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ADVENT AT CALVARY

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29th, 2026

We welcome all:
People of Color
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Partnered & Single
Differently Abled
Families & Children
Young & Old
Our Unhoused Neighbors
The Alcoholic & Addicted
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Anyone Who Desires a Spiritual Home
Calvary's welcome extends to all.
But more importantly-
God welcomes you for exactly who you are!

HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT *Drop Down, Ye Heavens, From Above* J. Weir

Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not tarry.
I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee; For I am the Lord thy God, the holy one of Israel,
thy redeemer.

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59 *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding* Merton

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH the Minch Family

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. *(Matthew 24:42-44)*

Read by Opal Walton

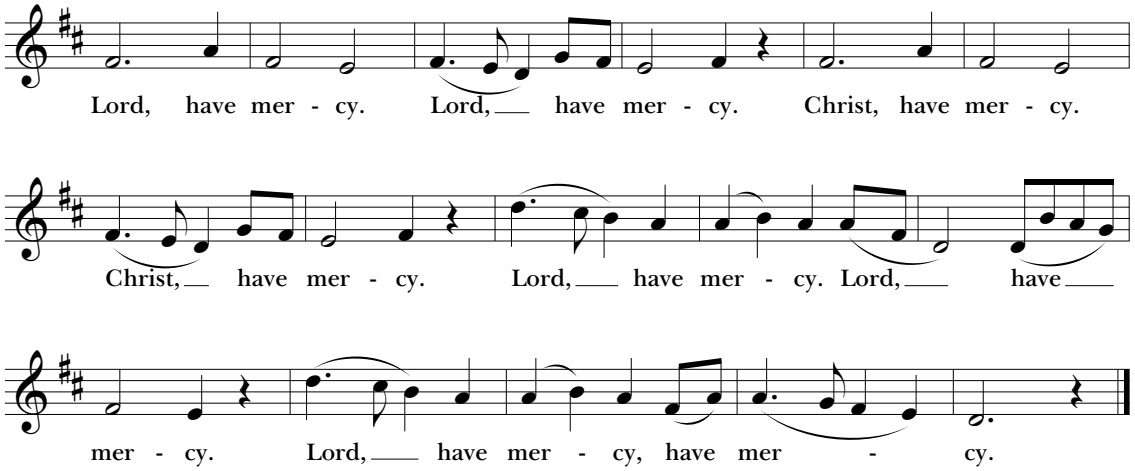
SALUTATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

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 S-96 Setting: fr. Deutsche Messe; F. P. Schubert
Available in 4-part harmony in the Hymnal 1982



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

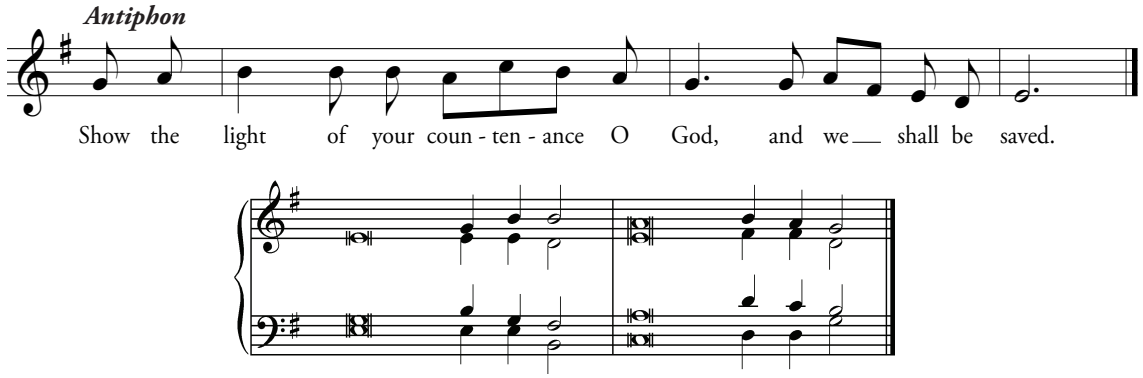
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the 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.*

A READING FROM ISAIAH Isaiah 64:1-9
Please be seated.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

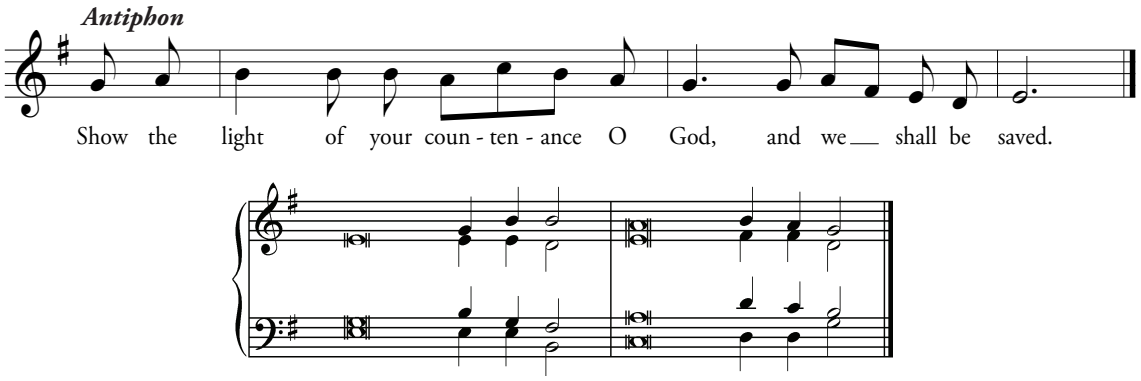
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 Tune: Veni Emmanuel



1 Hear O Shepherd of Israel, … leading Joseph [like] a flock;*
shine forth you that are enthroned up-[on] the cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, … Benjamin [and] Manasseh,***
stir up your strength and [come] to help us.
3 Restore us O [God] of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, … and [we shall] be saved.

Antiphon



4 O Lord [God] of hosts,*
how long will you be angered despite the [prayers of] your people?
5 **You have fed them with the [bread] of tears;***
you have given them bowls of [tears] to drink.
6 You have made us the derision [of] our neighbors,*
and our enemies [laugh us] to scorn.
7 **Restore us O [God] of hosts;***
show the light of your countenance, … and [we shall] be saved.

Antiphon

16 Let your hand be upon the man of [your] right hand,*
the son of man you have made so [strong for] yourself.
17 **And so will we never [turn] away from you;***
give us life that we may call up-[on] your name.
18 Restore us O Lord [God] of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, … and [we shall] be saved.

Antiphon

A READING FROM FIRST CORINTHIANS 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 51 *We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting* Decatur Place

THE GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated* The. Rev. Dr. Georgine Buckwalter

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand* BCP 358

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 Form II BCP 385

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our presiding Bishop Sean; for our Bishop Terry; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those on our Calvary Prayer List, especially those Calvary members: Mary, Bob, Jennie, and Michael.

Silence

Friends and family for whom our prayers have been requested: John, Sue, Susannah, Caleb, Penny, Shelby, Ruth and family, Sandy, Eva, Bill, Greg, John, and Bob.

Names on prayer list are on a four week rotation unless requested otherwise

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 359

The Celebrant continues.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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*.

The Priest, stands and says

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 *Please stand*

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

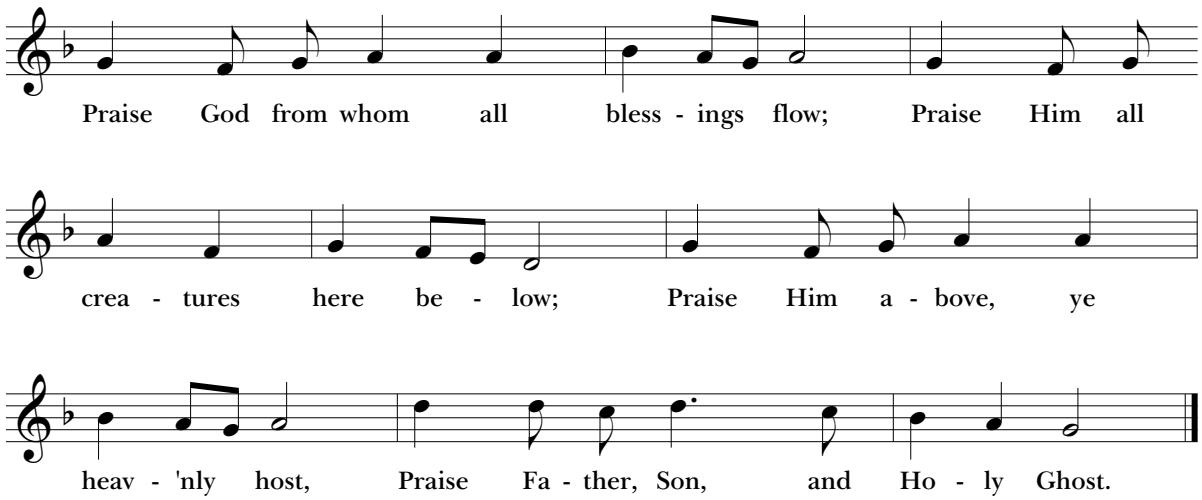
ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* Philipp Nicolai, arr. Bach

Wake up, the voice calls us of the watchmen high up on the battlements,
wake up, you city of Jerusalem!
This hour is called midnight; they call us with a clear voice:
where are you, wise virgins ?
Get up, the bridegroom comes; Stand up, take your lamps! Hallelujah!
Alleluia! Make yourselves ready for the wedding,
you must go to meet him!

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand* A la venue de Noël



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER B
The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

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.

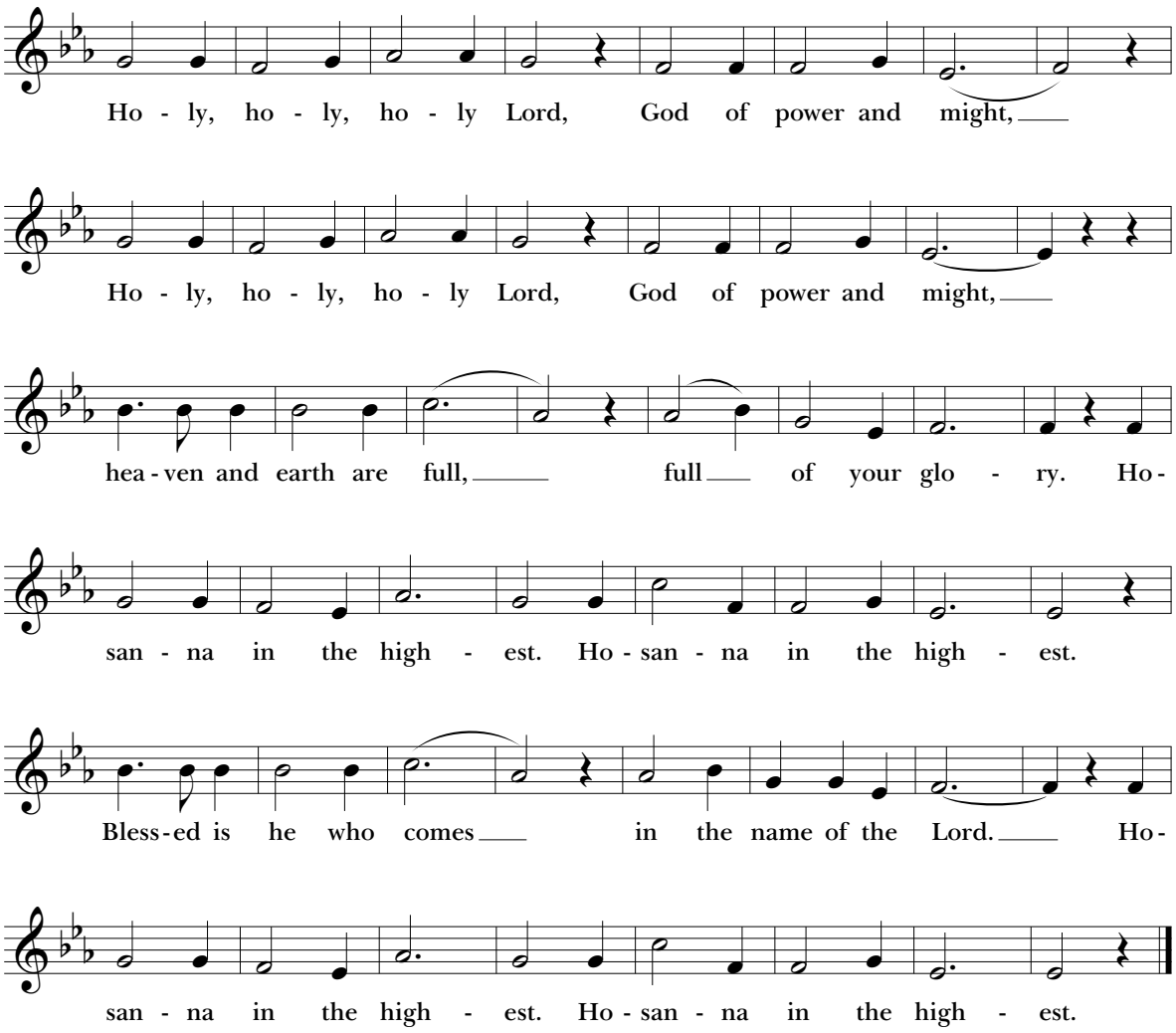
People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant 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 AND BENEDICTUS S-130 SETTING: FR. DEUTSCHE MESSE; F. P. SCHUBERT



The people stand or kneel; Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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,

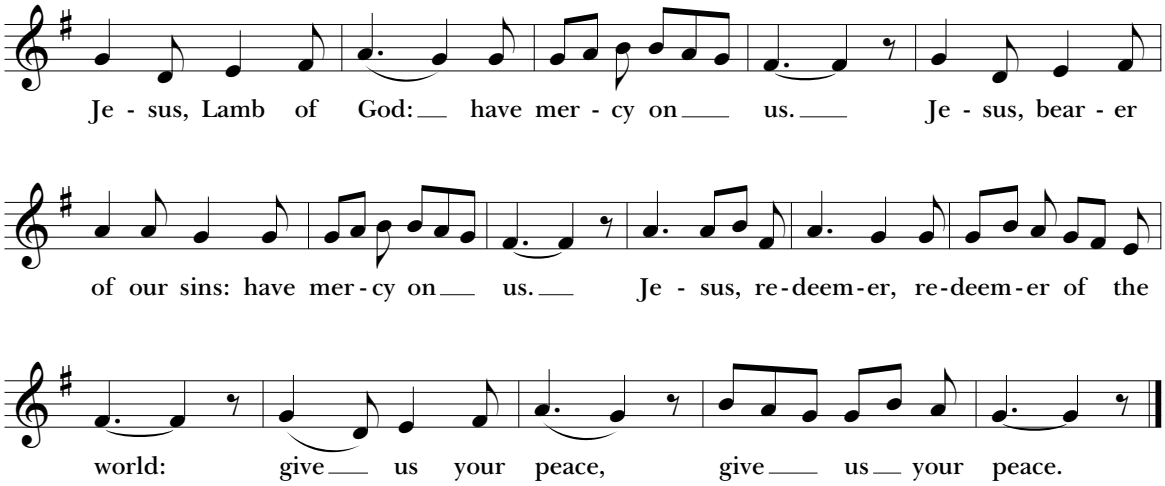
THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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,
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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-164 — Setting: fr. Deutsche Messe; F. P. Schubert

Available in 4-part harmony in the Hymnal 1982



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION — *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Celebrant This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have doubted; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have strayed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM — *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen* — Praetorius and D. Cashmore

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
aus einer Wurzel zart,
als uns die Alten sungen,
von Jesse kam die Art
und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röslein, das ich meine,
davon Jesaias sagt,
ist Maria, die reine,
die uns das Blümlein bracht.
Aus Gottes ew'gem Rat
hat sie ein Kind geboren
und blieb ein' reine Magd.

Das Blümelein so kleine,
das duftet uns so süß;
mit seinem hellen Scheine
vertreibt's die Finsternis.
Wahr Mensch und wahrer Gott,
hilft uns aus allem Leide,
rettet von Sünd und Tod.

COMMUNION HYMN 655 — *O Jesus, I have promised* — Nyland

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mys-

teries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 462 *The Lord will come and not be slow* York

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

If you are visiting us, we are glad you are here. Please complete the visitor card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate. I will be in touch to welcome you personally. -The Rev. Donna Gerold

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Frazer Hall immediately following the service