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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

*Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE COME
TO WORSHIP THE LORD TODAY

PRELUDE

We gather in the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and each other.

Please kneel or sit for the confession.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

When we allow darkness to overcome the light,
forgive us, Lord.

When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel,
have mercy on us, Father.

When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing and touching
the needs of others,
let your grace consume us, O God.

When the wars around us are of no concern,
forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion for those who suffer.

When our caring is not extended to action,
**move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters. Remove all
barriers that divide us, and let there be no obstacle to our love for
you and for one another. Amen**

You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy. By the grace of God, your sins are
forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy
Spirit. Go forward, strengthened anew, following the way of peace.
Amen

GATHERING

*HYMN

Oh, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel

(Verses 1, 2 & 3)



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's
4 Oh, come, blest Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your
5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
and close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

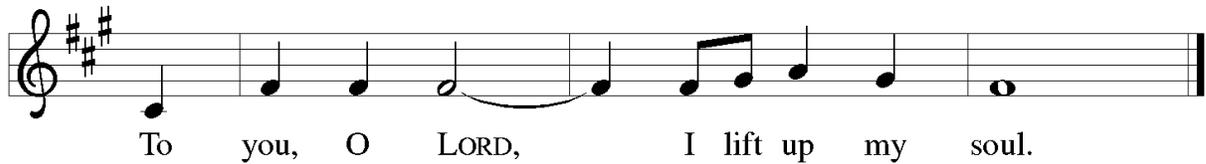
In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The LORD is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

A reading from Jeremiah:

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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.”

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

Refrain



Tone



- ¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
- ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- ³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- ⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**
- ⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the
day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. R**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your good- | ness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.
- ¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He Came Down

Sing verse 1 before reading of gospel. The gospel is read.

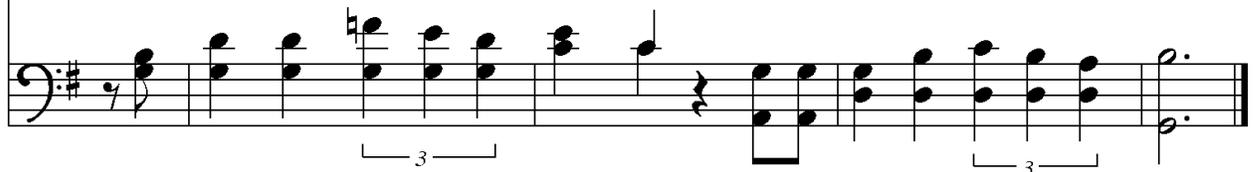
Repeat same verse after reading of the gospel.



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;



Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

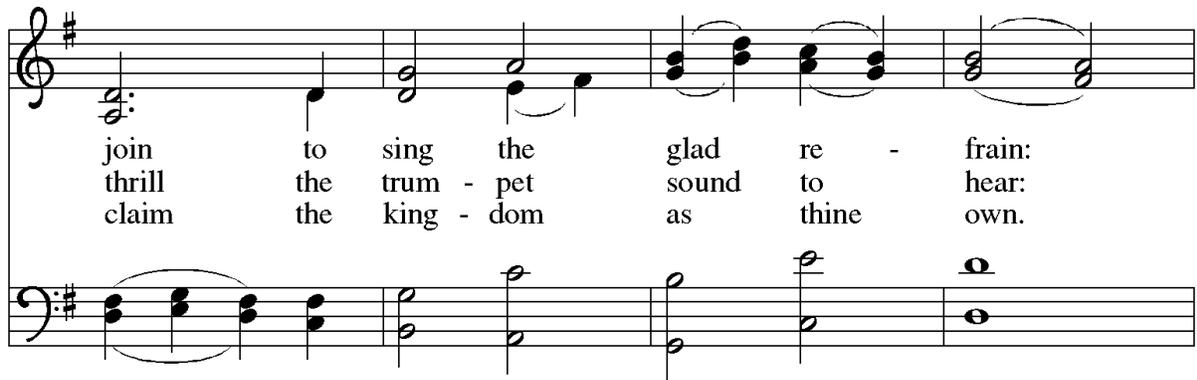
*HYMN

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
all the saints this world re - ject - ed
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799

*NICENE CREED

Living together in trust and hope we confess what we believe.

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

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The assisting minister prays the petition., The congregation responds to the petitions that end "Lord in your mercy with: "**hear our prayer.**" and those that end "O, God we give you thanks" with: "**Thanks be to God**" The prayers conclude with the pastoral petition followed by a congregational "**Amen.**"*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O, God we give you thanks. **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands... Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEAL

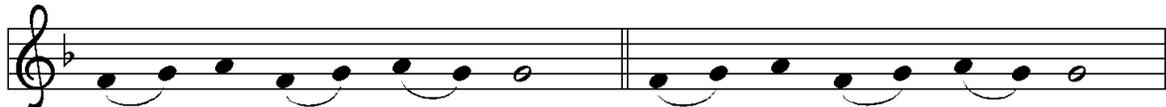
*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching, **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen**

*PREFACE DIALOGUE



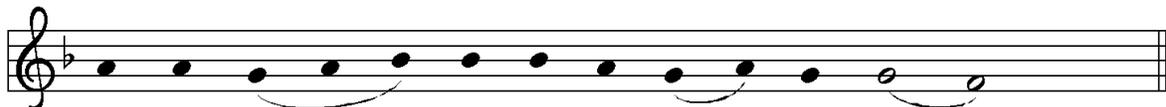
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

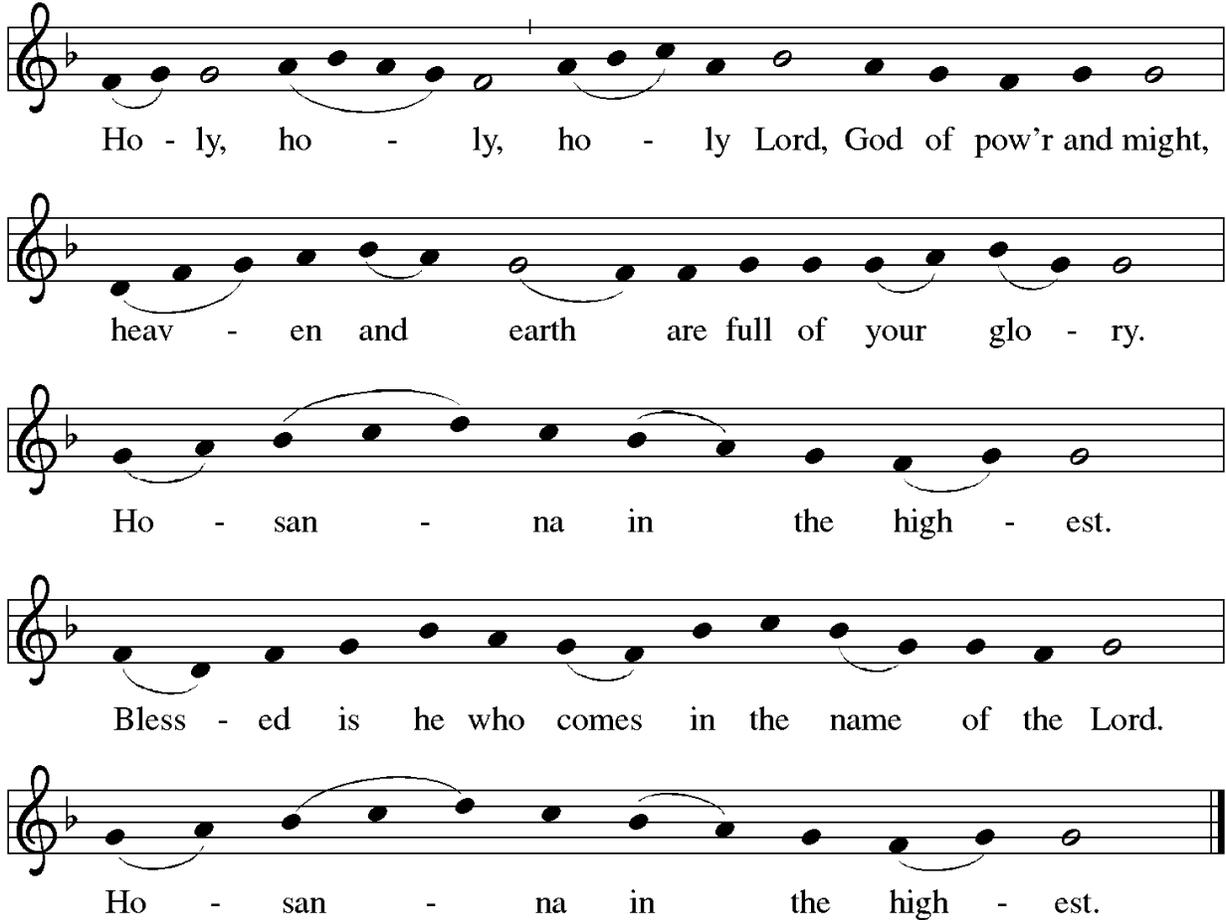


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed ... unending hymn.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en 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.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, ... the mystery of faith:
O Christ, you are the splendor of life everlasting:
We laud your death and resurrection,
and await your return in glory.
Blessed are you, ... that feast which shall never end.
Amen. Come, O precious Ransom, come!

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

With boldness and confidence, we pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

*COMMUNION INVITATION

JOHN 4:29

Our Lord, Emmanuel, shares his life with us. Come for all is ready.
Let us go to the Table to meet the Messiah.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is available in the center rings of the wine tray. Children or adults who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament today may come forward and receive a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest in the form of an x.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

PRAYER IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMUNION

For those on zoom or not receiveing the sacrament.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

I am baptized into your death and resurrection.

I seek you daily and worship and adore you.

Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine,

I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul, as you always have,

through Confession and Forgiveness,

through the proclamation of your holy Word,

and through the prayers of your people;

that I may remain united to you

by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit.

Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace.

Be for me the manna in my wilderness,

the bread of angels for my very human journey through time,

a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,

and solace in the hour of my death.

I pray all this, trusting that you are my life,

my peace, and my everlasting joy. Amen

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. This same God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

*Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

(Verses 1 & 4)

1 Re - joyce, re - joyce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tienc - e their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

*Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Eugenia Sullivan
for the beautiful music while Martin is away.

Today's Altar Flowers and Worship Bulletins are sponsored by
Pastor Cheryl Hoffman
in recognition of her 22nd Ordination Anniversary

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NOTES

- **2022 Stewardship Campaign Early Results:** *31* families (up from 28 in 2021) have pledged **\$189,282** (+ **9%** over 2021). Thank you for your Thanksgiving! **It's not too late** to make your stewardship pledge for 2022. You can mail your pledge card to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate, or e-mail (auger.jg@gmail.com) or phone/text (860-306-9205) your pledge to Jake Auger. And remember, **new pledges receive a 50% match!**
- **2022 church envelopes** are available in the church narthex. Please note that your envelope number may have changed. Contact Jake Auger if you need your envelopes to be delivered or if you haven't been assigned an envelope number.
- ***Please join us via Zoom for weekly services during Advent:*** Matins on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00am, Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Zoom link: [pwd=WGZtQWJQSDlqZzlsRzAzaEloNVcrZz09](https://us02zoom.us/j/84665292047?pwd=WGZtQWJQSDlqZzlsRzAzaEloNVcrZz09) Meeting ID: 846 6529 2047 Passcode: 420062
- On Sunday, December 5th, Chris Luginbuhl of BPS (Become Part of the Solution, www.BPSrockville.com) will be attending our worship service and selling his calendars for \$22.00 ea. to support people struggling with alcohol and drug addiction by helping with transitions from treatment to recovery. The calendars feature Chris' own photography of local scenes, and would be great for gifts. There will also be an opportunity to donate gift cards to help with the work of BPS; those that would be most useful would be for fast food restaurants and CVS or Walgreens drug stores. These scrip cards can be ordered ahead of time from Linda Obedzinski. All support at this difficult time of year would be greatly appreciated, as part of our work beyond our own walls.
- ***Lunch Bunch:*** The next lunch bunch will be Thursday, December 16 at Bricco Trattoria, 124 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury. Grab bag gift between \$15-\$20 and participation is optional. Please contact Elaine by December 10 if you plan to attend. 860-432-4488 or eauger0311@gmail.com. She must give them a final count as space is limited.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 30	9:00am	Matins
Wednesday, December 1	Poinsettia Order Deadline 7:00pm	Holden Evening Prayer
Thursday, December 2	9:00am 6:00pm	Matins Exec. Committee
Sunday, December 5	9:00am	Advent 2 Service of Word and Sacrament