



# First Sunday of Advent

27 November, 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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### Today's Ministries

<b>8 am</b>	Reader	
<b>10 am</b>	Reader	<b>J. Barrat</b>
	Cantor	<b>J. Barrat</b>
	Intercessor	<b>K. Ennis</b>
	Welcome /	<b>L. McBeth</b>
	Offertory	<b>J. Haigh</b>
	Morning Tea	<b>R. Adams</b>
		<b>C. Adams</b>



## From the Vicar

Today is the beginning of Advent, the beginning of the church's new year. It is an exciting time as we begin to wonder about the type of world that God is ushering in.

Over the years we have seen the rise of Christmas as the central focus of this period in our calendar. Great efforts go into making the church festive, attracting those who come only at this time of the year and focusing on the child born in Bethlehem.

While elements of this appear in our scriptures, our lectionary reminds us over and over that at this time of the year it is about the conflict between Gods Kin-dom and the kingdom of wealth, power, and greed in all its forms. While we have brought the level of consumption to a crescendo, it follows in the footsteps of those manipulated and used by others in both the name of religion and of power.

Advent, with its reliance on prophetic texts, reminds us to reassess how we live, who we give homage to, and how we will welcome justice, especially when that justice could be costly to us. We may lose position, power and control, wealth, entitlements and privilege and much, much more.

Advent is not a comfortable time. Neither is Christmas. Although we have domesticated it with our predictable carols, beautiful stories and a tiny baby, the birth of Christ is anything but comfortable and nice. He is born in marginalized conditions, hunted by those in power, required to become a refugee and to live in another land.

Advent asks us to consider what we hope for, what we are waiting for.

Interesting.

Glenn

### **You will find the following at the front of the Church**

- 1. ANNUAL REPORTS are available at the front of the Church. Please take one but bring it with you the following Sunday 4th December for the AGM**
- 2. Nomination Forms for Parish Council.**
- 3 Electoral Roll which indicates whether or not you are on it. Please check your name as you cannot vote at the Annual Statutory Meeting if you are not on the Roll.**
- 4. Application for entry on the Electoral Roll if required.**

## Diary for the Week

*St Oswald's Facebook page*

<https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldchurchgleniris>  
*go to Videos on left side of screen*

### Monday 28 November

6.30 pm **Men of Glenburton**

### Wednesday 30 November

**No Holy Communion**

### Thursday 1 December

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

### Sunday 4 December —Live streamed

**Second Sunday of Advent**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

#### Readings 4 December

Isaiah 11: 1—10

Psalms 72: 1—7, 18—21

Romans 15: 4—13

Matthew 3: 1—12

### 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)

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### St. Oswald's Website

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

## Intercessions

### For the church:

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Adelaide; ; University of Divinity;

St Matthias' Richmond; St Stephen's Bayswater; Parish of Christ Church, Lancefield;

St Silas' & St Anselm Albert Park.

### Departed

Ruth Wetherell, Douglas De Niese, Mavis Skippage, Dr. James Syme, Jean Yarwood.



Keep awake ... you must be ready: as we begin the Western Church Year we are exhorted to take things seriously by being alert and vigilant. How can we prepare ourselves? By finding ways to be closer to Jesus: in prayer, in reading the Scriptures, in serving others.

- Give thanks that we have time to prepare ourselves this Advent: before Jesus is present as a baby at Christmas, before Jesus is present in bread and wine, before Jesus is present as Judge of the world.
- Give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

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## From the Organist

Please welcome our guest musician at mass this morning. Angus Pace, a local trombonist and brass player who graduated the VCE as one of Victoria's Top Acts in 2021. Brass instruments, such as trumpets and trombones, have long been identified with the arrival of royalty, such as the birth of the baby Jesus. During mass this morning, listen out for the ways the trombone blends in with and supports the voices of each part within the harmony.

St Oswald's faithful Choir will be singing the Missa Parochialis (1927) each Sunday during Advent, which was written by London composer and organist George Oldroyd. Copies of the Missa Parochialis will be available at the rear of the church should you wish to follow, or sing along. Please make sure you return these at the end of mass.

The Psalms will also be sung in the traditional Anglican tradition on a Psalm tone in four part harmony. It's not as easy as the cantor response style we are used to, but the music will be printed so do feel free to sing along - in any part!

We have an exciting announcement that the professional soprano Natalie Grimmit from the Melba Opera Trust will be joining us for the Carols Service on 18 December. Thanks to the generous support of Gaye and Glenn Loughrey. Flautist Rachel Lau is rejoining us at mass on Sunday, 18 Dec at 10 am. And thanks to Peter and Judy Johnson, we have secured a trumpeter for Christmas Day,.

**Daniel Brace**

## **St Oswald's Walking Group End of Year BBQ Planning Dinner**

Please come on **Friday 2nd December** at 6 pm, to **2 Lavender Court, Ashwood**, home of Judy and Peter Johnson.

Please bring meat to bbq, your own drinks, and a salad or dessert to share (please advise Judy which you are bringing).

And also bring your ideas for walks for next year.

Parking in Lavender Court is very difficult so we suggest, if you can, that you park your car in Vannam Drive and walk the short distance to the house.

**Please let us know if you are coming, and if you will bring a dessert or a salad. Everyone is welcome.**

**Judy 0417 315 542**

**Peter 0417 548 896**

## **MEN OF GLENBURTON**

The MOG planning meeting and BBQ will be held at St Oswald's on Monday 28 November at 6.30 pm. BYO meat and salad to share as well as ideas for the 2023 programme. Please advise Dick Adams at [rcadams@westnet.com.au](mailto:rcadams@westnet.com.au) if you plan to join us.

## **ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

As our hall will be a polling booth on election day we will have a fund raising sausage sizzle in the undercover area between the hall and the church. If any one can assist in turning a sausage or two on the day please let Dick Adams know by emailing [rcadams@westnet.com.au](mailto:rcadams@westnet.com.au). We will start cooking sausages at about 9:30am

## **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.**



**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*

## 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 on December 4th 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, Sunday 27th November will be the opportunity to 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

## Gathering in God's Name

St. Oswald's welcomes **Angus Pace** on Trombone

**Processional Hymn**    **TiS 295 v. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7.**

**Saviour of the nations, come,  
known as Virgin Mary's son.  
God amazes all the earth  
by the wonder of your birth.**

**No man's seed, no human plan  
made the Word of God a man,  
but the Holy Spirit's power  
gave the womb its fruit, its flower.**

**He who from the Father came  
has returned with him to reign.  
He who went to death and hell  
rose on high, in heaven to dwell.**

**By the triumph that you won –  
truly human, yet God's Son –  
heal our weak humanity,  
let us share your victory.**

**From your manger new light beams,  
through the night your glory streams.  
Darkness cannot dim your light;  
faith keeps shining, always bright.**

**Praise to God the Father sing,  
praise to God the Son, our king,  
praise to God the Spirit be  
now and through eternity.**

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

## **Advent 1—The Advent Hope**

Jesus said, 'Keep awake,  
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'  
**Amen, Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The first candle is lit*

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

*All Sing*

**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.**

*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

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that may may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

*Isaiah 2: 3a*

## 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

**Holy Thief,  
stealing away  
our false securities  
and idle vanity:  
awaken us  
from the dull sleep  
that clings to empty fear  
and vacant routine:  
unfold on us the time of crisis  
when love of truth  
floods a thirsty word;  
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

*(Please sit)*

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

[Isaiah 2: 1—5]

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

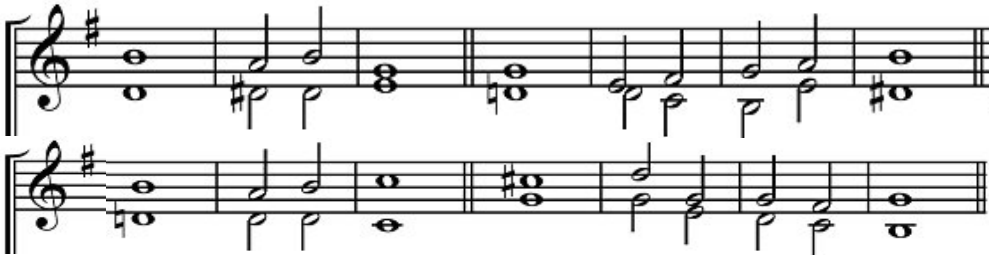
<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord !

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

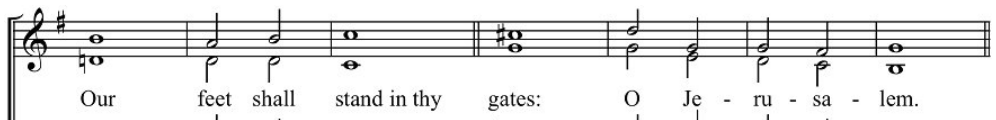
**Psalm 122**—Anglican Chant

George Garrett (1834—97)



1. I was glad when they | said unto | me :  
we will | go into the | house of the | Lord.

Verse 2



3. Jerusalem is | built as a city:  
that is at | unity | in it - | self.
4. For thither the tribes to up, even the | tribes of the | Lord:  
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks | unto the | Name of the | Lord.
5. For there is the | seat of | judgement:  
even the | seat of the | house of | David.
6. O pray for the peace | of Je - | rusalem:  
they shall | prosper that | love \_ | thee.
7. Peace be with - | in thy | walls:  
and | plenteousness with - | in thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and com- | panions' | sakes:  
I will | wish \_ | thee pros - | perity
9. Yea because of the house of the | Lord our | God:  
I will | seek to | do thee | good.

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 13: 9—14]

<sup>9</sup> The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

*Please stand*



**Gospel Acclamation:** Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
And grant us your salvation.

**The Gospel**

[Matthew 24: 36—44]

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

<sup>36</sup> ‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be

in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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 266

1. 'Wake, awake, for night is flying.'  
the watchmen on the heights are crying,  
'Awake, Jerusalem, rise!'  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the rousing cry rejoices:  
'Where are you, all you virgins wise?  
The bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lighted lamps then take.  
Hallelujah!  
With joy prepare  
to meet him there;  
the royal wedding feast is near.'
2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
and in her heart new joy is springing;  
she wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
For her Lord now comes all-glorious,  
and strong in grace, in truth victorious;  
her star has risen, her light has come.  
Now come, O precious crown,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.  
Hail, hosanna!  
O lead us all  
into the hall  
where you provide your joyful meal.

**3. Now let all the heavens adore you,  
and saints and angels sing before you  
with harp and cymbal's joyful tone.  
Gates of pearl in heaven are shining;  
there, with the angel-choir combining,  
we gather round your radiant throne.  
No eye has seen that sight,  
no ear heard such delight.  
What rejoicing!  
Yet there will we  
eternally  
with songs acclaim your majesty.**

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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.**

***During Communion the choir will sing Come, Lord.  
Words and music by Margaret Rizza (b. 1929) -***

*Maranatha, Maranatha. Maranatha, Maranatha.  
Come, Lord. Come, Lord.*

Come, Lord, come to your people, you are the light in our darkness.

Come, Lord, give to us your peace, come to our war-torn, broken world.

Help us to serve and to love one another, help us to turn and accept the life eternal.

O come, Lord, come to your people, unite us, reconcile us in your love.

Come, Lord, come, Lord, give us your life, your life eternal.

Come Lord, come to your people, give us your lasting peace.

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## **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 272**

**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 by people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now they 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.**

*Charles Wesley*

*1707 – 88*

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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.**