

*First Sunday of Advent*  
*November 30, 2025*  
*"A Light Shines in the  
Darkness"*



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free!
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king;
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



1. From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
3. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
4. By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.

Music: Christian F. Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

This is what 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 mountain  
and raised above the hills.

All nations shall stream toward it;  
 many peoples shall come and say:  
 "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain,  
 to the house of the God of Jacob,  
 that he may instruct us in his ways,  
 and we may walk in his paths."  
 For from Zion shall go forth instruction,  
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
 He shall judge between the nations,  
 and impose terms on many peoples.  
 They shall beat their swords into plowshares  
 and their spears into pruning hooks;  
 one nation shall not raise the sword against another,  
 nor shall they train for war again.  
 O house of Jacob, come,  
 let us walk in the light of the Lord!

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm:

### PSALM 122: LET US GO REJOICING

Bob Hurd



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| 1. How I rejoiced to hear them say,<br>"Let us go to the house of the Lord."<br>And now within your walls<br>we are standing, O Jerusalem.             | There are set the thrones of judgement<br>for the house of David.   |
| 2. Jerusalem, a city firmly built,<br>knit together in unity and strength.<br>There the tribes go up,<br>the tribes of the Lord,<br>making pilgrimage. | 4. Let us pray for the good of Jerusalem,<br>and for those who love you<br>prosperity and peace,<br>peace within your ramparts and your towers,<br>peace in your dwellings. |
| 3. There the tribes give thanks<br>to the name of the Lord,<br>according to the law of Israel.   | 5. For the sake of my people and my friends,<br>I say peace be to you, Jerusalem.<br>For love of God's house<br>I pray for you and your prosperity.                         |

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# Reading II

## Reading 2

### [Romans 13:11-14](#)

Brothers and sisters:

You know the time;

it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.

For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed;

the night is advanced, the day is at hand.

Let us then throw off the works of darkness

and put on the armor of light;

let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day,

not in orgies and drunkenness,

not in promiscuity and lust,

not in rivalry and jealousy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,

and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

### Advent Alleluia

Refrain

*Cantor, then all (first time only):*



Verses

1. Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.
2. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.
3. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
he sent me to bring good news to the poor.
4. A virgin will give birth to a Son; a virgin will give birth to a Son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
5. I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.

# Gospel

*Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you*

*All Respond: And with your spirit*

*Priest or Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to: Matthew*

*All Respond: (signing the cross on their forehead, lips and heart) Glory to you, O Lord.*

## Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As it was in the days of Noah,  
so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

In those days before the flood,  
they were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in marriage,  
up to the day that Noah entered the ark.

They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.

So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two men will be out in the field;  
one will be taken, and one will be left.

Two women will be grinding at the mill;  
one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore, stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house  
had known the hour of night when the thief was coming,  
he would have stayed awake  
and not let his house be broken into.

So too, you also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

## The Gospel of the Lord

## Homily

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day 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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)


Please respond: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST


## Preparation Song:

### My Soul in Stillness Waits

#### Refrain




For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness



waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.


#### Verses



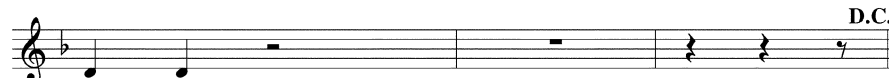
1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of  
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our  
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -  
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our  
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who  
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the



glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to  
spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your  
in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to  
pil - grim - age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -  
made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the  
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the



you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and  
Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our  
you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in  
main, o - pen to us the path - way of your  
Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his  
seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us



shad - ow.  
hearts.  
ris - ing.  
peace.  
hand.  
now.

D.C.

## Invitation to Pray

Pray my brothers and sisters ...

*Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.*

## Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

*Response: And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

*Response: We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Response: It is right and just.*

## Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass for Our Lady

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

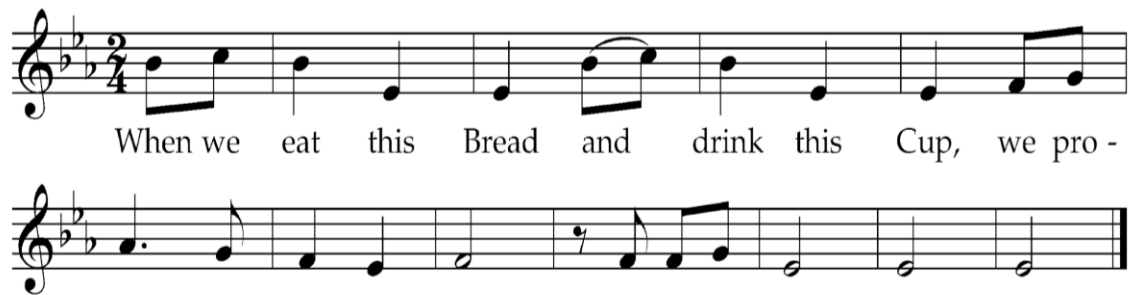
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

## Memorial Acclamation

Priest: Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

*All Sing:*



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

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## Doxology

Priest: Through him, with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

*All Sing:*



A - men, a - men, a - men.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## The Lord's Prayer

### Sign of Peace

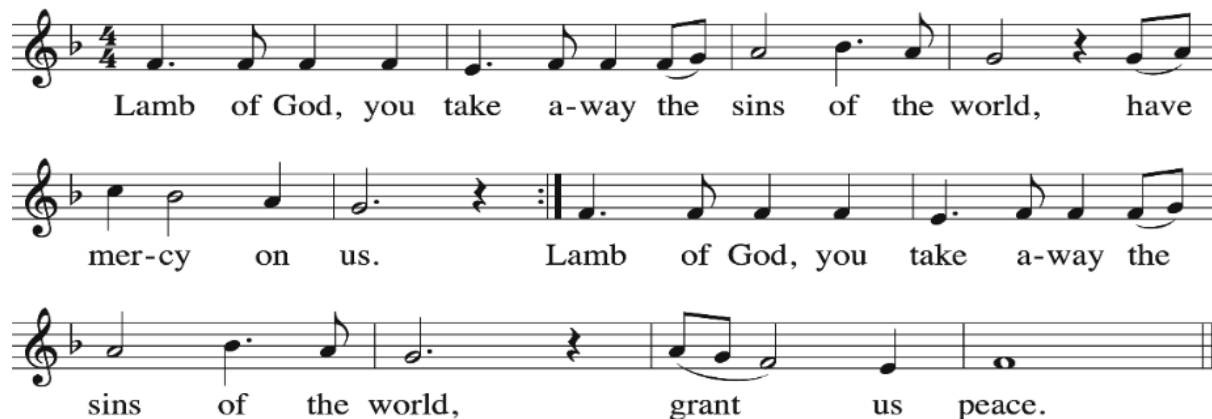
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Response: And with your Spirit*



## Fraction Rite

### LAMB OF GOD



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.

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## Invitation to Communion


Behold the Lamb of God, Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*Response: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## Communion Song:

### THERE IS A LONGING

Anne Quigley



Refrain  
There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-  
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for  
Verses  
love we on - ly find in you, our God. 1. For jus - tice,  
2. For wis - dom,  
3. For heal - ing,  
4. Lord save us,  
1. for free - dom, for mer - cy: hear our prayer. In  
2. for cour - age, for com-fort: hear our prayer. In  
3. for whole-ness, for new life: hear our prayer. In  
4. take pit - y, light in our dark - ness. We  
to Refrain  
1. sor - row, in grief: } be near, hear our prayer, O God.  
2. weak-ness, in fear: }  
3. sick-ness, in death: }  
4. call you, we wait: }

## Post Communion Prayer

### CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing

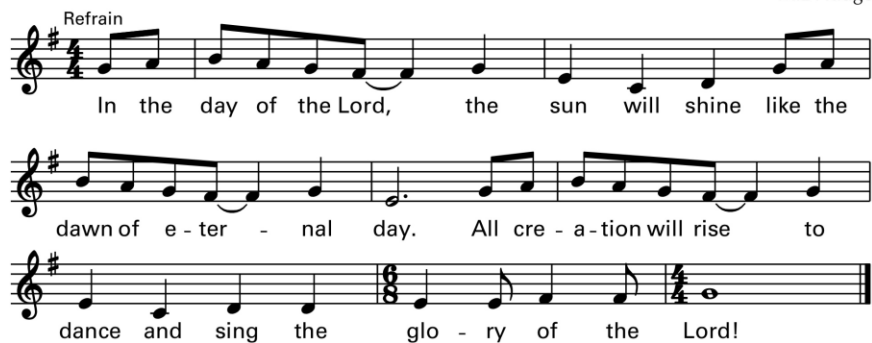
Dismissal

Sending Song:

#### IN THE DAY OF THE LORD

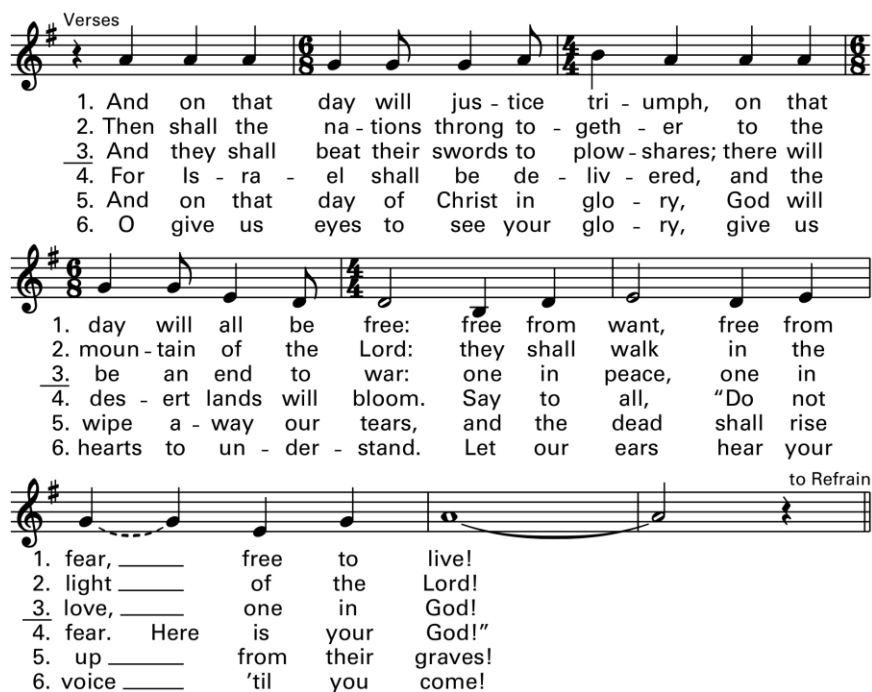
M.D. Ridge

Refrain



In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine like the  
dawn of e - ter - nal day. All cre - a - tion will rise to  
dance and sing the glo - ry of the Lord!

Verses



1. And on that day will jus - tice tri - umph, on that  
2. Then shall the na - tions throng to - geth - er to the  
3. And they shall beat their swords to plow - shares; there will  
4. For Is - ra - el shall be de - liv - ered, and the  
5. And on that day of Christ in glo - ry, God will  
6. O give us eyes to see your glo - ry, give us

1. day will all be free: free from want, free from  
2. moun - tain of the Lord: they shall walk in the  
3. be an end to war: one in peace, one in  
4. des - ert lands will bloom. Say to all, "Do not  
5. wipe a - way our tears, and the dead shall rise  
6. hearts to un - der - stand. Let our ears hear your

to Refrain

1. fear, \_\_\_\_\_ free to live!  
2. light \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord!  
3. love, \_\_\_\_\_ one in God!  
4. fear. Here is your God!"  
5. up \_\_\_\_\_ from their graves!  
6. voice \_\_\_\_\_ 'til you come!

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