

# Holy Eucharist

## St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

**Ministers of St. Michael's: All Members of the Congregation**

**Church Musician:** Nadia Kelham

Welcome to historic St. Michael and All Angels, a Welcoming and Affirming Total Ministry congregation!

### **A Prayer of Welcome:**

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship at St. Michael's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children, in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Mission Statement:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit through our baptism and transformed by Word and Sacrament, we follow Christ to serve the world as ministers of God's redeeming love.

### **The First Sunday of Advent**

November 30, 2025

*Please be seated as we share announcements, concerns, birthdays and anniversaries (inside cover of BCP) and other prayers of thanksgiving.*

**Prelude – Centering Time** *(A time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship)*

### **Advent Candle Lighting Litany ~ The Candle of Hope**

*Reader One* When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

*Reader Two* When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer — and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

*Reader One* In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

*Reader Two* In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope... (*Light the first blue candle in the Advent wreath*)

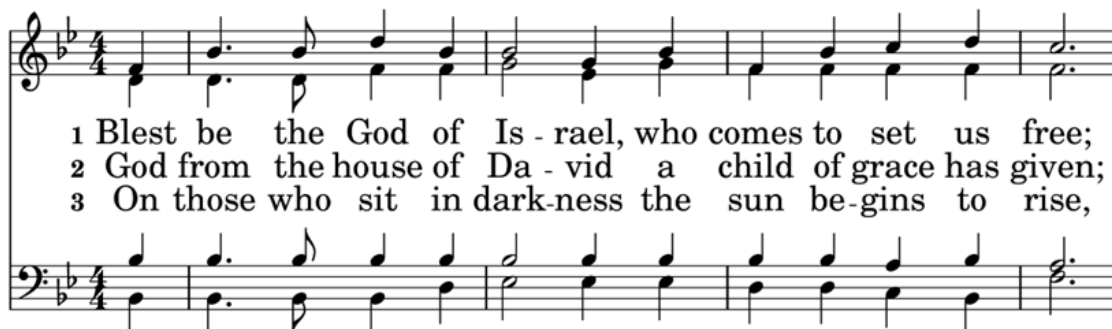
*Reader One* May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

*Reader Two* May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

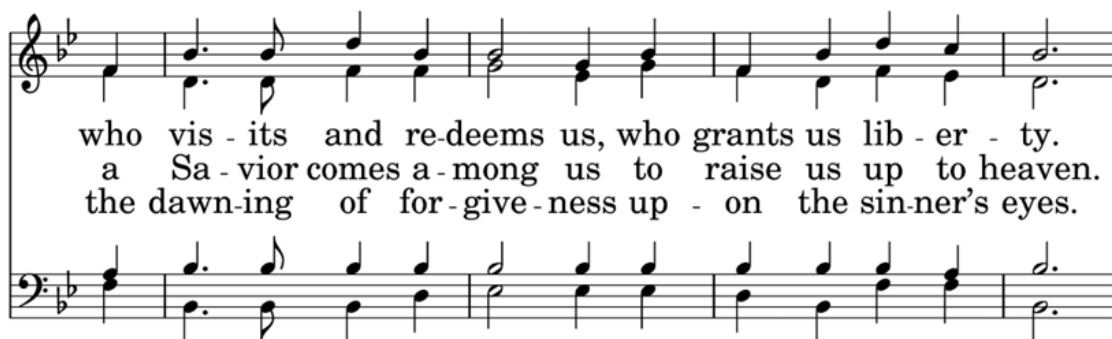
**All Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!**

*Please stand for the opening hymn.*

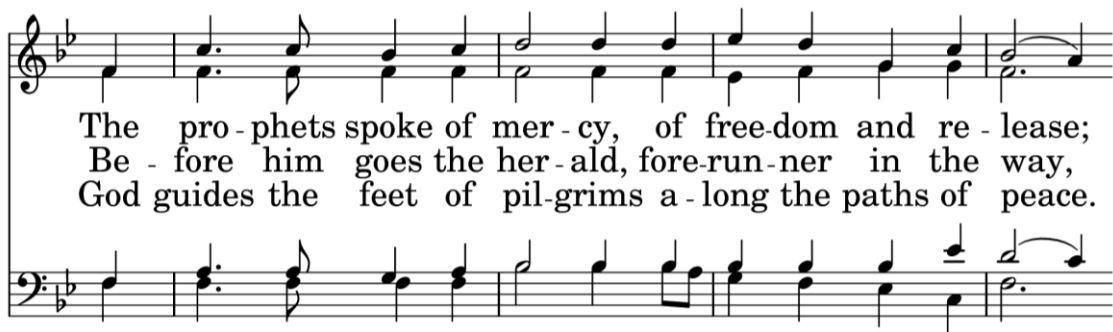
## **Hymn ~ Blest be the God of Israel**



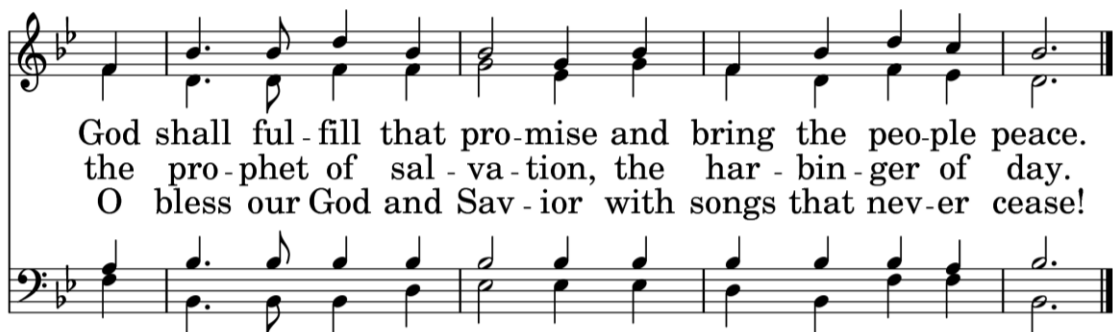
1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
3 On those who sit in dark-ness the sun be-gins to rise,



who vis - its and re-deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sa - vior 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 pro-phets spoke of mer-cy, of free-dom and re-lease;  
Be-fore him goes the her-ald, fore-run-ner in the way,  
God guides the feet of pil-grims a-long the paths of peace.



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

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MUSIC (WEBB 76.76 D): George J. Webb, 1830

## Liturgy of the Word

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

## Trisagion *(sing 3 times)*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

|               |                                                 |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Reader</i> | Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God.                               |

## Psalm 122

*Read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 *Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.*
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 *To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.*
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.*
- 7 Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 *For my brethren and companions' sake,  
I pray for your prosperity.*
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good."

## Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in

debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

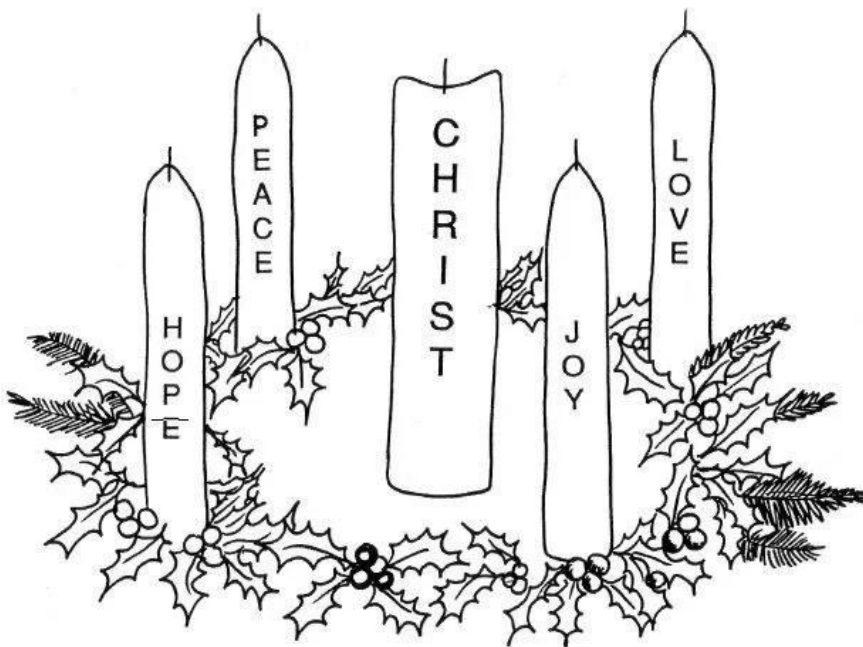
*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the singing of the hymn and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

**Hymn ~ O Word of God incarnate**

*(See next page)*



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on  
 2 The church from you, dear Sav-ior, received this gift di -  
 3 O make your church, dear Sav-ior, a lamp of pur-est

high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark  
 vine; and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to  
 gold to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of

sky: we praise you for the ra - diance that  
 shine. It is the chart and com - pass that,  
 old; O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by

from the hal-lowed page, a lan-tern to our  
all life's voy-age through, a-mid the rocks and  
this our path to trace, till, clouds and storms thus

foot-steps, shines on from age to age.  
quick-sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
end-ed, we see you face to face.

*Glory to God 459*

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1867, alt.

MUSIC (MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D): *Neuermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and

swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

## **Sermon**

Cindy Corner

## **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.

## **Prayers of the People**

*Deacon* Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.

*Reader* Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. *(Pause)*

We pray for peace in every nation—

that people will turn their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks

and study war no more.

*(Please pray for the leaders of nations and for those in the military)*

Pray for the peace of the church. *(Pause)*

We pray for peace in Christ's body—

put an end to fear and fighting,

and help us to proclaim in word and action

the good news of salvation to all.

*(Please pray for the church and our partners in ministry)*

Pray for the peace of this community. *(Pause)*

We pray for peace in this place—

for safety in our homes and streets,

for the prosperity of our neighbors,

and for the health of family and friends.

*(Please pray for those in any kind of need or trouble)*

Pray for the peace of those who have died,

and those who mourn.

*(Please pray)*

We pray for all our joys and thanksgivings. *(Pause)*

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries;

*(Please pray)*

for our teachers and students and the opportunity to learn;

*(Please pray)*

and for all our many joys and blessings.

*(Please pray)*

God of the future,

make us ready for the coming of your reign,

when you will bring everlasting peace

and renew the face of the earth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon* You know what time it is:

*People* *Now is the time to wake from sleep.*

*Deacon* Salvation is near!

*People* *Let us confess our sin.*

*Deacon and People*

God of night and day,

there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you

and no secret that you will not bring to light.

For our reveling and drunkenness,  
forgive us, O God.  
For our debauchery and licentiousness,  
forgive us, O God.  
For our quarreling and jealousy,  
forgive us, O God.  
O God, forgive us our sins,  
renew us in love,  
and teach us to live in a way  
that brings honor and glory to your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

## **Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        And also with you.

*Please be seated after the exchange of the Peace. We remain seated as we sing  
the offertory hymn.*

## **Offertory**

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering  
and sacrifice to God.

**Hymn** ~ From the Father's throne on high *(See next page)*

1 From the Fath-er's throne on high Christ re - turns to  
 2 Dark - ened be the day at noon When the stars of  
 3 An - cient pow'rs of sin and death Shake to hear the  
 4 So be - hold the prom-ised sign, Sky and sea by  
 5 Come then, Lord, in light and pow'r, At whose word the

rule and reign. Child of earth, he came to die;  
 hea - ven fall: Earth and sky and sun and moon.  
 trum - pet blown; From the winds' re - mot - est breath  
 tu - mult riv'n, And the King of kings di - vine  
 worlds be - gan. In the un - ex - pec - ted hour

Judge of all he comes a - gain.  
 Cloud - y dark - ness cov - ers all.  
 God will gath - er in his own.  
 Com - ing in the clouds of heav'n.  
 Come in glo - ry, Son of Man!

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Tune (HEINLEIN 7 7 7 7): Attr. to Martin Herbst, 1654-1681, *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch*, 1676

## **Doxology**    *(Please stand)*

Sing to the tune of "What Child is This."

Praise God, from whom all blessings come,  
Praise God, whose spirit makes us one,  
The Mother-Father and the Son,  
and the Spirit, three in One!  
Praise, praise, we gladly sing!  
Our grateful hearts and gifts we bring.  
Praise, praise, Emmanuel,  
God with us now and forever.

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## **Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*

*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 God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

Covenant God, in the beginning you called your creation good  
and flooded it with beauty and bounty, with goodness and grace.

In the days of Noah you drowned your creation  
to wash away sin and draw your own sons and daughters  
to yourself.

Through your covenant with Israel your promises flowed to  
all nations,  
and in Jesus Christ you drew us out of our waywardness  
into the relentless flood of your mercy.

His death was the drowning of our sin;

his resurrection and ascension bless all nations  
to stream toward you in glory.

And so we praise you with angels and archangels  
and all the company of heaven as we join their unending hymn:



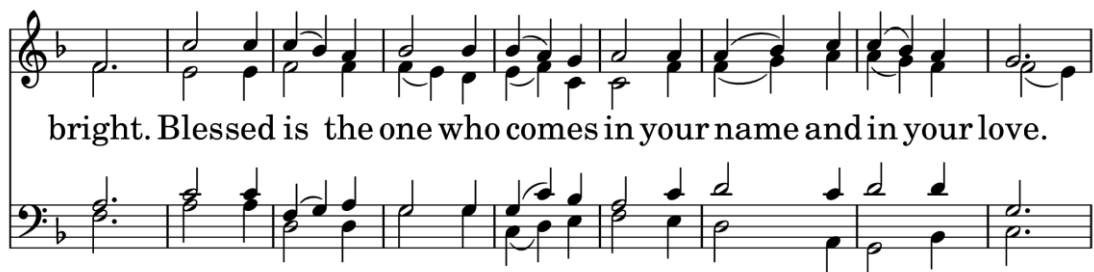
1 Ho - ly, Holy, Ho - ly Wonder, God of love and source of light,

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, then a dotted quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, then a dotted quarter note Bb2. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.



all Cre - a - tion shows your glo-ry, shin-ing with your pre-sence

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note C5, followed by a quarter note D5, then a dotted quarter note E5. The piano accompaniment has a half note C3, followed by a quarter note D3, then a dotted quarter note E3. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.



bright. Blessed is the one who comes in your name and in your love.

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note F5, followed by a quarter note G5, then a dotted quarter note A5. The piano accompaniment has a half note F2, followed by a quarter note G2, then a dotted quarter note A2. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.



Sing Ho-san-na in the highest! Sing ho-san-na! Sing on high.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The vocal line has a half note Bb5, followed by a quarter note C6, then a dotted quarter note Bb5. The piano accompaniment has a half note Bb2, followed by a quarter note C3, then a dotted quarter note Bb2. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

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*The Celebrant continues*

Peacemaking God, in Christ you made an ending  
of the life of spears and swords,  
and came to us with plowshares and pruning hooks,  
the tools of planting and cultivating, that we might be fed.

In him you showed us how to study war no more,  
how to lay down our swords and shields,  
and how to feast with the Prince of Peace.

As you came to us to be our very food and drink,  
send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup  
and make them be for us the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and people*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Celebrant*

God of prophets and promises, as you turn swords into plowshares,  
take our sin and reshape us for salvation.

Take our foolishness and bend us toward faith.

Take our hostility and refashion us for heaven  
in the crucible of your love.  
Stir your church with wakening hope,  
that soon and very soon we are going to see our king.  
Quicken our spirits with trust in that day  
when we who have been blessed with such hope  
will gather around your throne with saints of every age,  
in praise and thanksgiving to you,  
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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

## Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Celebrant*

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.

*All are welcome to receive communion at God's table. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is received by carefully dipping the bread into the chalice when it is presented. \*\*Please note that we do use real wine. You may choose to receive only the bread if you would rather not consume alcohol. \*\* If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving communion we return to our seats and remain seated as we finish singing the communion hymn.*

**Hymn ~ O come, O come Emmanuel**

*(See next page)*



1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, And
2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come\_\_\_\_\_ and cheer Our
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from\_\_\_\_\_ on high, And
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All



ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 spi - rits by Thine ad - vent here; Dis-purse the gloo - my  
 or - der all things, far\_\_\_\_\_ and nigh; To us the path of  
 peo-ples in one heart\_\_\_\_\_ and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and



ex - ile here, Un - til the Son of God\_\_\_\_\_ ap -  
 clouds\_\_\_\_\_ of night, And death's dark sha-dows put\_\_\_\_\_ to  
 know - ledge show, And cause us in her ways\_\_\_\_\_ to  
 quar - rels cease; Fill the whole world with hea - ven's



pear.  
 flight.  
 go. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - ma - nu -  
 peace.



el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*Celebrant*

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;  
we thank you that Christ is being revealed  
in every time and place  
until he comes again in the fullness of glory.  
Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts;  
increase generosity in us, we pray,  
as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Blessing**

May the grace of Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the Spirit's joy surround you  
as you walk in the light of the Lord.  
And the blessing of Almighty God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Hymn ~ Hail to the Lord's anointed**

*(See next page)*



1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er  
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y To those who suf - fer  
 3. He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful  
 4. To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as -



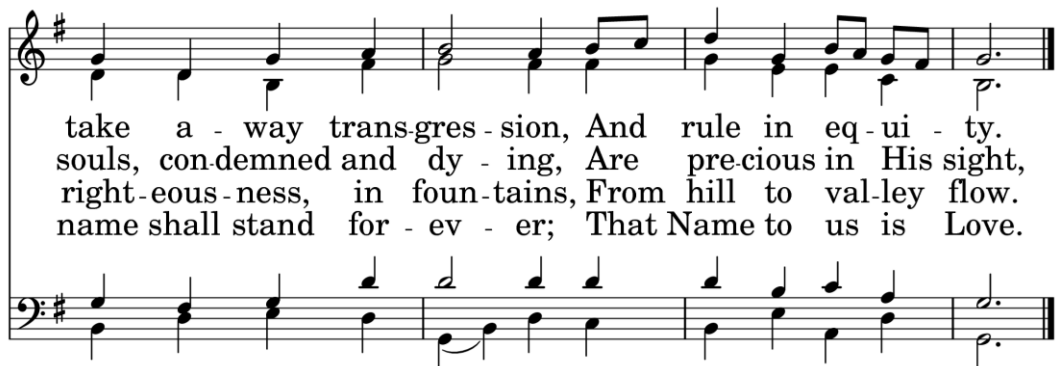
Son! Hail in the time ap - point - ed, His  
 wrong; To help the poor and need - y, And  
 earth, Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring  
 cend; His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A



reign on earth be - gun! He comes to break op -  
 bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for  
 in His path to birth: Be - fore Him, on the  
 king - dom with - out end: The tide of time shall



pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free; To  
 sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light, Whose  
 moun - tains, Shall peace, the her - ald, go, And  
 nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move, His



*African American Heritage Hymnal 187*  
Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854  
Tune (SHEFFIELD 7 6 7 6 D): English melody

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia. Alleluia.  
About that day and hour no one knows.  
Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know on what day  
your Lord is coming. Be ready, for the Lord will come at  
an unexpected hour.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Postlude

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### **Sunday Morning Worship Time 10:00 am**

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