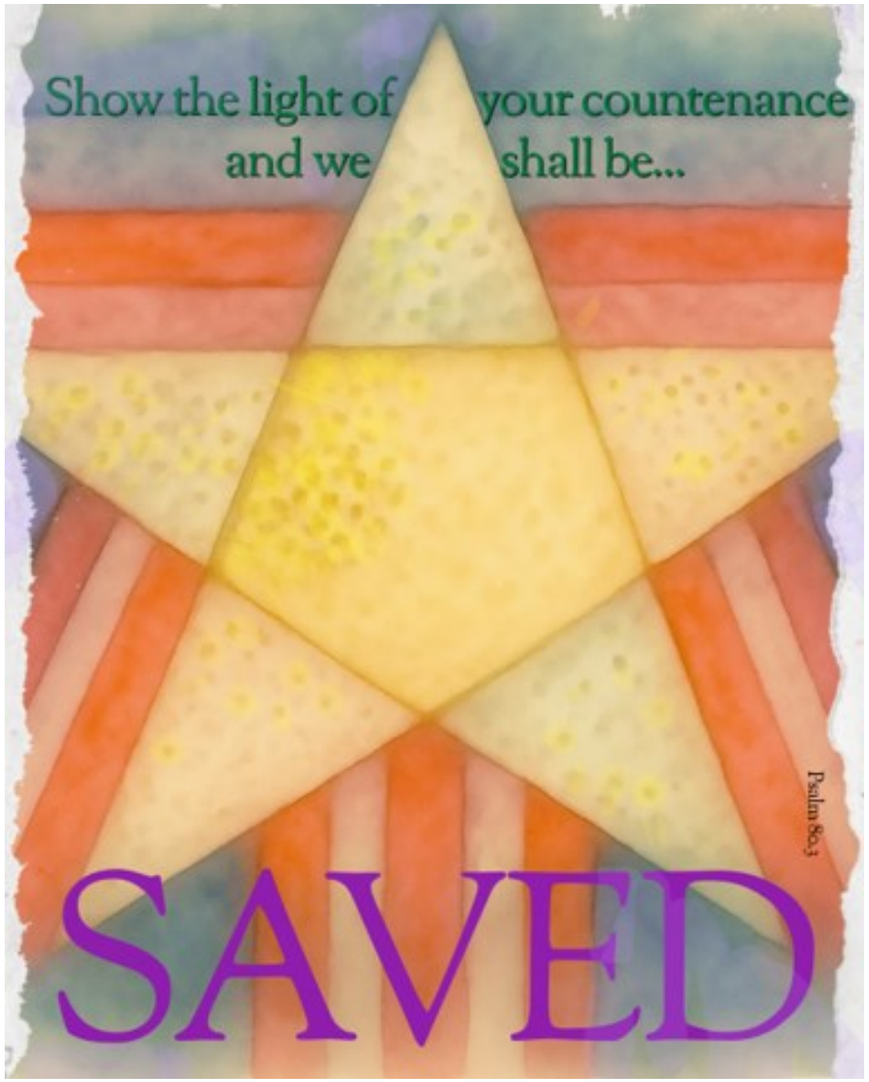

MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent
November 22nd, 2026 8:30 and 11 am
Holy Communion, Rite Two

Advent Worship.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. –Psalm 80.3

Our theme for Advent and Christmastide of 2026, comes from Psalm 80, where three times the Psalmist cries out to God:
"Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved". During Advent we prepare for, and at Christmas we celebrate, the gracious salvation that is the gift of God. Both in the babe born in the manger, and when he returns to reign as the King of Kings for His people.

A Note for Visitors.

Resisting the urge to project our music and liturgy on screens, as Anglican Christians in the Episcopal Church we pray from the Book of Common Prayer, and sing from our Hymnal. Other music is found in your worship bulletin. Our clergy will do our best to guide you, as will Messiah members.

Worship Changes for Advent.

Fleming Rutledge recommends beginning the First Sunday of Advent by chanting the Great Litany. The Rev. Deacon Paul Johnson will lead us. We will stand for the Litany, then kneel for the Kyrie. Then on the Second-Fourth Sundays of Advent, we will begin seated as we listen to a Musical Prelude, then stand for The Supplication, a brief devotion for us "especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster". We will then kneel to sing the Kyrie.

It is also customary in the Episcopal Church to use the different Eucharistic Prayers and Prayers of the People forms seasonally. As we did last year, this Advent we will pray Eucharistic Prayer C kneeling following the Sanctus, the standard Confession, and Prayers of the People Form IV weekly. We also have a bilingual booklet available for S'Gaw Karen speakers that includes the Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession and Absolution. Your clergy will guide you.

With every blessing, Dave+



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THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand as the altar party processes.

The Great Litany — Hymnal S-67

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us…

...O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ , have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

COLLECT OF THE DAY — BCP p. 211

Leader The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness...
...and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE LESSONS — BCP p. 357

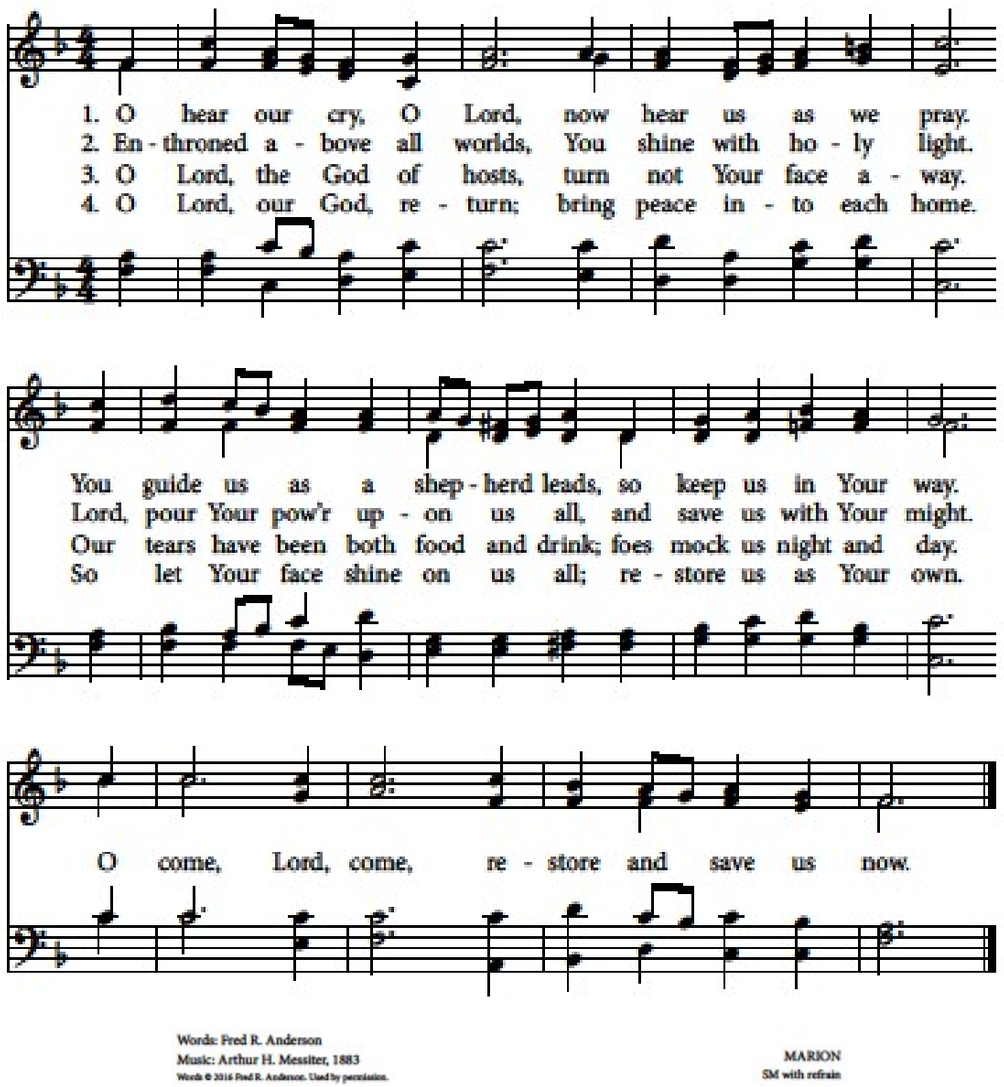
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Isaiah 64:1-9) — Bible OT p. 694–695

Please turn in your pew Bible to OT p. # 694.

After the reading:
Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Hear Our Cry, O Lord (Psalm 80)



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MARION
SM with refrain

(NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (I Corinthians 1:3-9) Bible NT p. 166)

All stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Mark 13:24-37) Bible NT p. 50-51

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 50.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
After the reading:
Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit.

THE SERMON the Rev. Dave Langille

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED **BCP p. 358**

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer, p. #358, as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All **We believe in one God...**
… and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV **BCP p. 388-389**

After the bidding, "Lord, in your mercy", we reply, ***"Hear our Prayer"****.*

CONFESSION OF SIN **BCP p. 359-360**

Please stand.

ABSOLUTION & PEACE BCP p. 360

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.
All **And also with you.**
Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.

Please take a moment to share the sign of peace with those around you.

All sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A greeting from our clergy to Messiah members and our guests; we'll also share news for the Messiah community.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Leader Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Oh, Children Come!

Hear the cry from Bethlehem: Oh, children come!
Son of God now born to men, Oh, children come!
Bring your troubles, bring your fears, bring the needs that draw you near
Find the hope of all the years, Oh, children come!
Oh, children come!

Peace on earth good will to men, Oh, children come!
Righteous rule that will not end, Oh, children come!
Lay down all your bitterness, turn from sin's toil and distress,
Find His grace and perfect rest, Oh, children come!
Oh, children come!

Where the Father's grace has walked, Oh, children come!
Where you see the hurt and lost, Oh, children come!
Show the mercy shown to you, gifts of kindness to renew
Love from hearts sincere and true, Oh, children come!
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Love from hearts sincere and true, Oh, children come!
Oh, children come! Oh, children come!

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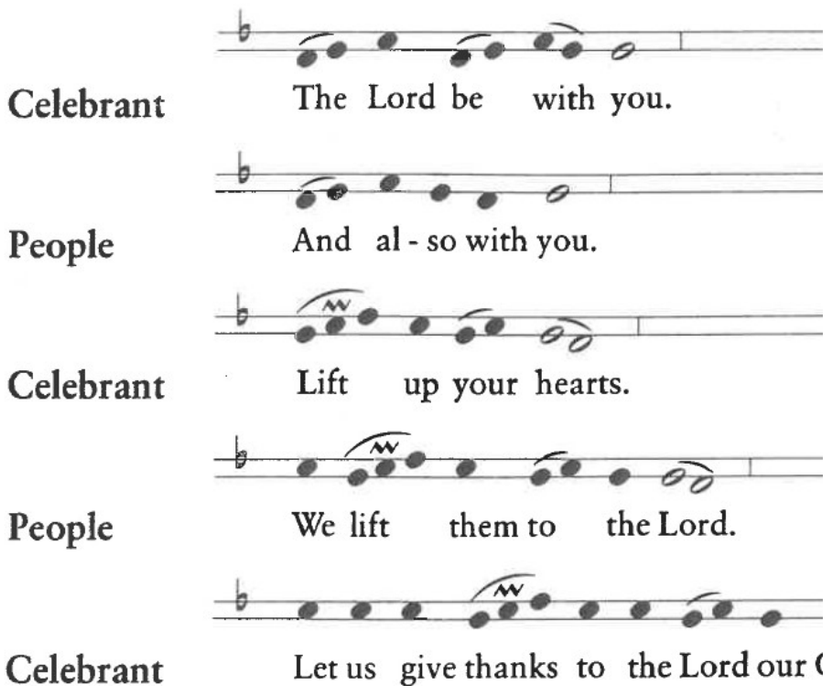
All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come from you, O God.
All **And from your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C **BCP p. 369**

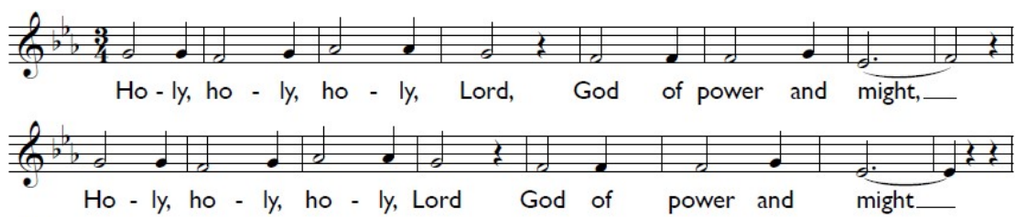
Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 369

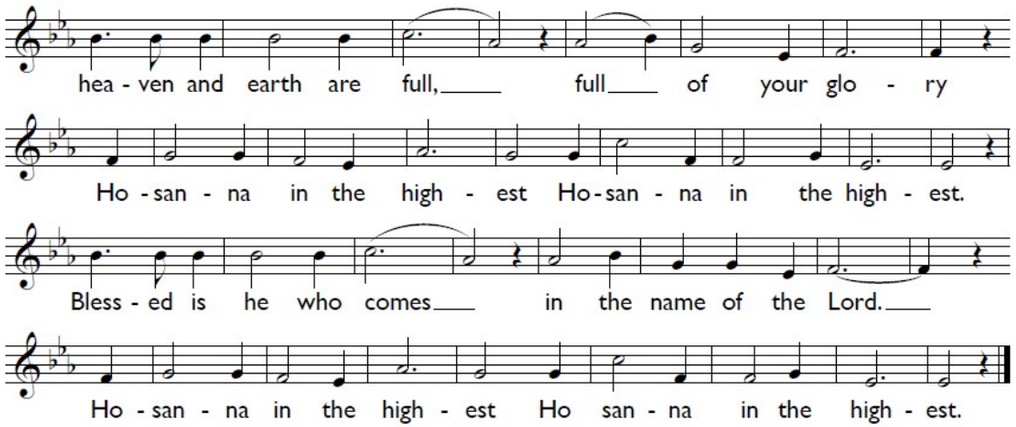


Leader God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy...
… proclaim with them your glory, in their enduring hymn.

Please kneel as you are able

SANCTUS





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Leader And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and...
...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection,**
as we await the day of his coming.

Leader Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and...
… gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**

Leader And now as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken) **BCP p. 364**

Agnus Dei/Lamb Of God **Hymnal S164**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD **BCP p. 364-366**

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #364.

Leader Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

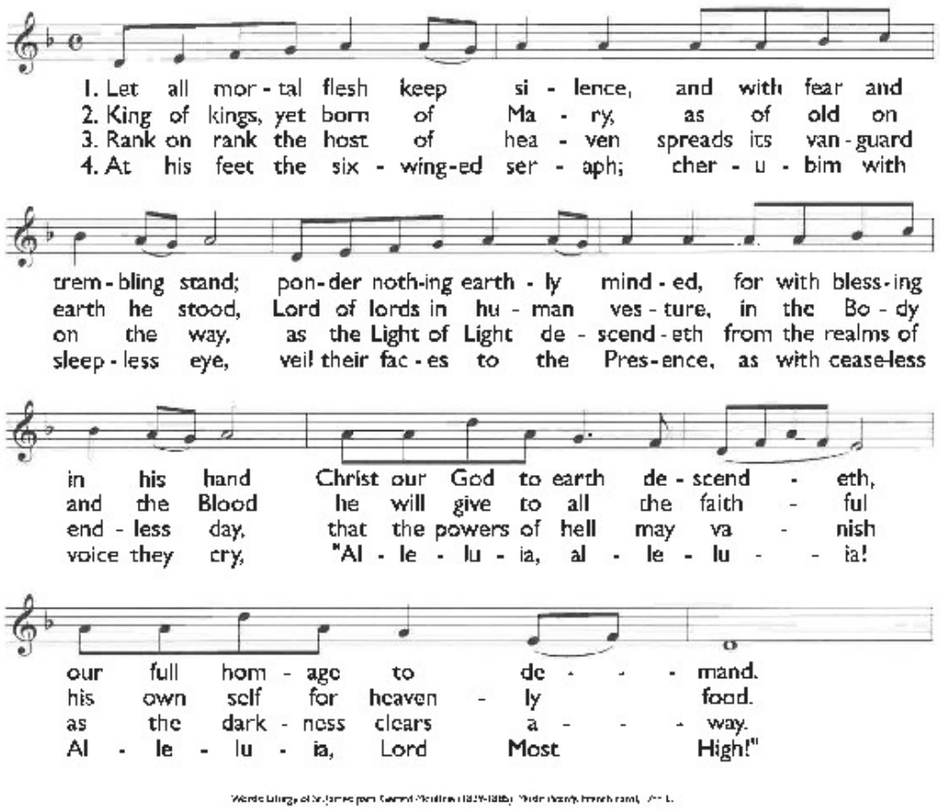
Leader The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance ...
... and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to kneel in prayer at the Communion. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you.
Please notify the usher if you need communion brought to you in the pew.

8:30 am service: Healing team members George and Joanne Slanger are available for prayer during communion.
11 am service: Healing team members are available for prayer during communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh


1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4. At his feet the six - wing-ed ser - aph; cher - u - bim with
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth-ing earth - ly mind - ed, for with bless - ing
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy
on the way, as the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence, as with cease-less
in his hand Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
and the Blood he will give to all the faith - ful
end - less day, that the powers of hell may va - nish
voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia!
our full hom - age to de - - - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a - - - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus **Hymnal #66**

At Messiah we generally stand for the last Communion song, the Altar party will stand first.

Lo! He Comes **Hymnal #57**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **BCP p. 365**

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.

Leader Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members … with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING BCP p. 366

The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

CLOSING HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1&2) **Hymnal #56**

Please turn in the hymnal to our closing Hymn, Hymn #56 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

၁. တၢ်ဖံးတၢ်ညဉ်ခဲလၢာ်အိဉ်ဘှိဉ်
လၢတၢ်ပျံၤ,ကနိုး,ဆၢထၢဉ်
ပာ်ကွံာ်ဟိဉ်ခိဉ်တၢ်ဆိကမိဉ်
ခရံာ်ပကစၢ်ဟဲလီၤ
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ပတၢ်ယူးယိဉ်,ဟံးနှၢ်အီၤ.

၂. အိဉ်ဖျဲဉ်လၢမၤရံမှၢ်စီၤပၤ
ဒ်လၢပျၢၤဖဲဟိဉ်ခိဉ်အံၤ
အိဉ်ဆၢထၢဉ်လၢနိုၢ်ခိဒိးသွံဉ်
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ကဟှဉ်အပှၤလၢကလုၢ်တိ
နိုၢ်ကစၢ်မူခိဉ်တၢ်အိဉ်.

THE DISMISSAL BCP p. 366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

