry: Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids: Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Soup & Salad Prep: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Contact Lindy to volunteer: soupgroupies@gmail.com

Soup/Salad Pick-up: Wednesday 2:30 – 5:30 & Friday 11:30 - noon

AA: Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday 2:00 p.m.

AA Women's Book Study: Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon: Friday at 7:30 p.m.

WESTMINSTER RINGERS CONCERT
SATURDAY DEC 13th AT 7:00 P.M.

The Westminster Ringers, an auditioned handbell ensemble, will return to Christ Church to present a free Christmas Concert on **Saturday, Dec. 13th at 7 p.m.**

Invite a friend to join you and come see and hear these advanced musicians play more than 200 bells, chimes, and percussion instruments in an event that has become a seasonal favorite of the Kent Island community.



2026 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Thank you so much to the individuals and families who have already pledged \$297,576 to parish operations in 2026! We know that several parishioner families are still working on their pledge plans, and it is not too late to submit your family's plan. A celebration was held Saturday in Shand Hall to celebrate our success at already achieving the Campaign goal we set for ourselves. Thank you again!

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



Advent Devotionals Are Now Available

Please visit the table in the narthex to get this year's devotional books as well as other Advent related items.

Sunday, December 14:

- **8:00 Rite 1 Eucharist**
- **10:00 Lessons and Carols**
- **Children's Pageant Rehearsal** immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please contact Alesia Grier for more information.

Christmas Eve: Dec 24th:

- **Family Service at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Holy Eucharist with Joyful Music at 8:00 p.m.**

Sunday, December 28th - ONE service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday January 4th - ONE service at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Flower Deadline Approaching

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanks for someone special in your life with an offering, please do so before **Dec 15th**.

Upcoming Closures

The Parish Office will be closed Dec 24th – Jan 5th in observance of Christmas. Youth Group will not be held on December 28th. The Soup Group will have its last market for 2025 on Dec 18th and will hold its first 2026 market on Jan 8, 2026.