

WELCOME! DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT OUR THEME IS CREATION CARE

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

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The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer

People

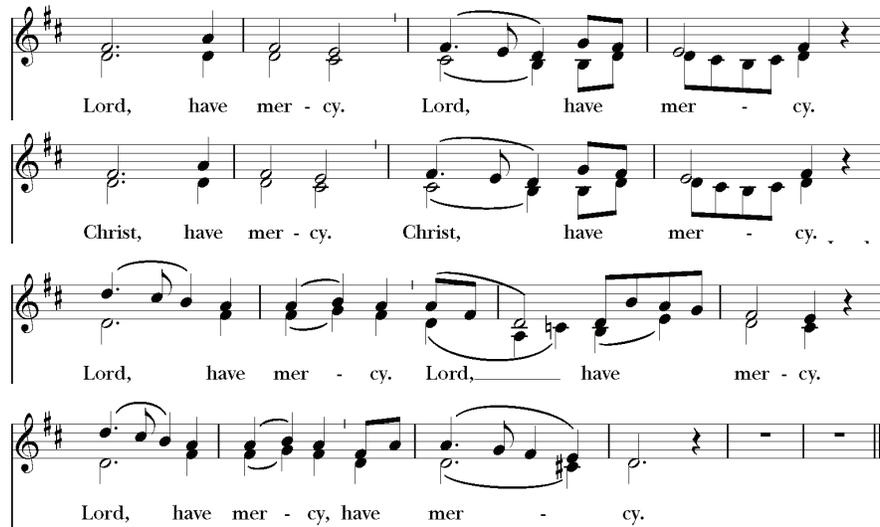
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR CREATION

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons. As we thank you for your gracious providence, may we cherish and respect this planet and all its peoples and creatures through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Lord, Have Mercy” The Hymnal S96



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS

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The People Sit

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

PSALM

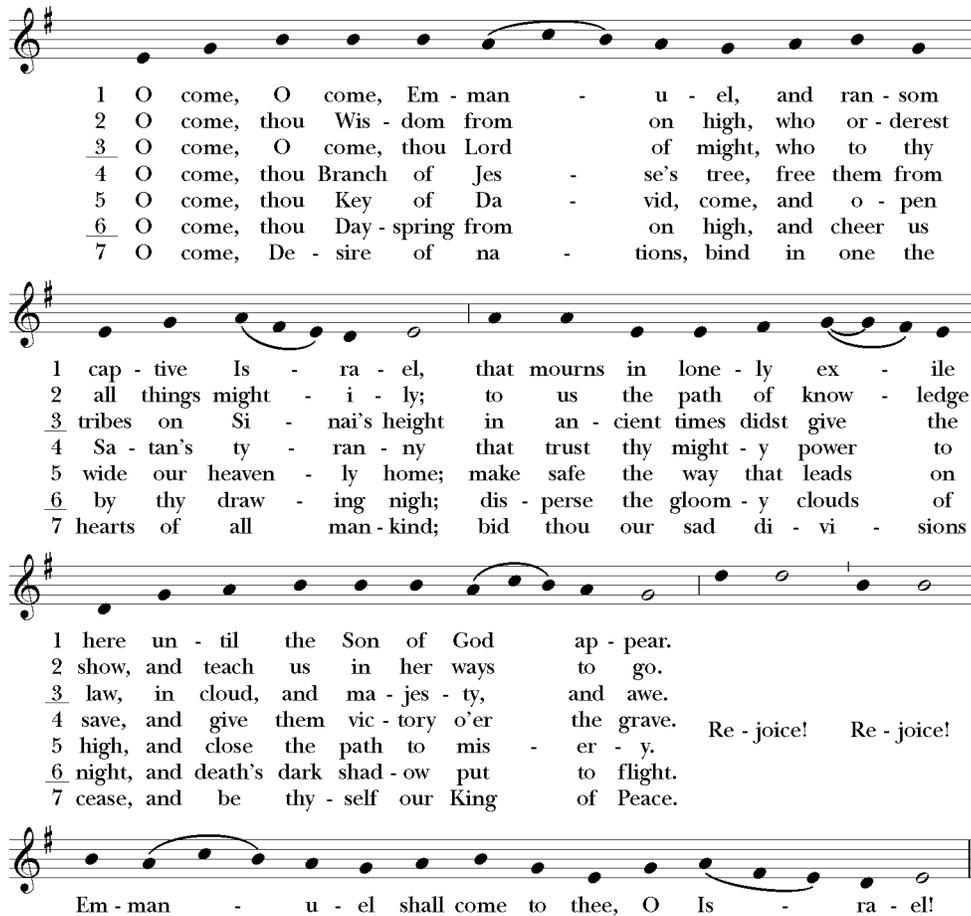
Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

SEQUENCE HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” The Hymnal 56

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel, two verses are sung before and a verse is sung after the Gospel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

See insert

THE SERMON

The People may be seated

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

THE CREED

The People stand as able and say together

We believe in God the Creator;
who reminds us, in the drawing of every new day,
that new life is possible.
We believe in the wonder and grandeur of a universe
where the whole of life is called to live
in harmony of care.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who prayed in the mountains of peace,
and brought us the Word
in mustard seeds and fig trees of blessing,
whose footsteps touched the earth in love
and who invites us to follow.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
whose wisdom often lies
embedded in ancient peoples.
They trod lightly across deserts and
lived gently among plants and creatures.
They reached respectfully for the mystery,
which is God with us,
the one who never leaves us nor forsakes us.**

**We believe in the everlasting hope,
the great calling of the people of God, the church,
for the transforming of all things,
which is possible in God.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing

Intercessor Brother Jesus, in you all things in heaven and on earth find their completion. All that is finds its fulfillment in you.

People **To you be all praise and all power.**

Intercessor Help us to be at one with the earth.

People **So that we know it as home.**

Intercessor Help us to be reconciled to all living creatures.

People **So that we know them as neighbors.**

Intercessor Help us to be at peace with one another.

People **So that we may live together in harmony.**

Intercessor We remember today those on our parish prayer list.

Give them care and nurture in their time of need.

People **So that they might know they are loved beyond measure.**

Intercessor We remember today those in our church family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Remind them that You are with them always.

People **So that we might celebrate their cherished place among us.**

Celebrant Creator God, just as you hold the whole world in your hand, hold us, too. Holy Spirit, bless us with strength, fill us with love, and inspire us to care for all that is, for you are our comfort and our hope. **Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Kneeling or standing, we thank God and ask for strength and insight into how we may better care for Creation.

THE PASSING OF THE HOPE

In this season of Advent we are focusing our worship and meditations that we may find ways to better care for this fragile earth, our island home. In the spirit of Jesus's message of reconciliation for the whole world, we suggest that an expression of hope is fitting.

Celebrant The hope of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION HYMN

“From All that Dwell Below the Skies” v. 1, The Hymnal 380

The People stand as able

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WYOMING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Creator God, that we live in a place where the glorious revelation of you is all around us. The prairie bursts with song from wind and birds and waving grasses. The abundance of animals roaming freely reminds us of our own freedom and the many ways you provide sustenance in your kingdom. From the depths of the ocean floor, you lifted your massive mountains and pointed them toward the heavens.

We, like your Son, our Lord, are called to these high places to get away and rest in communion with you. We marvel as we wander through stately pines and twirling aspens along the creeks, where trout dance on their tails above the rocks, and deer and elk sip from the water's edge. And we remember that you have given us the Living Water to quench our thirst. Our spirit is refreshed and our strength renewed.

We welcome the passing of seasons in broad circles of time, with anticipation of new things to come, and we recognize that same feeling of hope that encircles our faith. Our lives are lived between sunrises and sunsets and brilliant colors. But at night, the limitless stars have a way of pushing back the boundaries of our lives and we dream of heaven and your wonder.

And with all these blessings of your creation around us, O God, we come together in communities on the prairie, by rivers and streams, on mountain tops, and in their shadows in the valley, to receive your Word, which has been sown in rich soil and grown into a fruitful crop in the Body of Christ.

And so we join with saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we say,

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” The Hymnal S130

The Celebrant & the People sing together

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving

As we gather to praise your name, we see your greatest glory, your Son our Savior, reflected in each other's faces and we know the magnitude of your love for us and ours for you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time, bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

“Jesus Lamb of God” The Hymnal S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Children of any age and people of any denomination are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive bread or wine, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium during Communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The People are invited to sing

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

May our hearts feel the song of the meadowlark, our minds the clearness of the mountain air, and our souls the freedom of the soaring eagle. May our faith be renewed as the creek in spring, may we celebrate the saving redemption of the Cross in all its mysteries, may we always feel the love of the community of Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

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THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

Join us for a Green Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.

During this Advent season, there will be opportunities to help preserve the Earth and to love the world as God does. We invite you to focus on sustainability practices during coffee hour and at our Creation Care Vegan dinner on Wednesday, December 11.

We will avoid using paper and compostable plastic products, and we encourage you to bring your own coffee mug or pitch in to do the dishes.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

To learn more about St. John's Episcopal Church go to our website, stjohnsjackson.org.

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