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November 29, 2026
The First Sunday of Advent
A Sung Service of Holy Communion
10:30 am

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you worship with us.



Growing in Christ's love in the neighbourhood

***Inclusive Community * Local Outreach * Faithful Wors*ship**

"We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread". *1 Corinthians 10:17*

Please note all hymn numbers are from *Common Praise*, the blue hymnal.

Prelude *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*, "Saviour of the Nations, Come" BWV 659 J.S. Bach

Welcome, Gathering & Candle Lighting

(please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - CP #88 STUTTGART

All Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

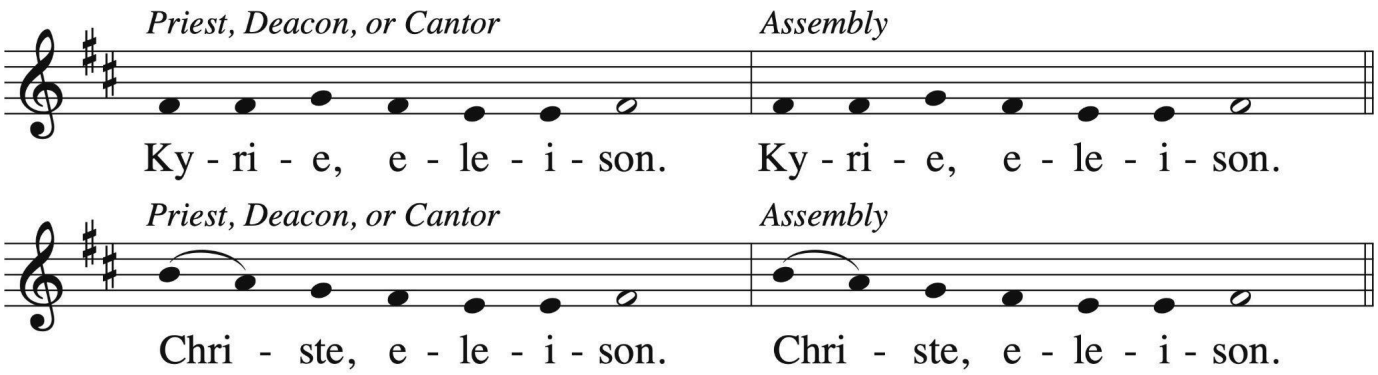
Text: Charles Wesley
Music: *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715

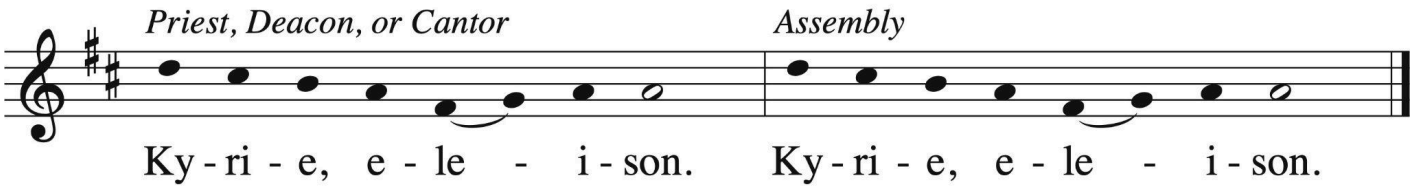
Gathering *(please remain standing)*

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Kyrie Eleison *New Plainsong* David Hurd





Music: *New Plainsong III*, David Hurd, © 1981, 2018 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on 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.**

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Listening to God – First Reading *(please be seated)*

Reader A reading from Isaiah. *John Clarke*

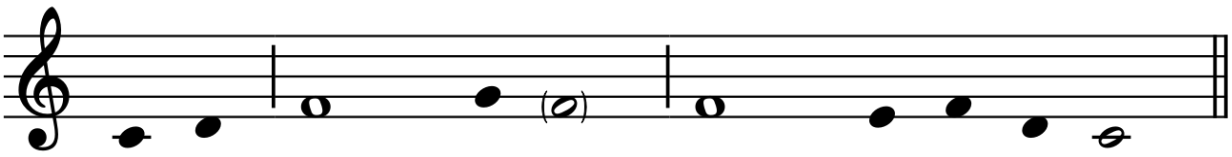
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we 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 for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Isaiah 64:1-9, NRSV

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Plainsong



Cantor Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock:
All **shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

Cantor In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh:
All **stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Cantor Restore us, O God of hosts;
All **show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

Cantor O Lord God of hosts,
All **how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

Cantor You have fed them with the bread of tears; :
All **you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

Cantor You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
All **and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Cantor Restore us, O God of hosts;
All **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Cantor Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
All **the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

Cantor And so will we never turn away from you;
All **give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

Listening to God – Second Reading *John Clarke*

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

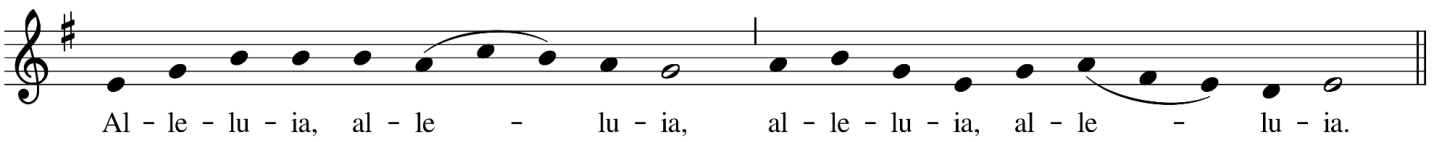
1 Corinthians 1:3-9, NRSV

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia Based on *Veni Emmanuel*

The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.



Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**
Cantor Look up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21:28*
All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel *(please remain standing)*

Deacon The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Deacon Jesus said, 'But 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 cockcrow, 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.'

Mark 13:24-37, NRSV

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(please be seated)

Homily *Rev. Christine Lambert*

Music for Reflection – E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz

Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him
who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood
that we might saved be.

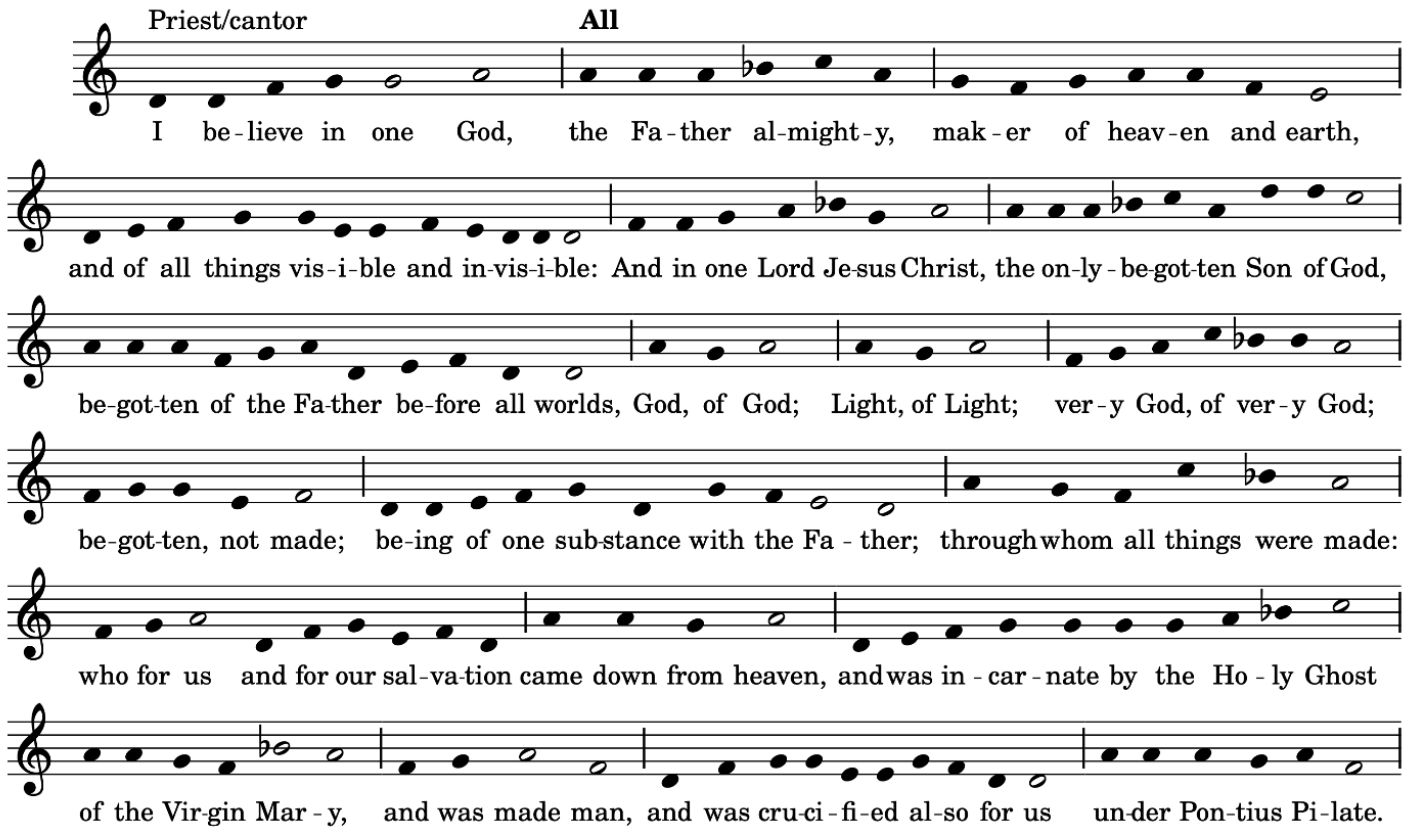
Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come;
sing holy, holy, Lord!

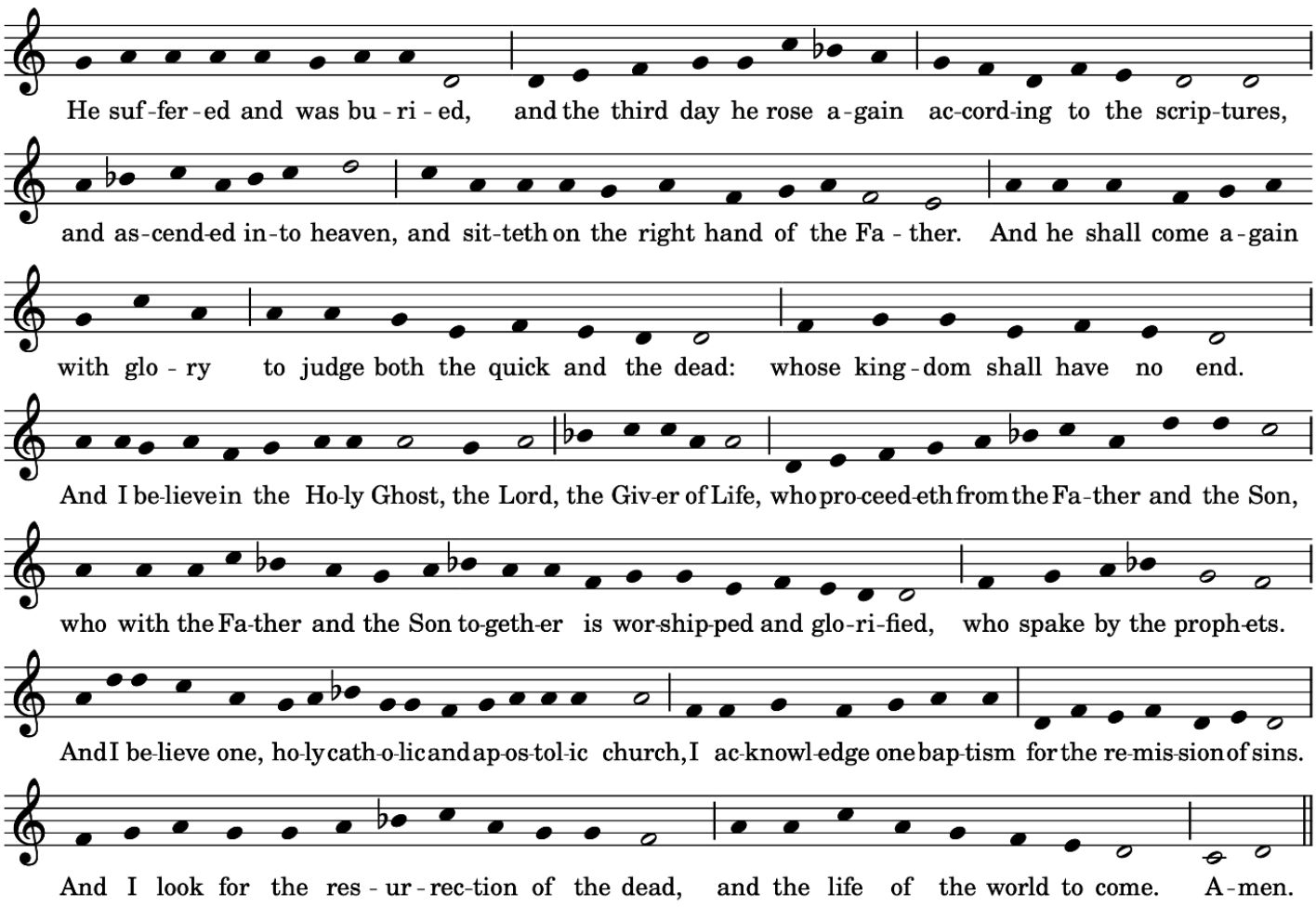
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming,
for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp no sun,
for Christ will be their All!

(please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed John Merbecke





(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)

Prayers of the People *Jayne Miles Simpson*

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Deacon Most merciful God,

All **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 neighbours 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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Invitation to Offering

We at Christ Church Deer Park give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the local community. We invite you to contribute financially as you can to the life and ministry of the parish, and thank you for your generous and sacrificial giving.

Offertory Hymn – Creator of the Stars of Night - CP #96 CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

All

Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour,
thou didst in love's redeeming power,
like bridegroom from his chamber, come
forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore,
and own thee King for evermore.

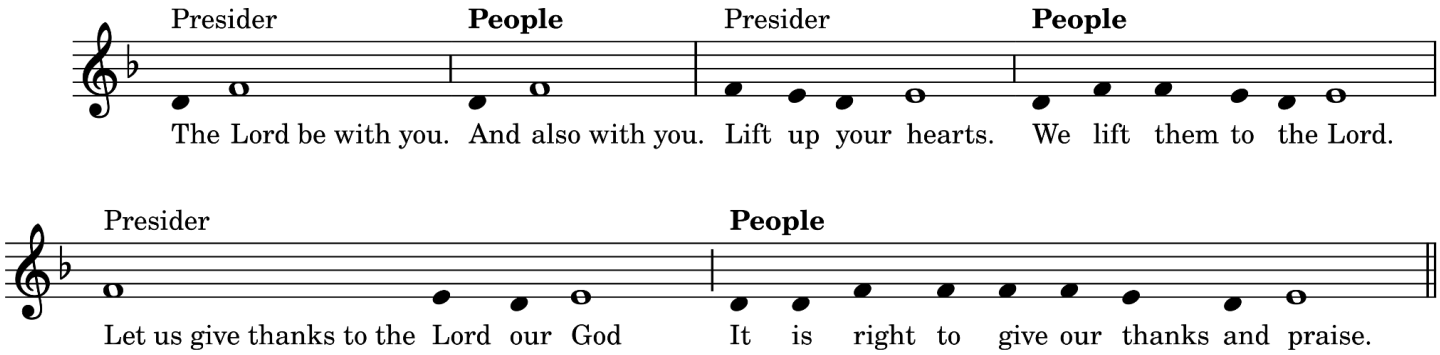
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

Text: Latin, 6th Century; tr. John Mason Neale
Music: Sarum plainsong, Mode IV

Prayer over the Gifts

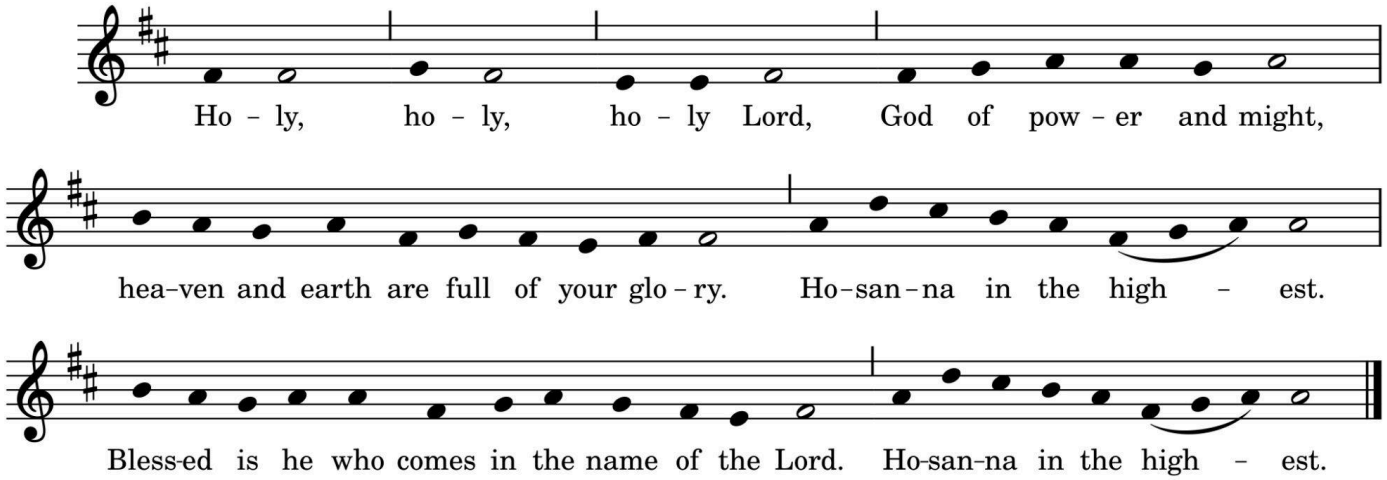
Presider God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrating the Eucharist *(please remain standing)*



Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may 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.

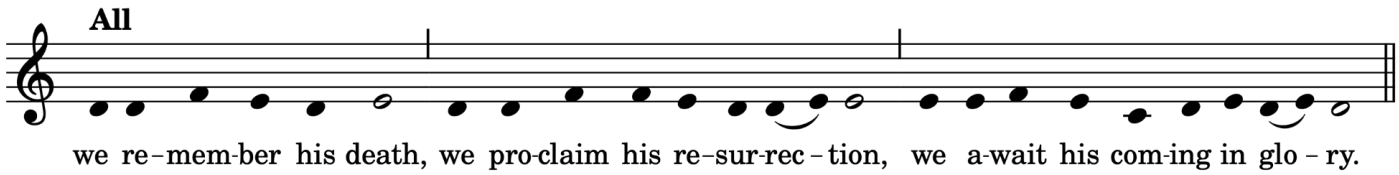
Sanctus & Benedictus - *New Plainsong* David Hurd



Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,



Presider 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

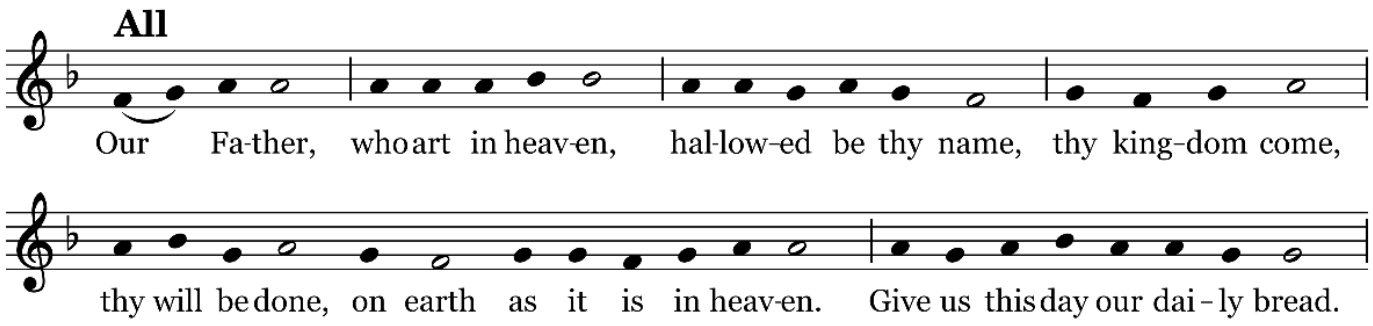
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

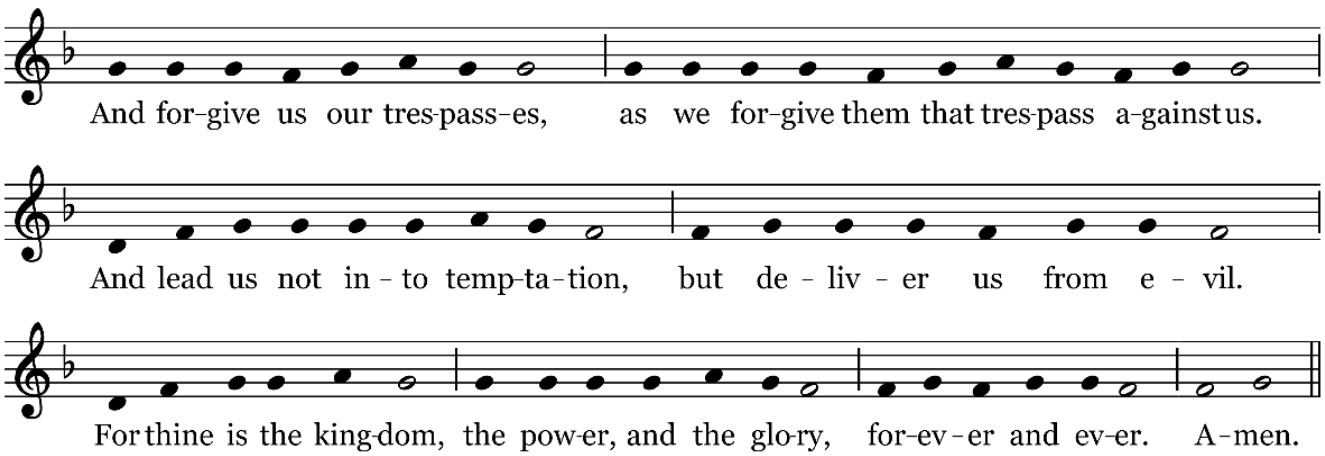
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer John Merbecke

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:





Breaking of the Bread

Presider God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

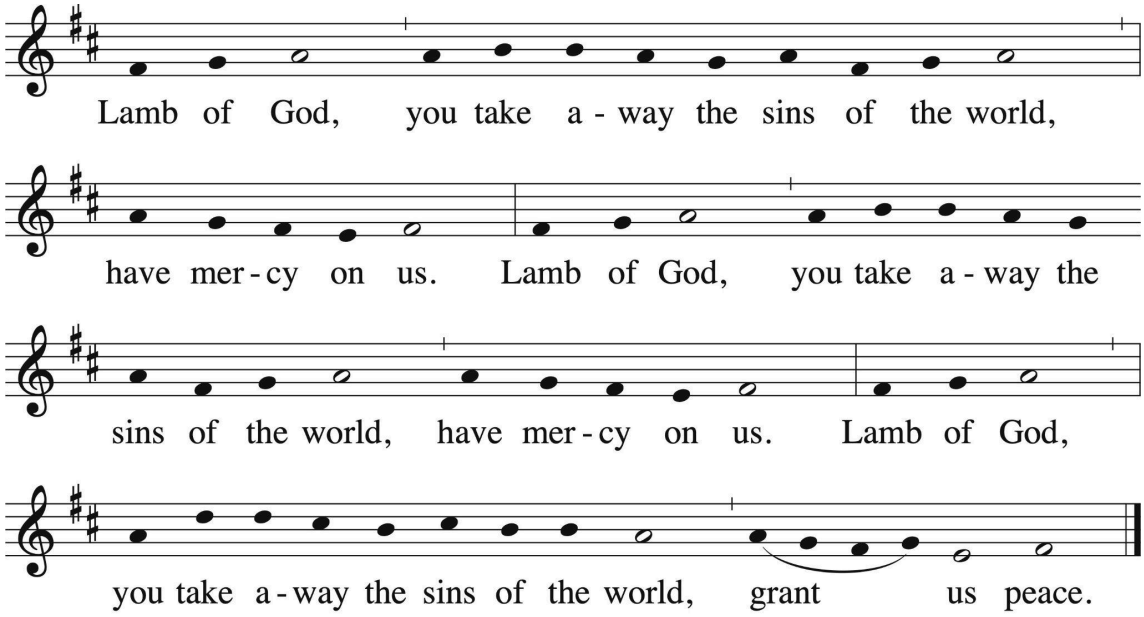
Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Communion! Please let the priest know if you require gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come to the priest. You are receiving full communion with the bread alone. If you prefer not to receive the wine, you may acknowledge the chalice by touching the base or simply return to your seat.

(please remain standing)

Agnus Dei – *New Plainsong* David Hurd



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(please be seated)

Communion Motet – The Advent Prose Plainsong, *Rorate Caeli*

The antiphon is first sung by the choir, then repeated by all.

Antiphon
Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Choir Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praisèd thee. ***Antiphon***

Choir We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. ***Antiphon***

Choir Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me: I even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. ***Antiphon***

Choir 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. ***Antiphon***

Text: based on Isaiah, Latin, 4th Century, anonymous English adaptation

Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements *(please be seated)*

(please stand as you are able)

Closing Hymn – Sleepers, Wake - CP #110 WACHET AUF

All

1. "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us.
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light.
The bridegroom is in sight.
Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing.
Her heart with joyful hope is springing;
she wakes, and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious
In strength of grace, in truth victorious:
Her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God's Son, incarnate Word,
alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
Through them we stream to join the‿immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight;
No ear heard such delight:
Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
Forever let our praises ring.

Text: Philipp Nicolai
Music: Philipp Nicolai, adapt. J.S. Bach

Dismissal

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, "Sleepers Wake" BWV 645 J.S. Bach

Please join us for fellowship in Elliott Hall.

Musical Note

As we begin the Advent season you may notice some changes to the service music; these changes are intended to create an atmosphere of quiet anticipation, and help us slow down and reflect on Christ's coming. You will notice more plainsong in the service; this simpler and restrained form of musical expression focuses our attention on the words of our prayers and hymns. The Gloria (the song the angels sang at the birth of Christ) is omitted as a sign of our expectant waiting for Christmas. The Kyrie is sung in its place as an encouragement to heed the call to repentance and ready our hearts. We are also resuming the practice of singing the Nicene Creed to Merbecke's plainchant setting during Advent and Christmastide. Periodically singing this statement of faith helps us avoid what can easily become rote recitation, and invites us to prayerfully hear the ancient tenets of the faith anew. The choir is also offering an additional anthem after the homily to provide more time for meditation.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Alison Falby

Deacon & Preacher: Rev. Christine Lambert

Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Stefani Bedin

Choral Section Leads: Emily Ding, Julia Barber, Ivan Vutev, Peter Warren

Crucifer: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Reader: John Clarke

Prayers of the People: Jayne Miles Simpson

Warden on Duty: Jill MacRae

Sidesperson / Greeter: Rhona Samuel

Welcome Team: Melissa Walter

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

Next Week's Worship Preview:

December 6, 2026 at 10:30 am (BCP)
The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Alison Falby

Hymns: On Jordan's Bank | There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying | Hark, A Herald Voice is Sounding

Anthems: Orlando Gibbons - This is the Record of John | Mark Sirett - Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

Visitor Information
Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.
Large Print Orders of Service are available.

Participating in the Offertory
Thank you for your faithful generosity. Running our church is a significant undertaking that allows us to serve our congregation and the neighbourhood. Our essential weekly operating costs total approximately $20,000. Your contributions support everything from maintaining our sacred space to funding vital community programs and staff salaries. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated.

Offerings and Donations

There are a number of ways to make offerings or donations to the church.

In Person
Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or special events.

By Mail
Send your offering by cheque to the church office.

PAR Pre-Authorized Remittance
Regular monthly offering directly from your bank.

By Credit Card

Contact: bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org to give by PAR or Credit Card

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