

# Grace Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 10:30 a.m.



## PRELUDE

*He Shall Feed His Flock ("Messiah") - G. F. Handel*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

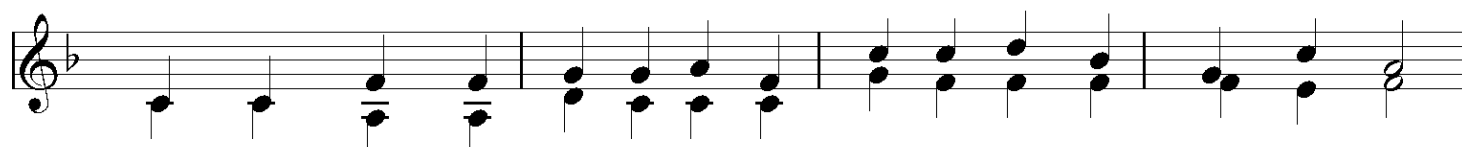
INTROIT (vv. 7-8)

(Choir only)

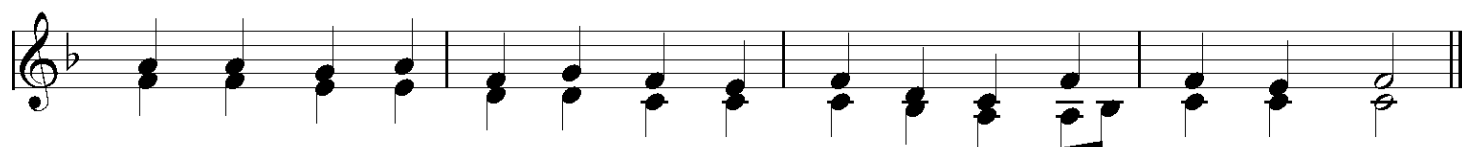
*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #66 (*In the Blue Hymnal*)

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*



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 Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## 323 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.



## 160 THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*Lector* A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

- The Word of the Lord    **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26** (*responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your  
faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your love is  
established for ever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the  
heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **'I will establish your line for ever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**

<sup>19</sup> You spoke once in a vision and said to your  
faithful people:

"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

<sup>20</sup> **I have found David my servant;  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

<sup>21</sup> My hand will hold him fast  
and my arm will make him strong.

<sup>22</sup> **No enemy shall deceive him,  
nor any wicked man bring him down.**

<sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.

<sup>24</sup> **My faithfulness and love shall be with  
him,  
and he shall be victorious through my  
Name.**

<sup>25</sup> I shall make his dominion extend  
from the Great Sea to the River.

<sup>26</sup> **He will say to me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'"**

**THE EPISTLE**

*Romans 16:25-27*

*Lector* A Reading from the Paul's letter to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

- The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN #265 (vv. 1-3)**

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

*"For know a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers  
foretold,  
most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy  
Name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

-- The Gospel of the Lord    **People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #265 (v. 4)

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
 in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
 and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say –  
 "Most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

### THE ADVENT WREATH - The Fourth Candle: The Candle of Love

*The congregation remains standing*

*The Reader:*

Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy. We light it and the candles of hope and peace again as we remember that Jesus, the child of hope, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

*(The first, second, and third candles are lighted.)*

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love.  
 God's love is a perfect love. It holds nothing back.

This is what love is like: Love is patient. Love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense. Love keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face and overcome. There is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends.

We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus brings us God's love and shows us how to love others.

*(The fourth candle is lighted.)*

Let Us Pray.

*The people read aloud together*

**Thank you God for the LOVE you give us. As we hope in your promises, and wait for Christ to come again, we ask that you would remain present with us and by your Spirit help us each day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your LOVE with one another. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Our Lord. Amen.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Edward Kelaher

326 THE 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.**

328 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other Ministers, especially **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop, **Samuel and Jennifer** our bishops, and **Ed** our priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord in Your mercy **Hear our prayer**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord in Your mercy      **Hear our prayer**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially **Joe**, our President, **Roy** our Governor, **Jason** our mayor, and **John and Tommy**, our Councilman, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord in Your mercy      **Hear our prayer**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord in Your mercy      **Hear our prayer**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Silence*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, and **Josey** Parker and those with special needs:

**Christine** Ryals, **Lou** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **David** Bankston, **Rhonda** Bralkowski, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Gayle** Burke, **Art** Burkhardt, **Emily** Duquette Byers, **Seraphina** Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **John** Clippard, **Joan** Clodfelter, **Linda** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Tracy** Davis, **Susan** Dixon, **Renee** Ewbank, **Cathy** Farley, **Jenny** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Lucy** Hodge, **Chris** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Jahiya** Huntley, **Greg** Hutchins, **Tanya** Johnson, **Chris** Kearley, **Cara** Lee, **Beattie** Logan, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Debbie** Mason, **Kate** McKenzie, **Libby** Miller, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **Ronnie** Moretz, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Chocolate** Myers, **Howard** Palmer, **Jerry** Peace, **Fred** Pfohl, **Gabby** Plott, **Pat** Plummer, **Libby** Robert, **Gail** Rogers, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Suzy** Sheets, **Patty** Short, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Annabell** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Lou** Van Dyke, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Kathy** Watson, **Flynn** Williams, **Henry** Williams, **Mary & Jay** Williams, **Vickie** Wolfe, and **Charlotte** Young.

“Are there others?”

Lord, in your mercy      *Hear our prayer.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### 331 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

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

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

### 332 THE PEACE

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Love has come, a light in the darkness, Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how the song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

*Love is born! Come share in the wonder: Love is God asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother, what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus Emmanuel.*

*Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*The offering is brought forward as the hymn is sung.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN #112 (v. 4)

*In the bleak midwinter*

4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a sheep-herd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

## 340 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer II)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant*

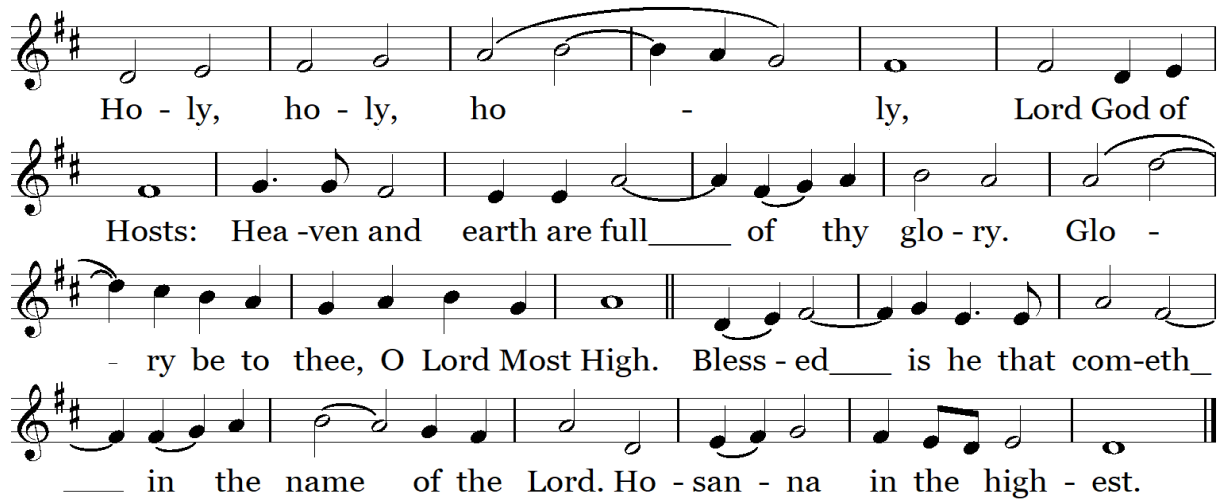
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.



Because thou didst send thy 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 triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

**SANCTUS**  
**#S114**



*The people may stand or kneel*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

336	<p><b>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,</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p>
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337 **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

337 **FRACTION ANTHEM AND PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,	<b>have mercy upon us.</b>
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,	<b>have mercy upon us.</b>
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,	<b>grant us thy peace.</b>

*Celebrant and People*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

338 **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

*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 baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.*

*You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine.*

*Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally.*

*If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

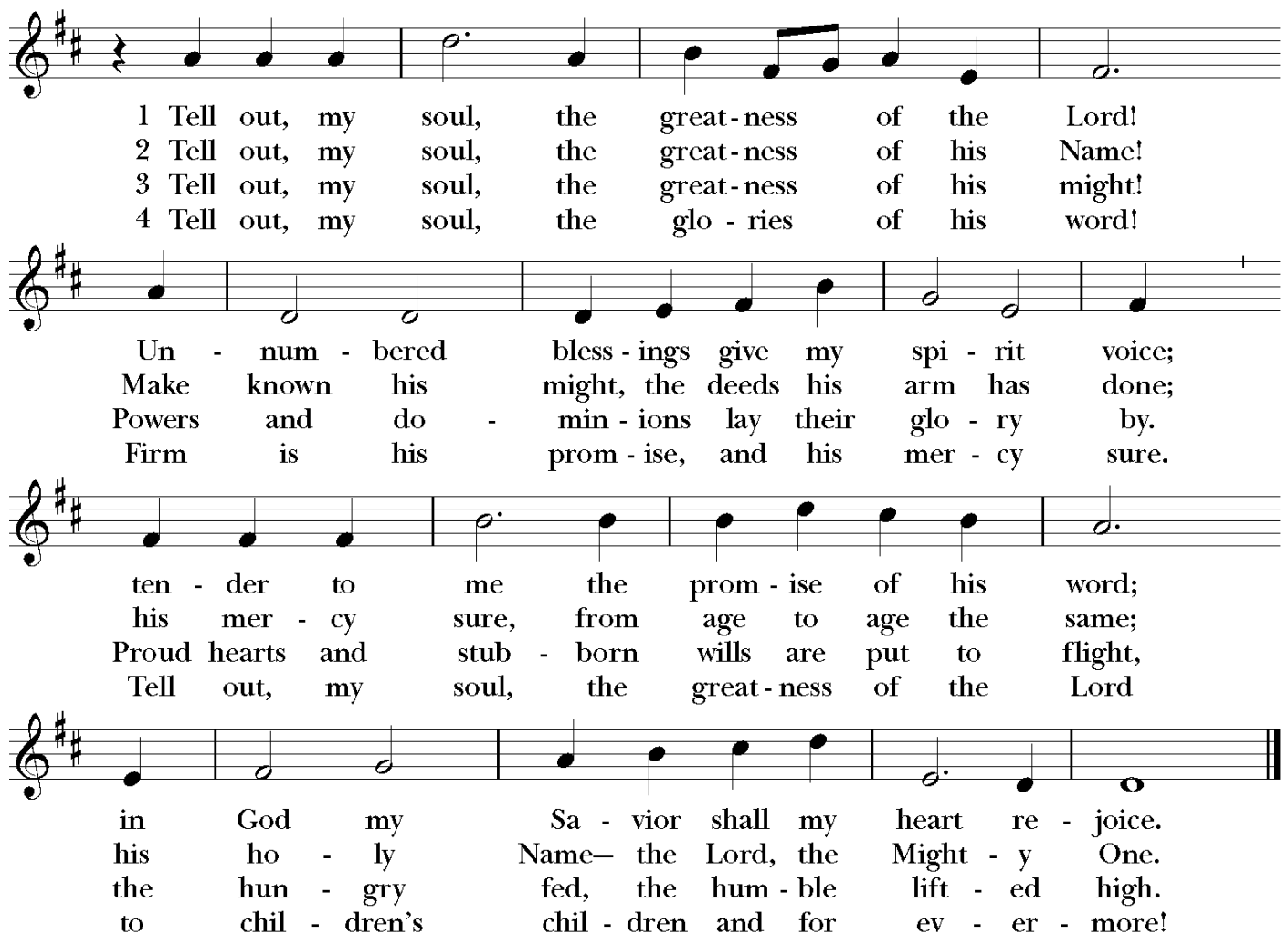
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you in holy light as you remain steadfast in faith, filled with joy, encouraged in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you now and remain with you always. ✠ Amen.

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN #438 *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*Tell out, my soul*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Veni, Emmanuel" - J. Denton*

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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**Lector:** Jim Nance  
**Intercessor:** Staley Nance  
**LEM:** Staley Nance

**Acolytes:** Kate Inabinett, Hadley Briggs,  
Cooper Petruzzi

**WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!**

We are delighted to have you worship with us on Christmas Eve. We invite you to sign our Guest Book in the narthex.

**During Holy Communion,** if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper changing stations are provided in both rooms.



# The beautiful poinsettias in the church are given to the Glory of God:

*In loving memory of my parents, Richard & Elrene Thomas, by Jön-Eric Thomas.*

*In loving memory of Russell C. Craver by Jön-Eric Thomas.*

*In honor of all of our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders by Kathy Johnson.*

*In honor of our grandchildren, Chandler, Blair, Walker, and Eli, by Kathy & Russ Johnson.*

*In honor of Tommy, Kim, Kate, Finn, Pam, Al, Fiona, Lucas, and Helen by Patty & Ed Kelaher.*

*In loving memory of Walter A. "Terry" Reynolds by Sandra Reynolds and Family.*

*In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Winthrop C. LeShanna and Judith LeShanna Barber by Sandra Reynolds and family.*

*In honor of our children, Sarah, Cole, Blythe, and Mark, by Cathy & Sims Riggan.*

*In honor of our mothers, Louise Snyder and Cater Riggan, by Cathy & Sims Riggan.*

*In honor of the Journey to Adulthood youth and leaders by Cathy & Sims Riggan.*

*In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Hinkle by Ian & Talmadge Silversides.*

*In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Talmadge Link by Ian & Talmadge Silversides.*

*In loving memory of Bill & Sally Lang by Sara March, Katie, Betsy, and families.*

*(2) In loving memory of Bill Goodman by Kathie Goodman.*

*In honor of our Grace Church family by Chris and Mike Hodges.*

*In loving memory of Jeff Kaley and Bobby Ray Hedrick by Renee Kaley & family.*

*In honor of my four children and three grandchildren by Susan Terrell.*

*In honor of Carty & Greg Braun, Shep Husted, Tom & Shalimar Husted, by Sandra & Bob Husted.*

*In loving memory of Jean Taylor by Marilyn & Chuck Taylor.*

*In loving memory of Donald Latta by Marilyn & Chuck Taylor.*



# The beautiful poinsettias in the church are given to the Glory of God:

*In loving memory of our parents by Henry & Mimi Duquette.*

*In loving memory of Towers Dodd and Jane Barry by Sally Dodd.*

*In honor of my grandchildren Kayleigh, Noah, J.P. & Will by Sally Dodd.*

*In honor of Kerry & Robert Burleigh and family, by Mary & Karl Bolstad.*

*In honor of Robin & Mark Breeden and Petruzzi family, by Mary & Karl Bolstad.*

*In loving memory of David Garner by Frances Garner.*

*In loving memory of my parents, Kay & Arthur Reed, by Judie Reed.*

*In honor of Ellie Grace by Richard & Carolyn Wolfe.*

*In honor of Sandy Reynolds by her children and grandchildren.*

*In loving memory of Terry Reynolds by his children and grandchildren.*

*In honor of Fred McIntyre and in memory of Ann McIntyre by Walt Reynolds.*

*In honor of all who sing the joy of Christmas by Joan Clodfelter.*

*In honor of Louie and Linda Cox by Anderson, Grayson, and Merritt Carter.*

*In honor of Glenn and Suzy Sheets by Anderson, Grayson, and Merritt Carter.*

*In honor of Barbara Presnell and Bill Keesler by Anderson, Grayson, and Merritt Carter.*

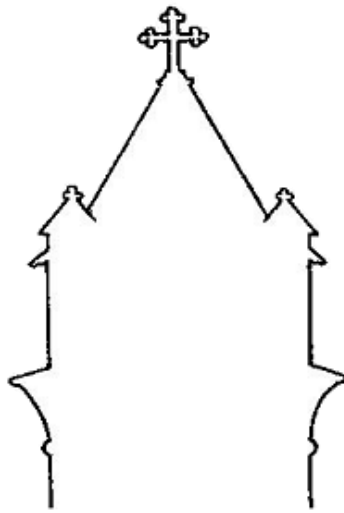
*In loving memory of Ned Carter and Sally Carter by Anderson, Grayson, and Merritt Carter.*

*In loving memory of Lindsay Layfield by Anderson, Grayson, and Merritt Carter.*

*In loving memory of Louis & June Wiederhold and Irving & Barbara Kent by Donna & Richie Wiederhold.*

*In honor of Marlene Jones, Mary Matthews, and the Grace Sunday Lunch teams from the Grace J2A Youth.*





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The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop  
The Reverend Edward T. Kelaher, Rector  
Joan Clodfelter, Minister of Music  
Kathy Johnson, Christian Education Director  
Maureen Tincher, Parish Administrator  
John Taylor, Facilities Manager

### THE VESTRY

2024

Lynn Meeks Treasurer  
Sandy Reynolds Asst. Clerk  
Logan Sheets  
Susan Terrell

2025

Wes Allred Sr. Warden  
Thompson Miller Asst. Treasurer  
Marjorie Parker Jr. Warden  
Marilyn Taylor

2026

Karl Bolstad  
Bright Carter  
Sally Dodd Clerk  
Henry Duquette Asst. Jr. Warden

Vestry Person of the Month for December is Karl Bolstad.

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