

SLOW AND STEADY



ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
JACKSON HOLE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

## WELCOME!

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 box or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

We offer infant and toddler care in the nursery with a family worship service and children's sermon monthly.

**DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT, OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH A PRAYER AND THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADEVENT: PEACE.**

*The altar flowers are given by Susie Temple and Robert Feagin  
in memory Arthur Temple, III and Dr. John A. Feagin*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE

"Ave Maria" Johann Sebastian Bach & Charles Gounod

God you have given us faith, hope and joy. Forgive us for all the times we have made hurtful choices. In you we find true peace. Help us to live the peace of your Son in our hearts, in our family and in our world. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

"Love divine, all loves excelling" vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 657

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

## KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy” The Glendalough Mass

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with the instruction "Cantor, then assembly:". The lyrics are: "Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son." on the first staff; "Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son." on the second staff; "Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son." on the third staff; and "Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son." on the fourth staff. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The People Sit*

### A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

#### MICAH 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 15 - THE SONG OF MARY

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

### HEBREWS 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*Lector*  
*People*

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

## ALLELUIA

*The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel*

“He Came Down”

1 He came down that we may have love; he  
came down that we may have love; he came down that we may  
have love; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics '1 He came down that we may have love; he' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The lyrics 'came down that we may have love; he came down that we may' are written below the second staff. The third staff concludes the melody with a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a quarter note B5. The lyrics 'have love; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.' are written below the third staff. The score includes various musical notations such as beams, slurs, and triplets (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**LUKE 1:39-45**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

## THE SERMON

*The People may be seated*

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

Mary Erickson

## THE NICENE CREED

*The People stand as able and say together*

**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.**

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**  
The Church of the Province of  
Central Africa

**PARTNER PARISHES**  
Church of St. John the  
Evangelist, Hastings, England  
Santa Maria Magdalena,  
Favorito, Cuba  
La Gran Familia,  
Cauhtémoc, Mexico

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**  
St. George's, Lusk

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**  
Lt. Lee M. Barker  
Specialist August Boldt  
Charlie Ezzell  
Major Alic Kelso  
Lt. Wolf Klotz

**IN NEED OF COMFORT**  
Ken Asel  
Eric Bertelson  
Paul Blumenauer  
Carol Bocker  
Rebecca Bollman  
Stan Burch  
Meghan Davis  
Kathy Dean  
Pauline Egan  
Ewing Family  
Chris Glatzer  
Katy & Tom Klotz  
Robin Koop  
Ned Leyendecker  
Kip MacMillan  
Cliff Martin  
John Oaks  
Tony Paulus  
Jim Ross  
Sales Family  
Susie Sheffield  
Dee Dee Sorsby  
Jim Thomas  
Kim Tsamoutales  
Barbara Tucker

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**  
Debbie Barker  
Alyssa Beck  
Anne Bell  
Silvia Davila  
William Driewer  
Henry Driewer  
Oscar Jaubert  
Noelle Johnson  
Dick Jones  
Samantha Livingston  
Catherine Morahan  
Betsy Murphy  
Sharon Parrott  
Leila Sandlin  
Jackson Santomauro  
Nanci Turner Steveson

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**  
John and Danette Jolly  
Kip and Lin MacMillan  
John and Suzanne Whitmore  
John and Ann Willott

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*In the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, kneeling or standing*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa in the Anglican cycle of  
prayer. We pray for our partner parishes, the Church of St. John the Evangelist in  
Hastings, England and Santa Maria Magdalena in Favorito, Cuba. We pray for St.  
George's, Lusk, in our own Diocese of Wyoming.

We also pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paul-Gordon, our Bishop; and for  
all bishops and other ministers, for all who serve God in God's Church. Guide the  
people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we  
may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Joe, our President, and for all the world's leaders; for those on our  
Military Prayer List: Lieutenant Lee Barker, Specialist August Boldt, Charlie  
Ezzell, Major Alic Kelso, Lieutenant Wolf Klotz, and all officers and enlisted men  
and women.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

In thanksgiving, for those celebrating birthdays, and those celebrating anniversaries.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we now name.

*People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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 on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The People stand as able*

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

*People*         **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People sit. See the Revelations' e-Newsletter for what is happening around the parish or sign up on our website.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

“Holy Is Your Name” (Magnificat Luke 1:46-55) David Haas

My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my savior:  
you have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.

*Refrain:*

And holy is your name through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.

I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered, for all will call me blessed.

I proclaim the pow'r of God, you do marvels for your servants,  
though you scatter the proud hearted and destroy the might of princes.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

“El Senyor: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful” Taizé

*The People stand as able*

♩ = 69

Dm C F Bb C Dm C F

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

C Bb A 3 Dm C

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your

F Bb C Am Dm Bb C F

voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People stand as able*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 triumph 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy” The Glendalough Mass, Liam Lawton

*The Celebrant & the People sing together*

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



# BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

“Lamb of God” The Glendalough Mass

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of Lamb of God, you take a - way  
the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. All are welcome to receive communion. In the spirit of caring for one another in this time of pandemic the bread only will be distributed. After disinfecting their own hands, the priest will place the communion wafers in the hands of the people. For now, no common cup will be served. If you are unable to come forward, and desire communion, please notify an usher, and the priest will bring the communion to you. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive bread, 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 HYMN

“Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord” vs. 1-4, The Hymnal 437

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!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

*& People*

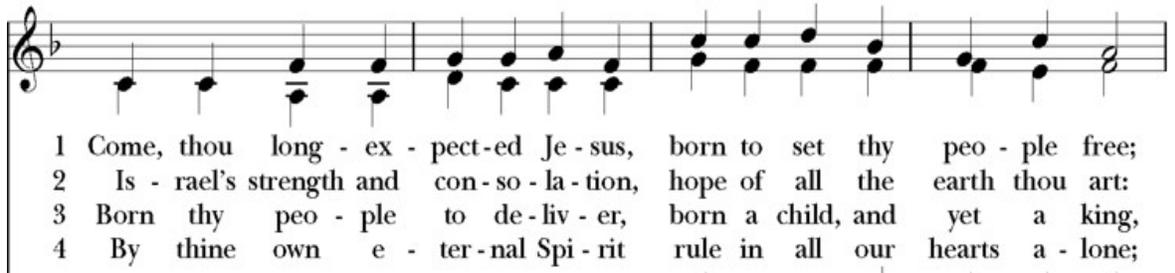
**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

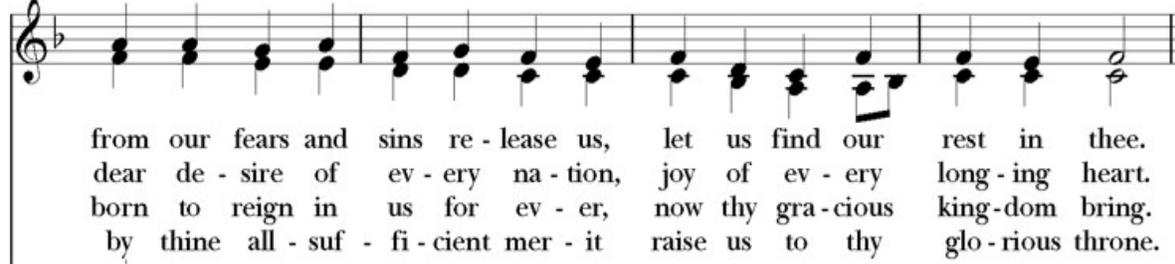
*The Priest blesses the people*

## CLOSING HYMN

“Come, thou long expected Jesus” vs. 1-4, The Hymnal 66



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - 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.

## 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

“The Angel Gabriel” (Traditional Basque Carol)

*Join us in Hansen Hall for Coffee Hour.*



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