



OUR THEME FOR ADVENT IS SLOW AND STEADY

During the season of Advent, our worship begins with a prayer and the lighting of the Advent wreath.

First Sunday of Advent: Faith

God, we are blessed with the gift of faith, and we thank you for that gift. As we light this candle, help us to trust in you and say “yes” to you with all our hearts. **Amen.**

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!

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

We offer infant and toddler care in the nursery with a family worship service and Children’s Sermon monthly.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Récit de Chromorne” Messe Pour Les Paroisses, François Couperin

OPENING HYMN

“Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” vs. 1-5, The Hymnal 59

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 “Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day.”
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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

Cantor, then assembly:
Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Cantor, then assembly:
Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Cantor, then assembly:
Ký - ri - e, e - léi - son. Ký - ri - e, e - léi - son.

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
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 LESSONS

The People Sit

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

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

PSALM 25:1-9

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

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless 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.**

ALLELUIA

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel

“He came Down”

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 on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the final line of the score.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The People may be seated

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

Brian Nystrom

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.
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.**

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
St. John the Baptist, Big Piney

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

IN NEED OF COMFORT
Abrams Family
Ken Asel
Eric Bertelson
Paul Blumenauer
Carol Bocker
Rebecca Bollman
Stan Burch
Carol Coxhead
Meghan Davis
Kathy Dean
Pauline Egan
Chris Glatzer
Gutierrez/Dye Families
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
Jade Bartz
Amy Brooks
Rusty Brown
Heather DeVine
Lisa Fleischman
Susan Erickson
John Long
Christina Lucas
George Phocas
Fred Reimers
Wally Ulrich
Anna White

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
Tony & Linda Brooks
Fred & Jean Staehr
Lee & Connie Walter

Names will be kept on the prayer list for one month, unless requested otherwise. All prayer list requests and inquiries should be sent to a member of the clergy or the pastoral care team.

**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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

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.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church of Brazil; for our partner parishes, the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hastings, England and Santa Maria Magdalena in Favorito, Cuba; and in our own Diocese of Wyoming we pray for St. John the Baptist, Big Piney.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paul-Gordon, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, those on our prayer list, and those we now name,

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

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

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

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, and those we now name, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and 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

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” John Brownlie & John Wyeth

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old, a little child, to suffer and to die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights that morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth’s dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn whose day shall ever last.

And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
When right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.

PRESENTATION HYMN

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

The People stand as able

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a tempo marking of quarter note = 69. Chord symbols above the staff include Dm, C, F, Bb, C, Dm, C, and F. The lyrics under the first staff are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -". The second staff continues with chord symbols C, Bb, A, 3, Dm, and C. The lyrics are: "joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your". The third staff has chord symbols F, Bb, C, Am, Dm, Bb, C, and F. The lyrics are: "voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The People stand as able

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.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant **We remember his death,**
& People **We proclaim his resurrection,**
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

Celebrant **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
& People **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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

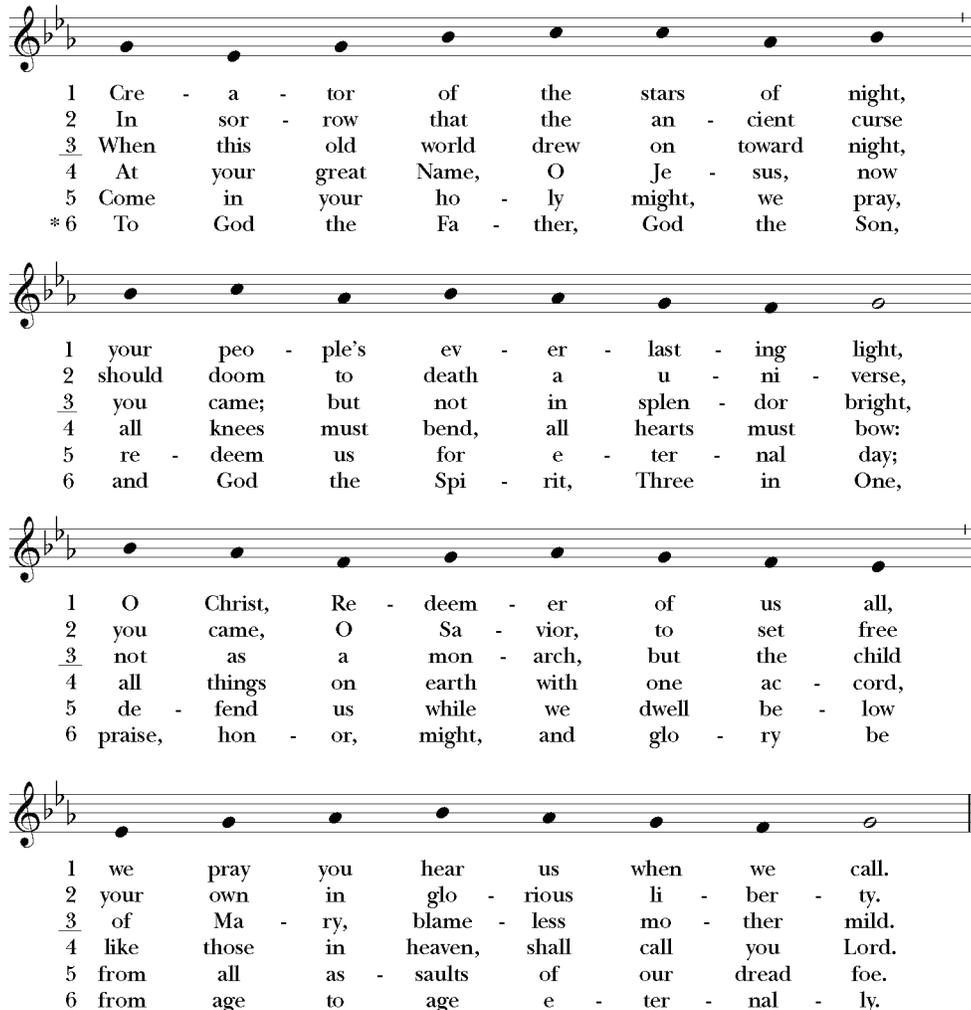
Celebrant **The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

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 bread 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

"Creator of the stars of night" vs. 1-6, The Hymnal 60



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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

“Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes” vs. 1, 3, 4, The Hymnal 72

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

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

“Postlude: “Sleepers, Wake!” Johann Sebastian Bach

Join us in Hansen Hall for Coffee Hour.



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