



Second Sunday of Advent

4 December, 2022

We welcome you to St. Oswald's Church and to this service, especially if you are new or a visitor among us. Please make yourself known to the welcomers, so that they may introduce you to other members of the congregation. Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.

We acknowledge the sovereign country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation on which we gather.

Outline of Today's Service from A Prayer Book for Australia

[Eucharist Setting

Missa Parochialis of 1927 by
George Oldroyd (1886—1951)
and Hymns 10 am Service only]

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The Collect

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 Psalm 72: 8—17 *Printed*
 Romans 15: 4—13
 Matthew 3: 1—12

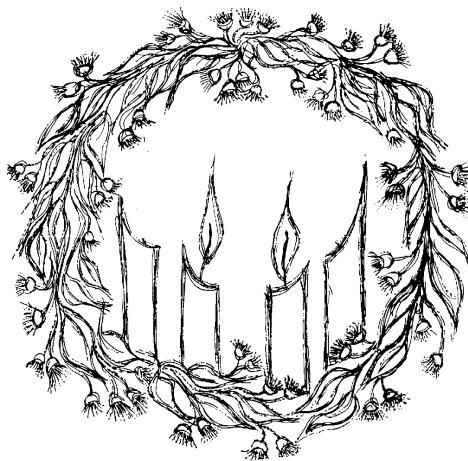
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Congratulations Glenn
13 years since your Ordination on
5 December 2009.

Today's Ministries

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| 10 am | Reader | J. Warfe |
| | Cantor | P. Johnson |
| | Intercessor | W. Andrews |
| | Welcome / | R. Adams |
| | Offertory | |
| | Morning Tea | C. Adams |
| | | J. O'Shea |



From the Vicar

Here we are at another AGM, 98 years after we began in this place. The rumor of our demise is just that, a rumor. A quick read through the AGM Reports is all we need to know that we are a part of a vibrant, progressive, and lively Parish.

I thank God for the vision and courage of this Parish which has ensued it has played a significant role in the church in Melbourne and continues to do so. I thank each one of you for supporting me and your Parish Council as we explore new forms of worship, outreach, mission, and engagement. Without your support the things outlined in the Reports simply wouldn't happen.

I specifically want to thank the Wardens and the Parish Council for working diligently to lead the Parish forward, address the issues that confront us (financial and property maintenance) and to continue to think creatively about our future.

I am excited by the future and look forward to working towards our centenary in 2025 where will celebrate the work of God and the saints of the past in this place.

Thankyou

Glenn

**Envelopes are
at the front of
the church
and in the
pews for
giving.**



Second Sunday of Advent **Peace through food rations**

It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 910 188

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Facebook page

[https://www.facebook.com/
stoswaldchurchgleniris](https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldchurchgleniris)

go to Videos on left side of screen

Tuesday 6 December

9 am **Morning Prayer**

Wednesday 7 December

10 am **Holy Communion**

Thursday 8 December

9 am **Morning Prayer**

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Sunday 11 December —Live streamed

Third Sunday of Advent

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings 11 December

Isaiah 35: 1—10

Psalms Song 146

James 5: 7—10

Matthew 11: 2—11

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<http://www.stoswaldsgleniris.net.au>

Intercessions

For the church:

The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn; City on a Hill East Melbourne; Mission to Seafarers; Church of the Ascension Springvale; St Jude's Carlton – Confirmation Service; St Jude's Estates Community; St George's East Ivanhoe; St John's Flinders and St Mark's Balnarring.

Departed

Anthony Cheal, Lorna Johnson, Ronald Williams, Alice Fernando.



John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.

- Pray this week for the chance to proclaim to others the fullness of life that Jesus offers the world.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan. Text:

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From the Organist

Comfort Comfort Ye My People, sung by the Choir at communion, comes to us from that champion of women's rights and wise linguist, Catherine Winkworth, who built on and improved the original words by Johann Olearius (1671).

The melody, Genevan 42, comes to us via a best selling book of tunes published for the Reformed churches of Geneva under the supervision of John Calvin. The Genevan Psalter was so popular it was reprinted six times over a ten year period.

While each bar of the tune has the same number of beats, they are divided up differently. Sometimes the stress is on the first and fourth beats and others times every second beat. The result keeps the listener and the singer on their toes and perhaps reminds us of the original joyful dance that was a Carol.

Daniel Brace



AN INVITATION TO ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Oswald's Anglican Church in High Street, Glen Iris invites families – children, parents, grandparents to join us for the annual Christmas service at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 24th December. We will all meet in the Wominjeka (Welcome) Gardens and then proceed into the church. The children are encouraged to wear a costume – you can be Mary, Joseph, an angel, a shepherd, a king, a wise man, an animal such as a donkey or lamb or anything else you prefer.

This is a great opportunity for us all to get into the spirit of Christmas and remember the story behind our celebrations. It would be really great to see the families – grandparents, parents and children on Christmas Eve.

Merril Bolton



New Opportunities for Service

It would be great to see more people offering to help out in the services as readers, intercessors, servers and as sacristans.

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact Glenn in person or via email gloughrey@melbourneanglican.org.au

St. Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen iris

Donations for Flood Relief

Many people in Victoria are desperately in need of assistance as a result of the Victorian floods, which for many are still on-going. A large number of people have lost their homes, their household furnishings and possessions, their cars and their jobs and businesses.

There are many ways you can give monetary donations through the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo Flood Relief Fund, <https://bendigoanglican.org.au/donate-to-flood-relief> or through other organizations like GIVIT or Foodbank.

Apart from giving money, we can also assist by making donations of food and other materials which we will take to Bendigo to support local churches and Aboriginal communities. Some of the things identified by the relief funds and needed as a priority are:

- Non-perishable food**
- Sheets and blankets**
- Insect repellent**
- Sunscreen**
- Towels and face washers**

If you bring any of these items to church on Sunday or deliver them to the church during the week, we will make sure they are delivered to the organizations in and around Bendigo/Echuca where the need is greatest.

For more details, or pick up of goods from your house, please contact

Peter and Judy Johnson on 0417 548 896 or 0417 315 542.

New Ministries' Roster

The new Ministries Roster is available at the front of the Church today and goes up to and including 26 February, 2023.

Cheryl Adams



ST OSWALD'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who responded to the invitation to the Christmas Lunch to be held after the AGM TODAY at 1pm.

We look forward to the celebration especially gathering together.

Thank you to those who have already paid for the lunch.

For those who haven't paid see either Cheryl or Helen with your payment.

Thank you,
Helen and Cheryl.

You are invited to join the next

Afternoon Tea-Set

On Tuesday 13 December—2 – 4 pm

St Oswald's Church Hall, 100 High Street, Glen Iris.

We will enjoy an afternoon of friendship and chat

So please come along.

Please bring a small of Christmas goodies.

Transport can be provided if required.

For further information contact—

Judy Johnson 0417 315 542



St. Oswald's
ANGLICAN CHURCH
GLEN IRIS

*Christmas Carols 'under
an Australian night sky'
Sun 18 Dec 2022
at 7:30 pm.*

*Christmas cake and refreshments after
Starring* St Oswald's Choir and friends*

**pun intended*

100 High Street Glen Iris ALL WELCOME

www.stoswaldsgleniris.net.au

Gathering in God's Name

Processional Hymn TiS 270

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**To him who left the throne of heaven
to free us all, let praise be given;
and praise be to the Father done,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.**

Charles Coffin 1676 – 1749

tr. John Chandler 1806 – 76 alt.

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Welcome

The Reverend Canon Associate Professor Glenn Loughrey

Advent 1—The Prophets

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets:
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.

Amen, Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The second candle is lit

Jesus is the light of the world
A light no darkness can ever put out.

All Sing

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| <p>1. Advent candles tell their story as we watch and pray, longing for the Day of Glory, 'Come, Lord, soon,' we say. Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness, changed for gladness on that Day</p> | <p>2. Prophet voices loudly crying, Making pathways clear; Glimpsing glory, self-denying, Calling all to hear. Through their message— challenged, Shaken - Hearts awoken: God is near</p> |
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Priest

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Sentence

**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and
believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15***

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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 eleison Lord, have mercy (Kyrie, eleison)
Christ, have mercy (Christe, eleison)
Lord, have mercy (Kyrie, eleison)**

The Collect

**God of the keen blade,
which cuts the roots
of arrogant power:
you raise
voices of promise
in the dry lands of our desire
children of faith
from the stones of the earth;
make us ready to receive
the Spirit and the fire of love,
wild and fierce and free;
through Jesus Christ,
the one who is to come. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

(Please sit)

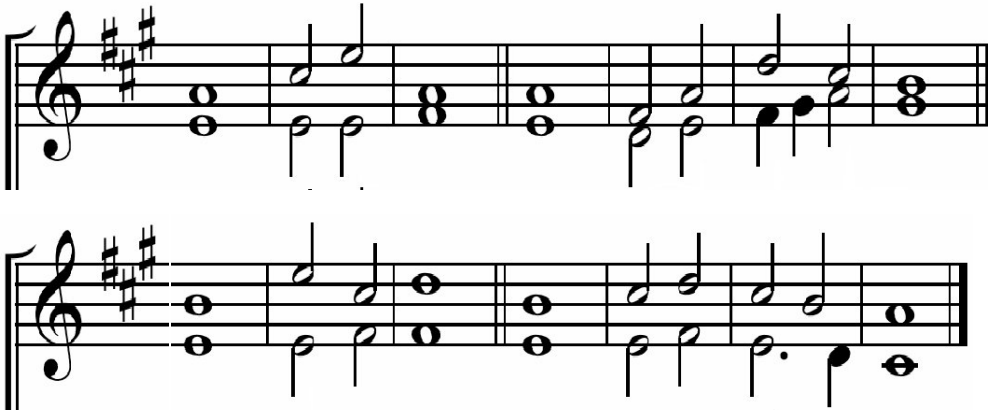
A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

[Isaiah 11: 1—10]

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.



- 8 His dominion shall be also from the one | sea to the | other :
and from the flood | unto the | world's_ | end.
- 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall | kneel be- | fore him :
his | enemies shall | lick the | dust.
- 10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles | shall give | presents :
the kings of Arabia and | Saba | shall bring | gifts.
- 11 All kings shall | fall down be- | fore him :
all | nations shall | do him | service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor | when he | crieth :
the needy also and | him that | hath no | helper.
- 13 He shall be favourable to the | simple and | needy :
and shall pre- | serve the | souls of the | poor.
- 14 He shall deliver their souls from | falsehood and | wrong :
and dear shall their | blood be | in his | sight.
- 15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the | gold of A- | rabia :
prayer shall be made ever unto him, and | daily shall | he be | praised.
- 16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high u- | pon the | hills :
his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city
like | grass u- | pon the | earth.
- 17 His name shall endure for ever, his Name shall remain under the sun
a- | mong the pos- | terities :
which shall be blest through him, and | all the | heathen shall | praise
him.

GLORY be to the Father and | to the | Son :
and | to the | Ho-ly | Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and | e-ver | shall be :
world without | end. A- | -_- | men.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

[Romans 15: 4—13]

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰ and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹ and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹² and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'
¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Please stand



Gospel Acclamation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All people shall see the salvation of the God.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’ ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon (*please sit*)

Please stand

The Profession of Faith

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

Please sit or kneel

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world and for the Church

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayer of Approach

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

All stand and the Greeting of Peace is given by the Priest.

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TiS 264

1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken, children of the day!'
2. Wakened by the solemn warning
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon now from heav'n;
let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiv'n.
4. So when loves comes forth in judgment,
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,
faithful may he find his servants
watching till the dawn appear.

*Anon. Latin ?6th cent.
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The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

**Blessed are you,
Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving 2

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You call us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

**Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy,
 Lord of Hosts,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
 Glory be to Thee,
 O Lord most high.**

When the fullness of time was come,
 you sent your Son to be born of Mary.
 Bright image of your glory,
 he learnt obedience to you in all things,
 even to death on a cross,
 breaking the power of evil,
 freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
 exalting him to glory,
 and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
 your son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
 his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,
 blessed, and broke it,
 and giving it to them said:
 ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’

He took a cup of wine,
 and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
 ‘This is my blood of the covenant,
 which is poured out for many.
 Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Benedictus Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is he,
that cometh in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body
for we all share in the one bread.

Please sit or kneel

**Agnus Dei O Lamb of God that takest away,
the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away,
the sins of the world,
Grant us Thy peace.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The people come forward to receive Communion.

*The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds **Amen.***

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

After Communion

Priest: Let us pray

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for your pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.

Most loving God,
**you send us into the world you love,
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Post Communion Hymn TiS 290

1. Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.
2. O that birth for ever blessed
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Spirit's power conceiving
bore the saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

3. This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.

4. In the heights of heaven adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
all dominions bow before him
and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice together sing
evermore and evermore.

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The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

The Blessing

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.