



**St. Oswald's**  
 ANGLICAN CHURCH  
 GLEN IRIS

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

**18 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.*

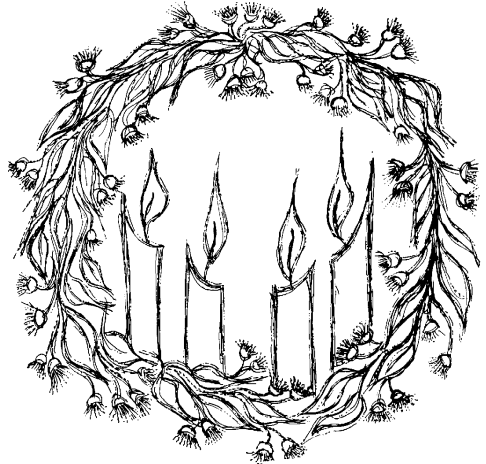
## Outline of Today's Service from A Prayer Book for Australia

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 George Oldroyd (1886—1951)  
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**Today's Ministries**

<b>8 am</b>	Reader	<b><i>B. Loh</i></b>
<b>10 am</b>	Reader	<b><i>J. McPherson</i></b>
	Cantor	<b><i>W. Andrews</i></b>
	Intercessor	<b><i>R. Pritchard</i></b>
	Welcome / Offertory	<b><i>E. Comeadow</i></b>
	Morning Tea	<b><i>J. Williams</i></b> <b><i>P. Williams</i></b>



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## From the Vicar

Exciting things continue to happen at St Oswald's!

Last Sunday night I attended the Sempre Music Academy end of year concert here in the church. Soye and Max, our tenants in the flat, hosted students and their families in the church where they had brought in a grand piano for the evening. Some 45 students of all ages performed their pieces, and it was an extremely professional program. We even had a young person who wore her fairy dress for the occasion!

I can't wait for next year!

Advent is, like that concert, all about hope. Beauty and integrity come into the world through the promised one just as beauty and integrity comes into the world through creative action and participation. Music and the arts point us to what is possible just as Advent does.

As we listen to our own choir, let us look for the ah-ha! moments of beauty blossoming in our own lives, be that a realization of the need for change or the faith that it has already happened.

Hope is a beautiful thing!

**Glenn**

### Intercessions

#### **For the church:**

St John's Upper Beaconsfield; Karingal - St Laurence Community Services;  
City on a Hill Surf Coast; St Agnes Black Rock, Holy Trinity Hampton confirmation service;  
The Diocese of Tasmania; The Anglican Church of Korea.

#### **Departed**

Frederick Sales, Stephen Edwards, Matthew Edwards, Ruby Cole, Barbara Jessop,  
Nois Neville

## 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 20 December

9 am **Morning Prayer**

### Wednesday 21 December

10 am **Holy Communion**

### Thursday 22 December

9 am **Morning Prayer**

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

### Saturday 24 December at 7.30 pm

#### Christmas Eve Readings

Isaiah 9: 2—7

Psalms 96

Titus 2: 11—14

Luke 2: 1—20

### Sunday 25 December —Live streamed

#### Christmas Day

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

#### Readings 25 December

Isaiah 52: 7—10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 13: 1—12

John 1: 1—14

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*They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'.*

We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluia! Salvation is at hand!

- Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

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## From the Music Director/Organist

This week we are joined by the incomparable Rachel Lao on flute. I love adding to our musical timbre with such beautiful sounds. The Catholic Church regularly banned musicians from contributing at mass, generally when they become too popular with the masses. Some accounts from the 16th century have fainting and swooning at the sounds of flutes and trumpets at church.

Christmas music is magical in my opinion. It transports you to another time and visions of hope and happiness. Today's musical setting of the Magnificat is modern. The words deviate from those of the Virgin Mary in a way in the music which expands the message and our minds to the potential of the Christ-child. Margaret Rizza's setting - which you'll hear at communion - never fails to give me goose-bumps. I hope you are transported too.

**Daniel Brace**

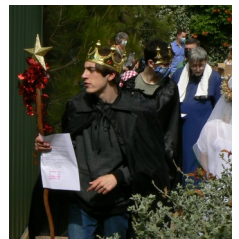


## **AN INVITATION TO ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

## Tech help at Library- Ashburton

Are you having a tech issue and need some help? Boroondara Library Service is offering one-on-one drop in sessions for beginners at Ashburton Library.

**Date:** Tuesday 13 December 2022, until 29 December 2022

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 11:30AM (Different date and times available)

**Location:** Ashburton Library 154 High Street, Ashburton VIC 3147

Accessible **Free** of cost.

**Bookings** required online via websites or over the phone

**Contact** Boroondara Library Service

**Telephone:** (03) 9278 4666

**Email:** [library.programming@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:library.programming@boroondara.vic.gov.au)

## NEPANESE BRUNCH (नाश्ता + खाजा) (NASTA + KHAJA) EVENT



We would like to warmly invite you to join us in the upcoming Nepalese brunch event, where we can enjoy Nepalese cuisine together. We will have a great time having you be part of this event. This event is being organized by our students Amitra and Sharda with the help of Glen & Helen, so your attendance will be appreciated to make this event successful That is all you have to do. we will look after everything else!.

### **(RSVP)**

Booking needs to be done by today. Please book your place either by letting Helen Rehn or one of the students (Amrita and Sharda—who will be at Church today) know.

**DATE & TIME:** 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022, WEDNESDAY, 11:00AM

**LOCATION:** ST. OSWALD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS (100 high street, Glen iris, 3146, Australia)

**COST:** FREE



**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*

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## Gathering in God's Name

### Processional Hymn    TiS 265

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! rejoice!*  
*Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

2. O come, O come, great Lord of might  
who to the tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe

*Rejoice! rejoice! .....*

3. O come, O key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high  
and close the path to misery.

*Rejoice! rejoice! .....*

4. O come, O branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! rejoice! .....*

5. O come, O dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! rejoice! .....*

*Anon., Latin 18<sup>th</sup> cent. or earlier  
based on Antiphons from 9<sup>th</sup> cent. or earlier  
tr. John Mason Neale 1818 – 66 alt.*

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**Welcome**      The Reverend Canon Associate Professor Glenn Loughrey

**Advent Liturgy — Advent 4—Mary**

Jesus said, 'Anyone who does what my Father in heaven wants is my brother or sister or mother.'

**I am the servant of the Lord.  
Let it be to me according to his word.**

*The fourth candle is lit*

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

*All Sing*

- 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**
- 2. Prophet voices loudly crying,  
Making pathways clear;  
Glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
Calling all to hear.  
Through their message—challenged,  
Shaken -  
Hearts awaken:  
God is near**

3. John the Baptist, by his preaching  
and by water poured,  
Brought to those who heard his teaching  
News of hope restored:  
'Keep your vision strong and steady,  
And be ready  
For the Lord.

4. Mary's gift, beyond all telling,  
was to give Christ Room.  
She gave God a human dwelling  
in a mother's womb.  
Who could guess the final story?  
— cross and glory;  
Empty tomb!

*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

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and his name shall be called Emmanuel:  
God with us. *Matthew 1.23*

### 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 with us, borne by Mary's flesh  
beyond all convention:  
give us the faith of Joseph to see the Spirit's work  
where the world sees only shame;  
to listen to the promise and waken to the cry  
of life renewed and love reborn;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the one who is to come. Amen.**

### **The Ministry of the Word**

*(Please sit)*

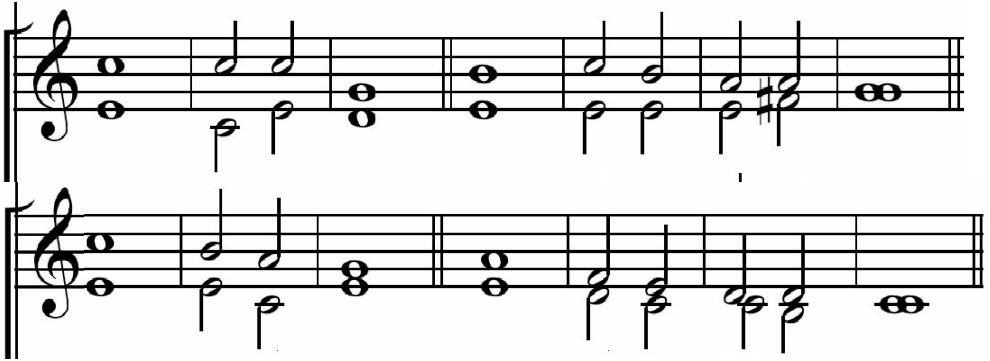
#### **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

[Isaiah 7: 10—16]

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**



- 1 HEAR O Shepherd of Irael, you that led Joseph | like a | flock :  
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine\_ | out in | glory.
- 2 Before Ephraim Benjamin | and Man- | asseh :  
stir up your | power and | come to | save us.

**Unison and Descant**

- 3 Restore us again O | Lord of | hosts :  
show us the light of your | countenance and | we shall be | saved.

**Harmony (as before)**

- 4 O Lord | God of | hosts :  
how long will you be | angry at your | people's | prayer.
- 5 You have fed them with the | bread of | tears :  
and given them | tears to | drink in good | measure.
- 6 You have made us the victim | of our | neighbours :  
and our | enemies | laugh us to | scorn.

**Unison and Descant**

- 7 Restore us again O | Lord of | hosts :  
show us the light of your | countenance and | we shall be | saved.

**Harmony (as before)**

- 17 Let your power rest on the man at | your right | hand :  
on that son of man whom you | made so | strong for your- | self.
- 18 And we shall | not turn | back from you :  
give us life, and we will | call u- | pon your | name.

**Unison and Descant**

- 19 Restore us again O | Lord of | hosts :  
show us the light of your | countenance and | we shall be | saved.

No Gloria Patri

## A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

[Romans 1: 1—7]

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

### **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*



**Gospel Acclamation:** A virgin will give birth to a son:  
His name will be Emmanuel.  
God with us.

**The Gospel**

[Matthew 1: 18—25]

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

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of

the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'  
<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

**For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!**

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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 302**

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame:  
'all hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favoured lady, *Gloria!***

**'for known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.' *Gloria!***

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
most highly favoured lady, *Gloria!***

of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say  
'most highly favoured lady'. *Gloria!*

*Basque Carol, paraphrased by  
Sabine Baring-Gould 1834—1924.  
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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.**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** **Waiting to return home**

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