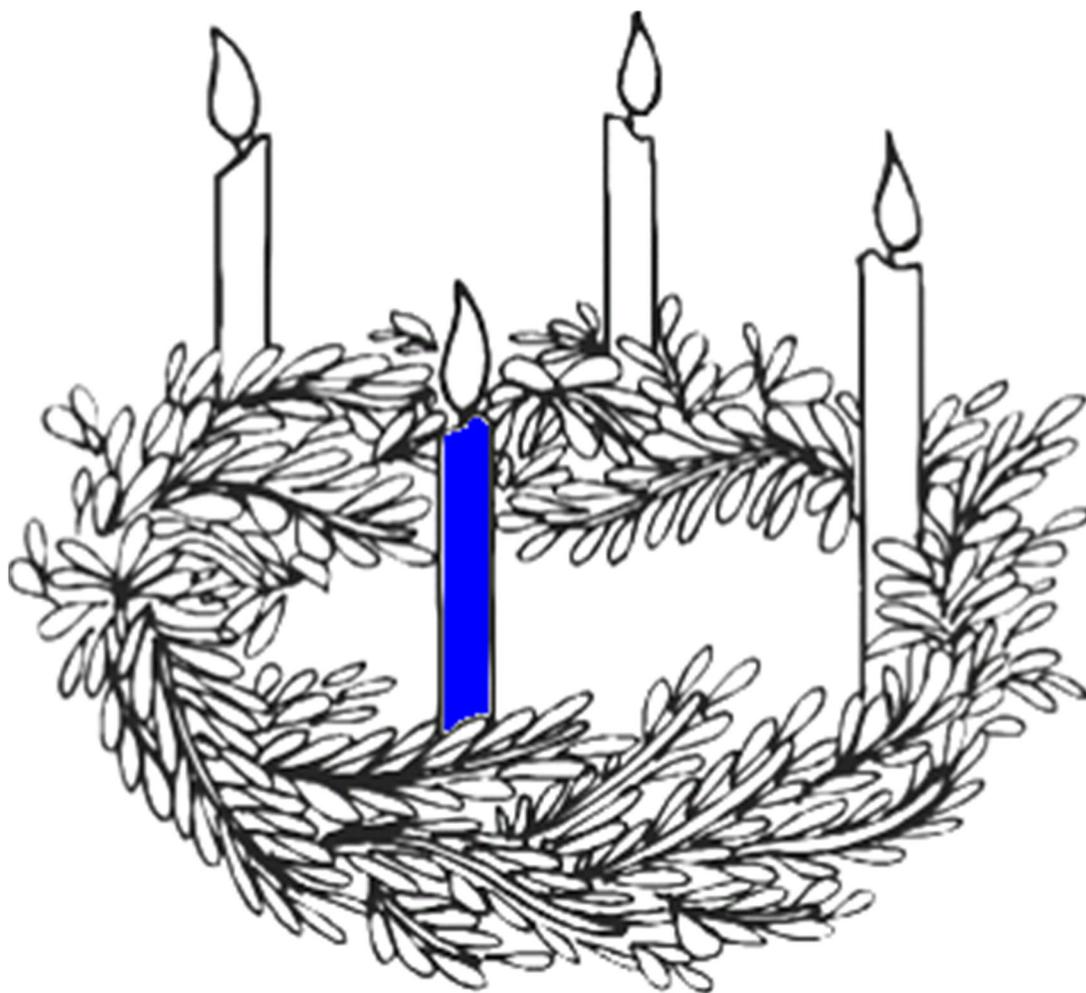


A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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Welcome to Christchurch! If you're visiting with us today, please know that you bless us with your presence!

Children's Worship Instructions

Children are invited to follow the Crucifer to our Children's Worship service. Children from 5 years old to 2nd grade will turn left at the altar and children from 3rd to 5th grade will turn right at the altar. All children will return at the Peace to join their families for Holy Eucharist. Children are also invited to remain with their parents if they so desire.



Prelude

..... The Entrance Rite

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Verger Today we light the first candle of Advent, the Patriarch's Candle, which reminds us of our forefathers in the faith, who longed for the coming of the Redeemer.

Haven, Kacie, Leanne, and Larry Cornwell will light the candle and pray the following prayer:

Let us pray. God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and of all the Patriarchs of old, we thank you for revealing your love for us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man. Help us prepare to celebrate his birth. Make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn 65 *Please stand*

Prepare the Way, O Zion



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.

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The Opening Acclamation (BCP 145)

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

The Collect for Purity (BCP 106)

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.*

The Summary of the Law (BCP 106)

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie (BCP 106)

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise 56 vv. 1-2

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent (BCP 598)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

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.*

..... **The Liturgy of the Word**

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Zechariah 14:1-9

¹ Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. ² For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴ On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. ⁵ And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. ⁶ On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. ⁷ And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. ⁸ On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. ⁹ And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6 (BCP 332)

- ¹ The LORD, even the most mighty God, has spoken
and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.
- ² Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty,
has God shone forth in glory.
- ³ Our God shall come and shall not keep silence;
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
- ⁴ He shall call to the heavens above,
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵ “Gather my faithful together unto me,
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
- ⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness,
for God himself is Judge.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— ⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in

love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 324 *Please stand*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

The Gospel *Please stand*

Luke 21:25-33

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁵ Jesus said, "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Morgan W.T. Clark

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* (BCP 109)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 (BCP 110) *Please kneel*

After each prayer, the People respond with the words “Hear our prayer.”

The Confession of Sin *Please stand*

Celebrant and People (BCP 112)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Absolution

The Comfortable Words (BCP 113)

The Celebrant may the say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*

..... The Holy Communion

At the Setting of the Table

Savior of the Nations, Come

Martin Luther

*Savior of the nations, come!
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.*

*Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child
of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son,
eager now his race to run!*

*Thus on earth the Word appears,
gracing his created spheres;
hence to death and hell descends,
then the heavenly throne ascends.*

*Come, O Father's saving Son,
who o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be;
grant that we its glories see.*



Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

The Great Thanksgiving - Anglican Standard Text (BCP 115)

Please stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 glory 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer (BCP 118)

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread (BCP 118)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

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.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion.

To receive the Bread, which is dipped in the Wine, extend your hands upward, palms crossed.

Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion.

Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

Ushers will guide you from your pew. The rails are filled from the center front to the back. Please maintain physical distance from those not in your family.

Once you receive, please return to your seat via the side aisle.

If you would like prayer, Prayer Teams are available in either of the transepts.

Communion Music

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
 once for our salvation slain;
 thousand thousand saints attending
 swell the triumph of his train:
 Alleluia!
 Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Those dear tokens of his passion
 still his dazzling body bears,
 cause of endless exultation
 to his ransomed worshipers;
 with what rapture
 gaze we on those glorious scars!

Every eye shall now behold him,
 robed in dreadful majesty;
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
 deeply wailing,
 shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne;
 Savior, take the power and glory;
 claim the kingdom for thine own:
 Alleluia!
 Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Communion Music

Come Thou Long-expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Communion Music

How I Need You

Every day in Your hands
You were there before time began
Sovereign one I rest in Your plan
From the depths to the dawn
You are there Your promise is strong
I will trust with all that I am

You fashioned me formed my heart
Search my soul and know every thought
Love so great but never too far
And through the storm You're the calm
And every war You've already won
Life secure in Your loving arms

Chorus

*Jesus Jesus oh how I need You
You stay the same
You are good in Your ways
Jesus Jesus oh how I need You
You are enough
All my trust is in You Lord*

Communion Music

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel* (BCP 120)

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing for the First Sunday in Advent

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you, now and forevermore. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 72 *Please Stand*

Hark! The Glad Sound!

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,

People **All the time!**

Gospeler All the time,

People **God is good!**

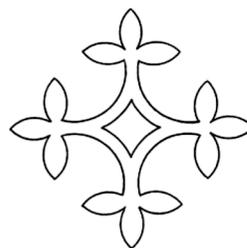
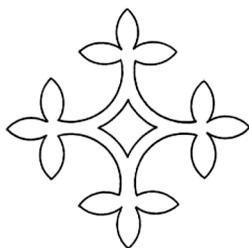
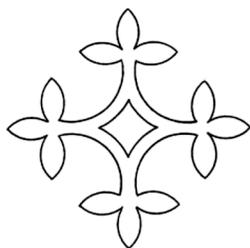
Gospeler Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Pièce Héroïque

César Franck



Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Very Reverend Andrew M. Rowell
Gospeler	The Reverend Morgan W.T. Clark
Music Director and Organist	Thomas Bowers
Vergers	Maggie Springer and Bryan McLaughlin
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	Christy Holding and Jon Carroll
Altar Guild	Jackie Butler, Nancy McBride, Lyle Wilder, and Becky Pollard
Greeters	Kevin Houlditch and Dondra Houlditch
Prayer Team	Ruth Brewbaker, Dick Brewbaker, Dee Mooty, and Dolly McLemore
Ushers	Price McLemore, Tripp Clements, Tom Saunders, Jeff Crane, and Bryan Craven



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