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Sunday, November 29, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

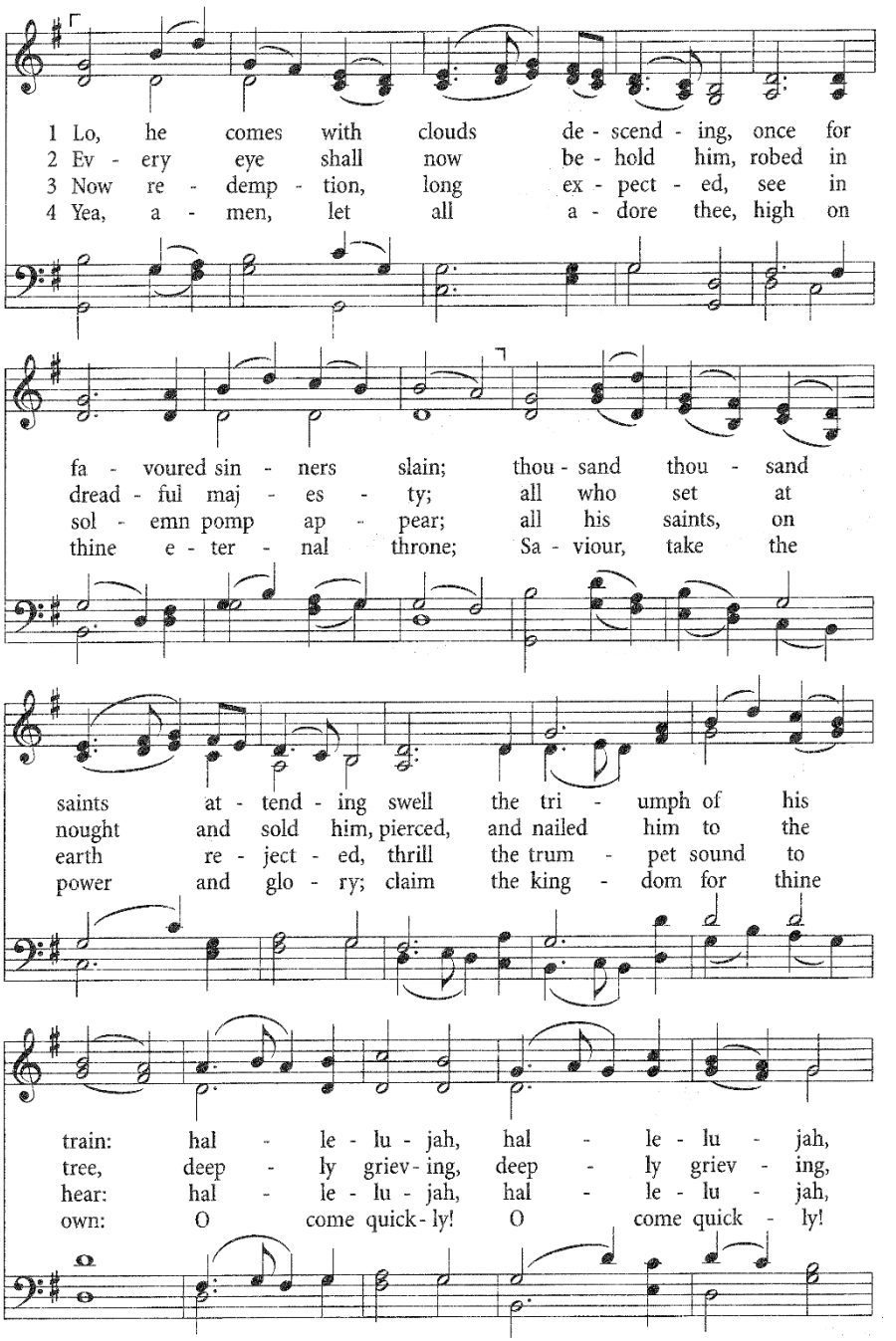
SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

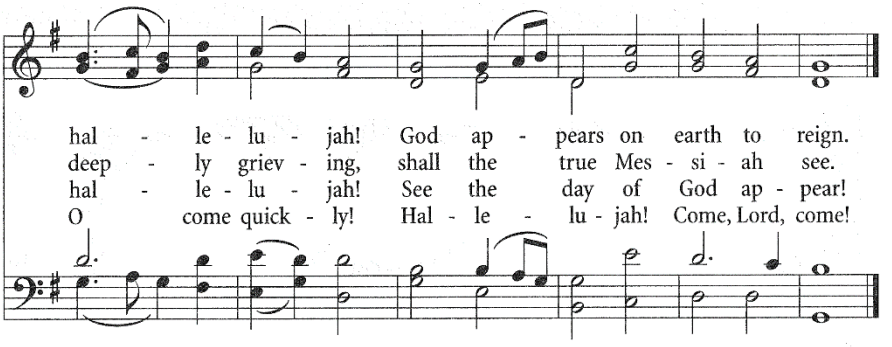
In Christ we are a caring community
seeking and welcoming others to join us on our faith journey.

WELCOME

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 114 HELMSLEY





All remain standing. The presiding celebrant greets the community.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

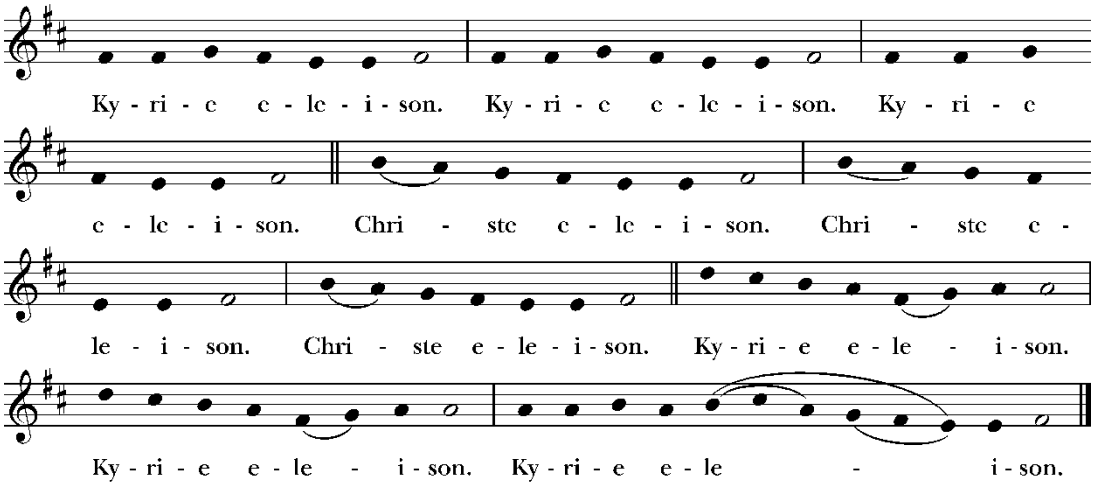
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 ELEISON *New Plainsong* *David Hurd (b. 1950)*

Sung three times by all.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on 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

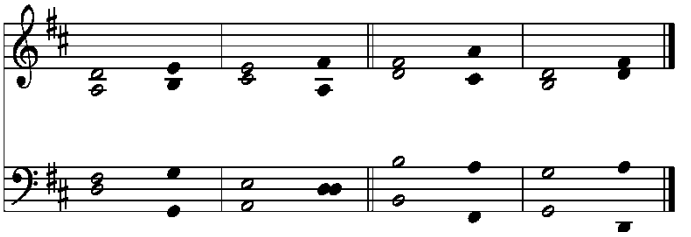
A reading from the book of Isaiah Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Said by all *Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1931)*



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and **Manasseh**, *
stir up your strength and come to **help us**.

3 Restore us, O God of **hosts;** *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved.**

4 O Lord God of **hosts**, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your **people**?

5 You have fed them with the bread of **tears**; *
you have given them bowls of tears to **drink**.

6 You have made us the derision of our **neighbours,** *
and our enemies laugh us to **scorn**.

7 Restore us, O God of **hosts;** *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right **hand,** *
the son of man you have made so strong for your-**self**.

17 And so will we never turn away from **you**; *
give us life, that we may call upon your **name.**

18 Restore us, O Lord God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved.**

SECOND READING

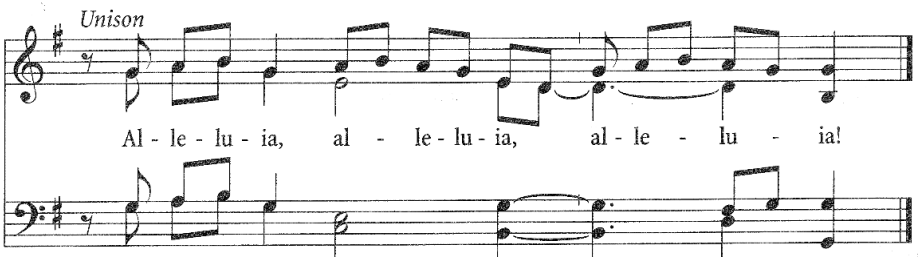
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The "Alleluia" is sung once by the precentor and then repeated by the congregation.



Choir Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*
People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Priest The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

SERMON The Rev. Paul Richards

NICENE CREED *BAS 188*
All stand

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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
All stand or kneel, as able.

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

We pray for Shane our Primate, John our Archbishop and Metropolitan, and for our own clergy. On the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. On our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Dean Chris Pappas, St. Magdalene, Vancouver. We pray for the bishop, clergy and people of our companion Diocese of the Northern Philippines and our partner parish, St. Michael the Archangel, Guina-ang. For all bishops, clergy, and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those we remember in our parish this morning: Holly Dubeau, Karyn Eisler, Frances Fagan, Sean Latimer, Lyle Faulks, Loralee Faulks; for those who travel by land, water, or air; for the sick and the suffering, including and all those on our parish prayer list; and for those you remember silently or aloud; for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died. For the Faithful Departed in our Memorial Book: Anna Barton, Marjorie Baker, Edith Kirkwood, Mary Harding, Vera Gowland, Arthur Warner, Beatrice Surtees, and for those you remember silently or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the ever-blessed virgin Mary and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord.

The leader continues

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *BAS 191*

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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 neighbours 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.**

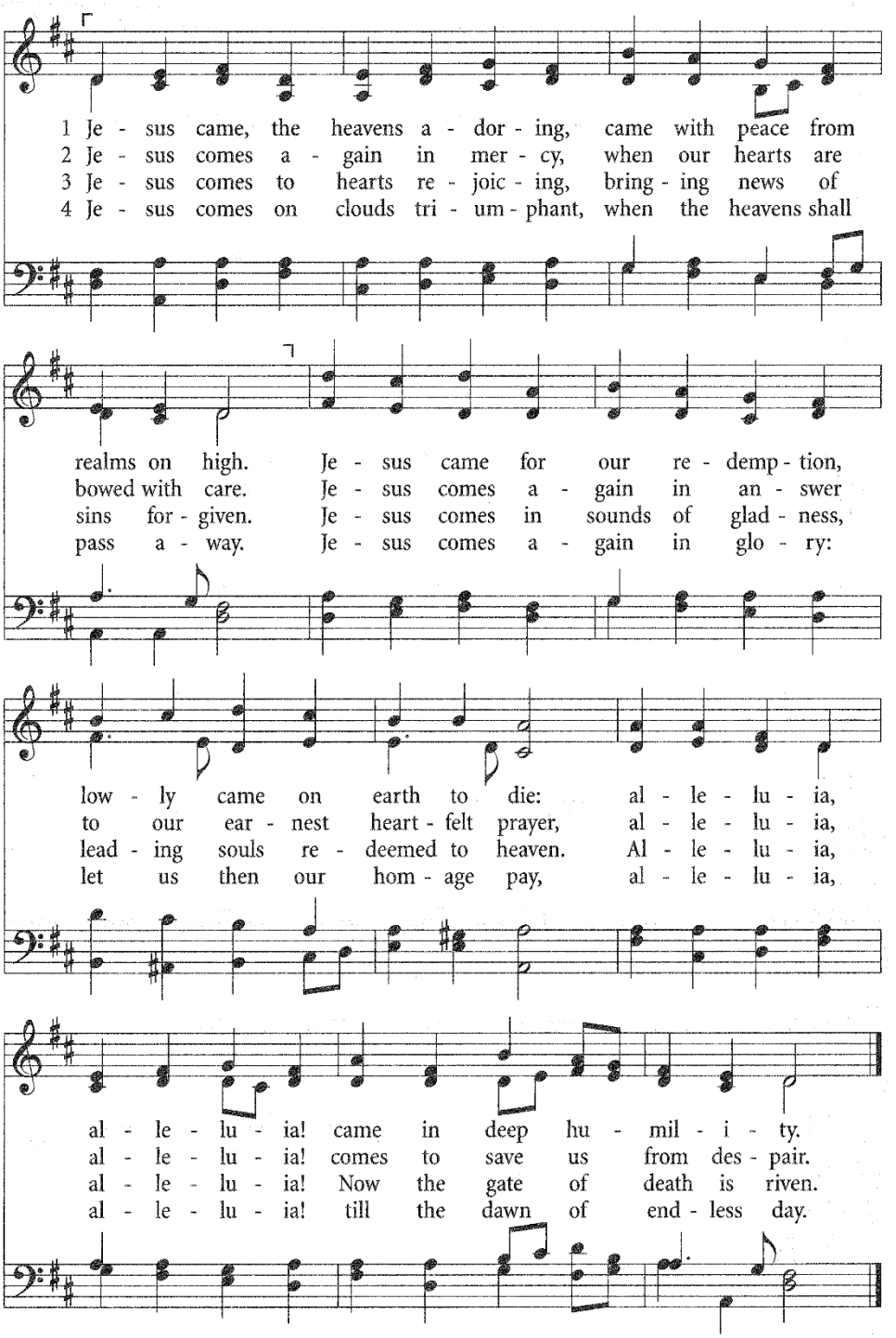
Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *BAS 192*

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

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

OFFERTORY


1 Je - sus came, the heavens a - dor - ing, came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall
realms on high. Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
bowed with care. Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - given. Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry:
low - ly came on earth to die: al - le - lu - ia,
to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer, al - le - lu - ia,
lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven. Al - le - lu - ia,
let us then our hom - age pay, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from des - pair.
al - le - lu - ia! Now the gate of death is riven.
al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

DOXOLOGY TALLIS CANON

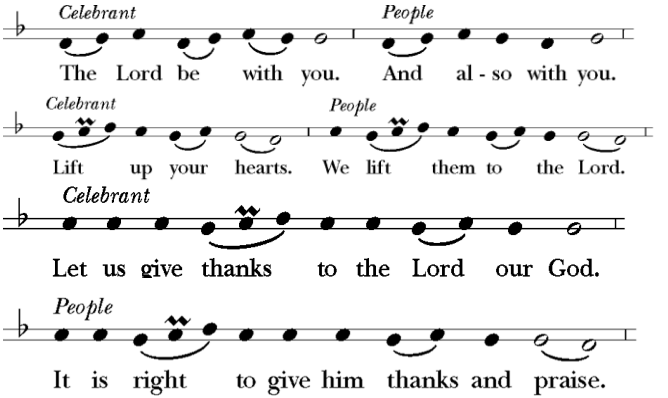
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All remain standing. The celebrant says.

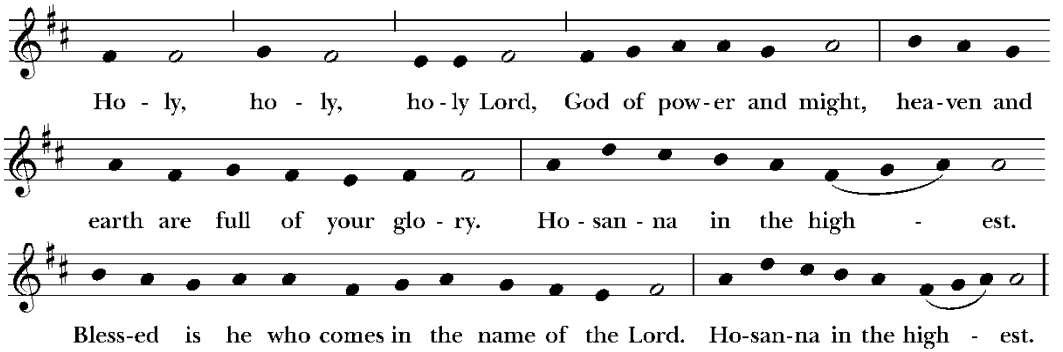
God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *BAS 198*



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may 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.

SANCTUS *New Plainsong* *David Hurd*



The celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour and Redeemer of the world. 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

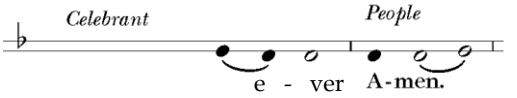
The celebrant continues

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**



The celebrant continues.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *BAS 211*

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

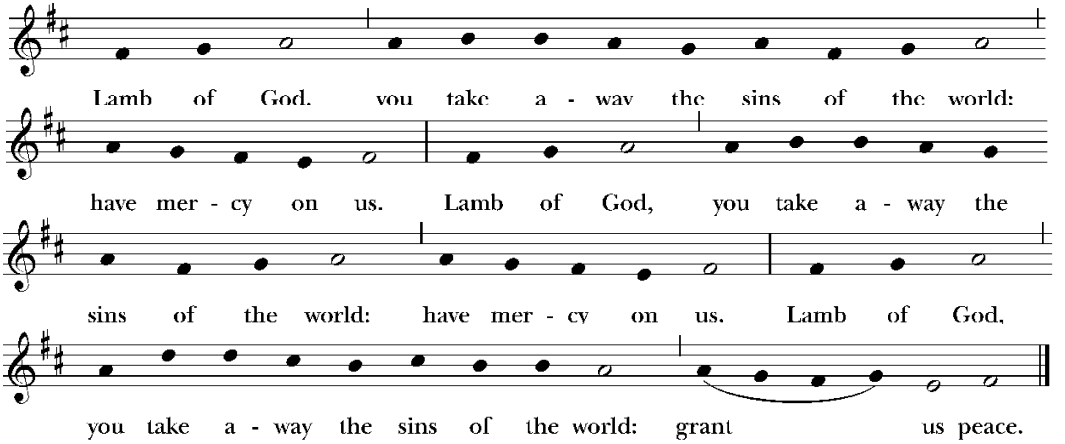
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *BAS 212*

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb**.

AGNUS DEI *New Plainsong* *David Hurd*



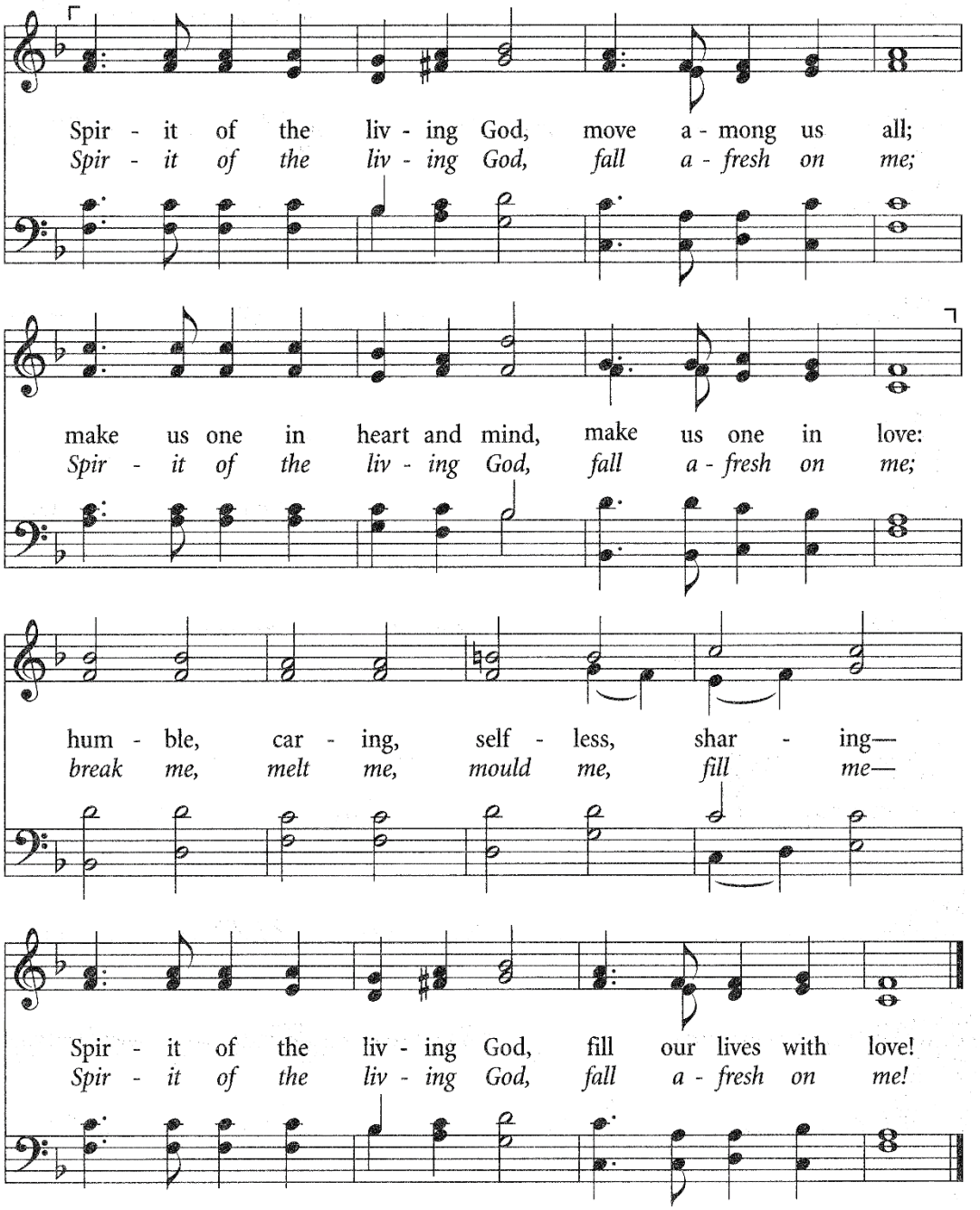
THE COMMUNION *BAS 213*

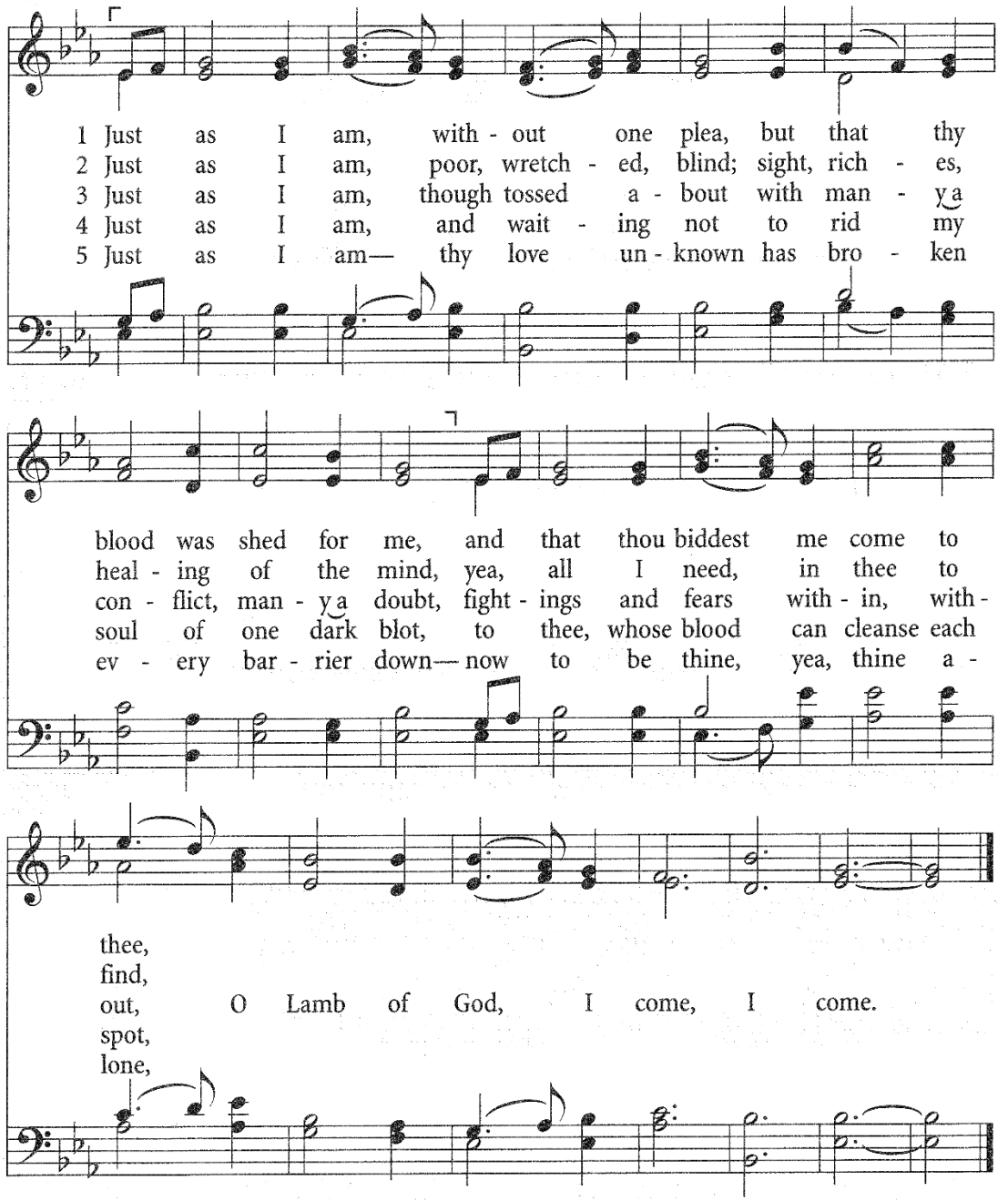
The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.

The gifts of God for the People of God

People **Thanks be to God.**

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please receive the bread by holding out your hands. To receive the wine, please gently guide the chalice to your lips, or simply touch the base of the chalice if you prefer not to drink from it. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted in our diocese. All are welcome to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sides person to have Communion brought to you.


Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing—
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me—
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me!


1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
4 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my
5 Just as I am— thy love un - known has bro - ken
blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to
heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each
ev - ery bar - rier down— now to be thine, yea, thine a -
thee,
find,
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot,
lone,

ANTHEM: Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring — Music: *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*
English text translated by *Robert Bridges (1844-1930*)

1. Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Holy wisdom, love most bright
Drawn by Thee our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned.
With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown
Soaring, dying round Thy throne

2. Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings.
Where the flock, in Thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own,
In the love of joys unknown.

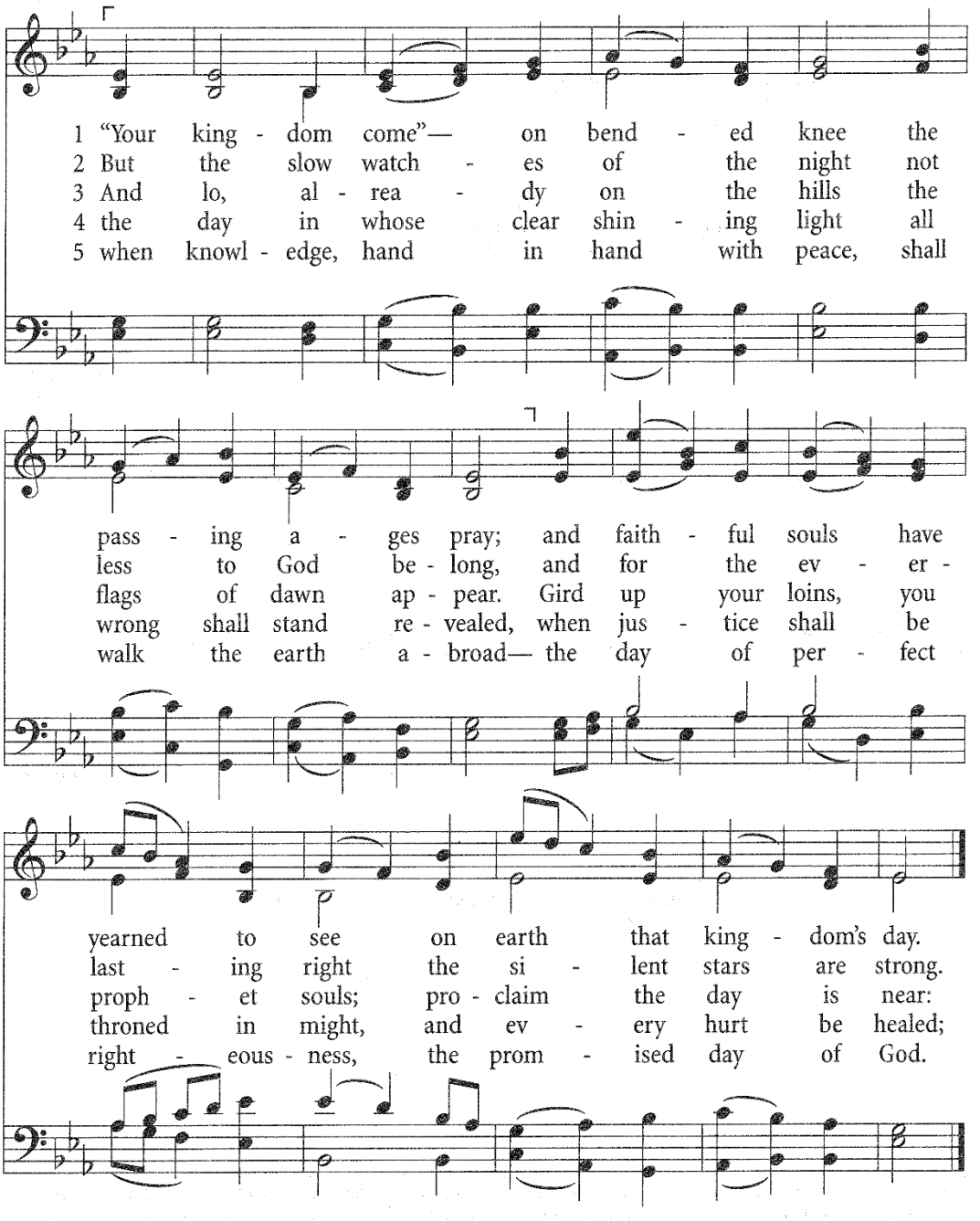
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand or kneel, as able.

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, In the church, and in Christ Jesus, For ever and ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *All are seated.*



All remain standing.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, all respond.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All remain standing for the retiring procession.

POSTLUDE

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

For health, wellness, support, and comfort:

Erin, Sheila, Lenore, Anna, Susanna, Paul, Janet, Jack, Susan, Jacqueline, Louise, River, Fran, Dianne, Sandy, Jane, John, Oakley, Hayley, Peter, Alexandra, Anthony, Catherine, Nora, Bill, Tricia, Jacob, Alison, Stephanie

Celebrant	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
Preacher	The Rev. Paul Richards
Server	Karyn Eisler
Music Director	Maria Golas
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Greeters	Gerard & Mary Ponsford
Welcome	Jacqueline Sephton
First Reader	Audrey Mistiades
Second Reader	Judy Belanger
Prayers of the People	Helen Brown
Livestream Guild	Henry Lazar
Coffee Set-up	Kathy Van Allen & Elaine Peloquin
Coffee Clean-up	Kevin & Joan Dietrich
Altar Guild	Helen Brown & Elizabeth Gaines

Flowers at the altar this week are given to the Glory of God by Audrey Mistiades for the love of her great-grandson on his 1st birthday..

Please join us for coffee and tea in Griffiths Hall. If you are joining us for the first time, please ask for directions.

Advent Wreath Making
Join us in the parish hall after the 10 a.m. service to make your very own advent wreath. We'll have all the supplies and prayer resources. All are invited to participate!

Advent Soup Lunch and Book Study
On Wednesdays in Advent (Dec 2, 9, 16, and 23), we'll gather at noon for a soup lunch followed by a study of Watler Brueggemann's *Chosen?: Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. Books are available in the office. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and learning. If you would like to make soup and/or supply rolls for the lunch, please sign up in the office.

Movie Matinee – Thursday, Dec 3 at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a showing of *The Sheep Detectives* with Hugh Jackman and Emma Thompson. Come, count your sheep and count your blessings! Join the flock for popcorn, laughter, and hot chocolate!

Advent Lessons and Carols – December 6 at 5 p.m.
Be sure to join us for our Advent Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, Dec 6 at 5 p.m. This service of song and prayer is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas and a perfect time to invite others to church.

Community Carol Sing – December 12 at 2 p.m.
Join us for some holiday cheer! Christmas carols, Christmas cookies, and Hot Chocolate! What more could you want? Invite your friends and neighbours – all are welcome!

Bring Your Kids / Grandkids to Church Day – December 13
On December 13, we are encouraging all our parishioners to bring their kids and grandkids to church! This will be a family Sunday with youth participating in the liturgy. Vanessa will also be debuting our new children's chapel area adjacent to the parish hall. Extend the invitation… and bring your kids/grandkids to church!

The Angel Tree is Coming!
Our Angel Tree will be available in the library on December 6. We invite you to join us in providing Christmas gifts for children who attend White Rock and Jesse Lee Elementary Schools. When available, please take a tag and help brighten a child's Christmas. Wrapped gifts, with the original tag attached, must be returned to the church by Monday, Dec. 14.

An Invitation to Pray – Silent Prayer, Tuesdays 5 – 7 p.m.
Step into a calm, contemplative environment. All are welcome!

Bible Study, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library
Join us for Bible Study! We are currently in the book of Genesis. We are on our way to chapters 25 and 26 as our journey continues with Isaac and his family! We would love to see you there. The only prerequisites are an open mind and an open heart.

Women's Group
The women's group meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the library. This is a time of conversation and fellowship. All are welcome!

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We are a joyful, inclusive service-oriented community. Our church building is a sacred space and a house of prayer for all. Our parish is composed of people from infants to grandparents, from cradle Anglicans to seekers, and we pride ourselves in being a place where a diverse range of opinions are held and respected. While we are a varied group, we strive to be unified as the Body of Christ.

We centre ourselves around our baptismal vow to, "strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being." Our community also extends far beyond our pews as we seek to feed, clothe, and support people who are in need.

We pray you will feel at home here, no matter your reason for joining us. We welcome you with open arms regardless of your race, age, culture, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, previous religious affiliation, or socioeconomic status. All are welcome at The Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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