

Bread of Life - Advent

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Reusable Bulletin

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Welcome to Zion

We are so glad you are here. Among imperfect and broken people, blessed to receive the gifts of our loving and gracious God, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior as a babe in a manger at Christmas.

Gathering

Prelude

Some may use the prelude as a time for meditation.

Please Stand

Entrance Hymn

Please Stand

Invocation

MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son ☩ and Holy Spirit, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Confession & Holy Absolution

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin owe deceive ourselves, and the truth in 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 & 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.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

The pastor greets the congregation

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

MARK 10:47

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has the lyrics "Ky - ri e e - le - i-son: Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff has the lyrics "Chri - ste e - le - i-son: Christ, have mer - cy." The third staff has the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son: Lord, have mer - cy." The musical notes are simple, with some notes beamed together and some notes having a fermata. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures.

A Ky - ri e e - le - i-son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Chri - ste e - le - i-son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation & Collect of the Day

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

P Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is prayed

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

The assigned Scripture is read aloud

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

An anthem may be sung

Second Reading

The assigned Scripture is read aloud

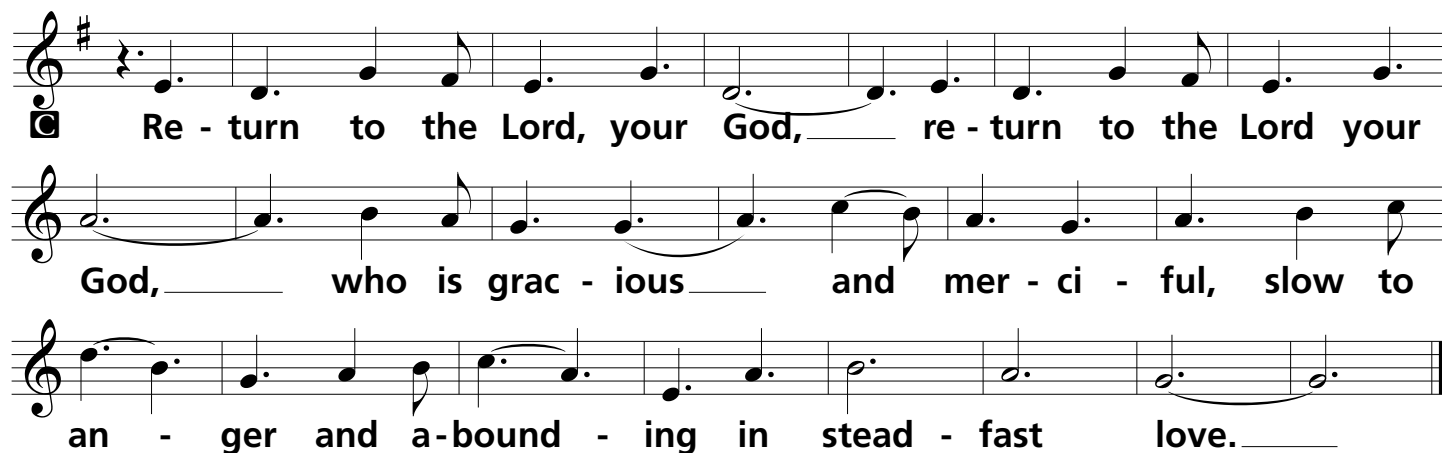
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Verse

JOHN 6:68



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, _____ re - turn to the Lord your
God, _____ who is grac - ious _____ and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love. _____

Holy Gospel Reading

A The Holy Gospel according to _____, the _____ Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The assigned Gospel lesson is read aloud

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

Please stand

Sermon

The Creed

*The Apostles' or Nicene Creed
will be announced by the pastor*

*The creeds may be found inside the
back-cover of your hymnal.*

Prayer of the Church

A In this holy season of repentance and renewal, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

After each petition, the following response is used

A Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

C Have mercy on us.

The prayer may conclude with the following line

A 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.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

Service of the Sacrament

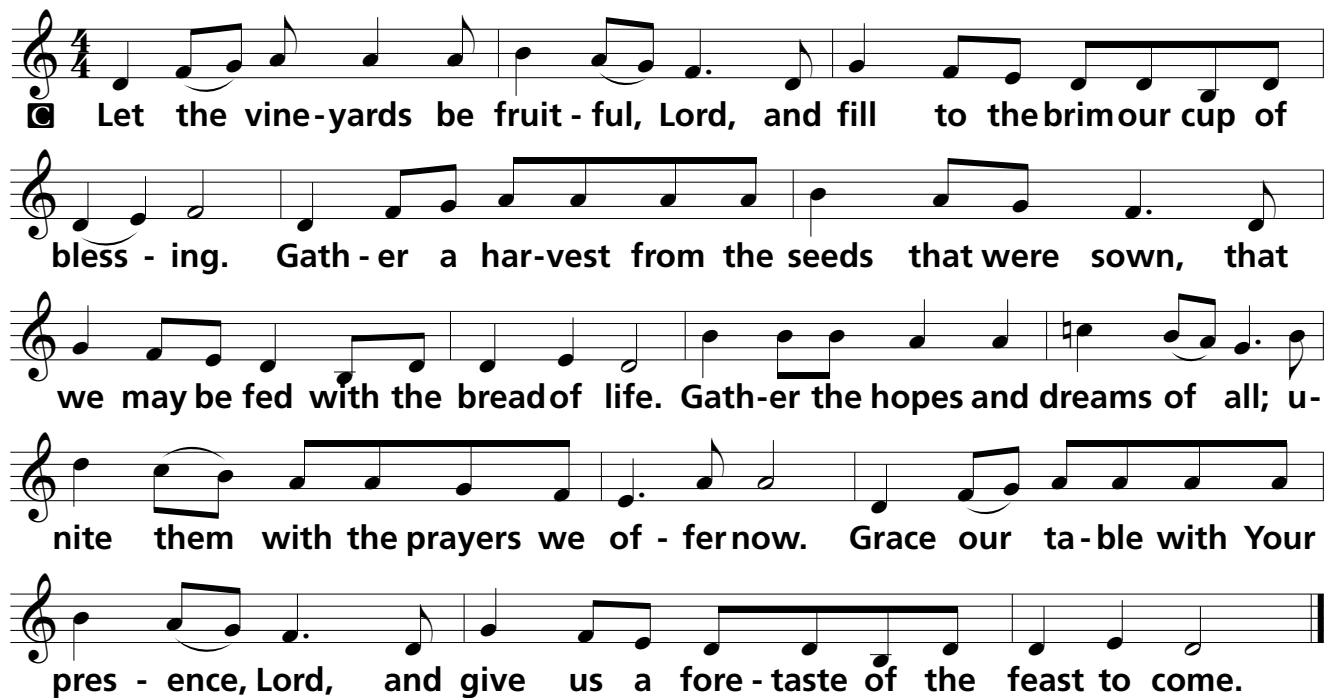
Offering

Your gifts support the ongoing work of Zion in this place and in the community. The Voluntary, a musical selection, may occur while the offering is being collected

Offertory

PSALM 116:12-13, 17-19

Please Stand



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 now. Grace our ta-ble with Your
pres - ence, Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A Let us pray: Savior of the nations, come.

C Make Your home here in us. Feed us with Your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal Your light. Amen.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

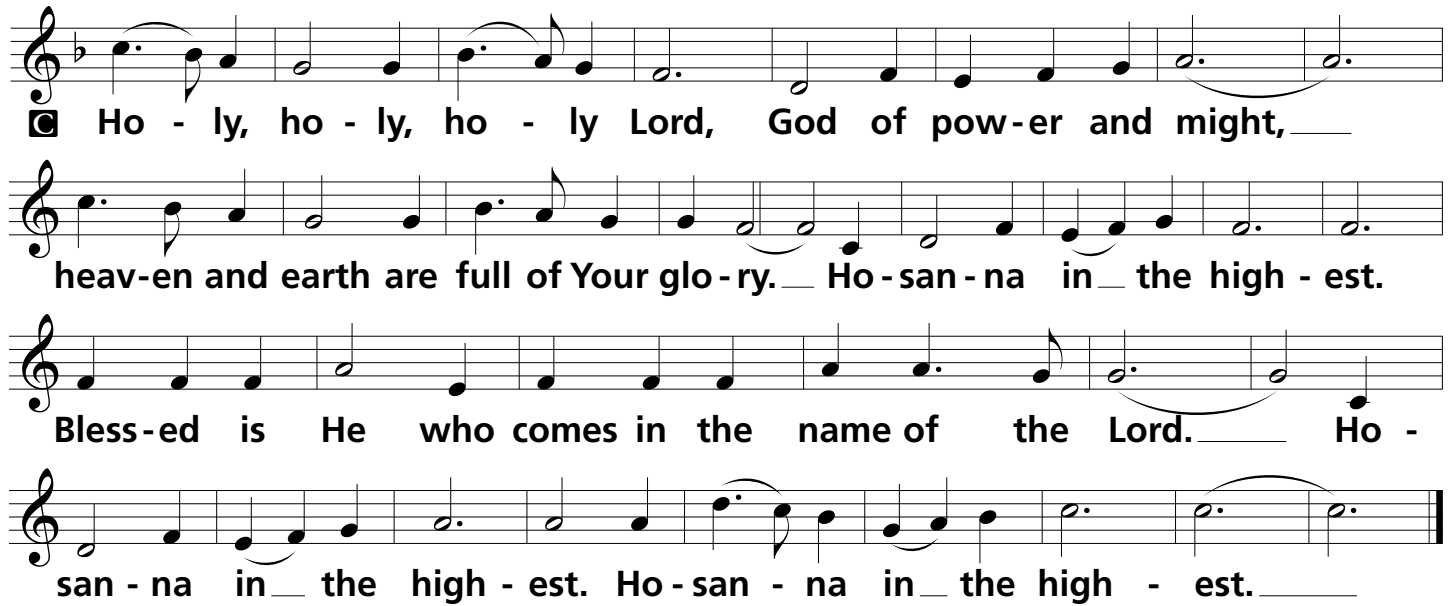
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord... Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

JOHN 1:29



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,___
heav-en 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. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

MATT 26:26-28; MARK 14:22-24, LUKE 22:19-20

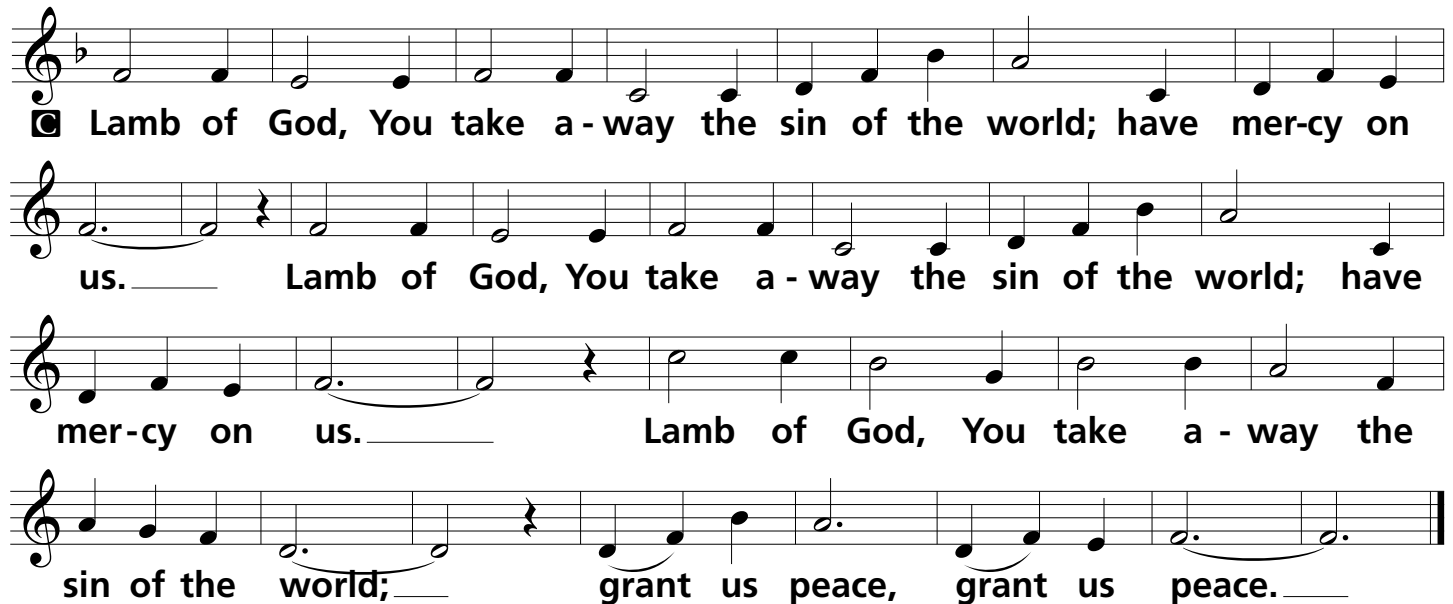
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \pm body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \pm blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Lord's Prayer

MATTHEW 6:9-13

☐ 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.

Agnus Dei



☐ 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._____

Please be seated

An usher will direct you to the altar in an orderly fashion.

The Holy Eucharist at Zion

Communion can be received from Pastor, or self-serve on tray with sealed elements.

Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during our Worship Service. This is considered an intimate fellowship with our Lord as we 'discern' Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, in giving us His body and blood, for the forgiveness of our sins. We invite you to participate in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion if: You are a Christian, have been baptized and instructed in the teachings of the Christian Faith, and believe that the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus is present in the bread and wine you receive at this Altar. If you do not believe or understand this, please meet with Pastor Francis following church services, and come to the Altar during Communion, crossing your arms over your chest to receive Christ's blessing.

Distribution Hymn

A musical interlude may occur before or after the Distribution hymn

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thank the Lord"

Please Stand



Thank-ful hearts and voi - ces raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in joy

with shouts of thanks - giv - ing A - men, a - men.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. God for whom we wait, You come to us in Your true Body and Blood. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be Your people in the world, announcing Your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

[P] Almighty God, Father ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

Closing Hymn

[A] Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

[C] Thanks be to God!

Postlude

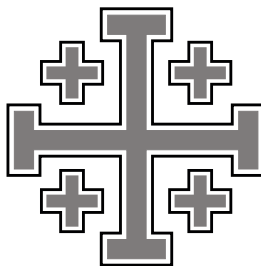
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