

### **MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

First Sunday of Advent November 30th, 2025 8:30 and 11 am Holy Communion, Rite Two

### Advent Worship.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

Our theme for Advent and Christmas comes to us from the Nicene Creed, which the Church has professed for almost two millennia. This year marks the 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. We will teach about the Creed over three Sundays, beginning on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, in our Adult Forum. The history of the Creed is fascinating. For example, St. Nicholas of Myra—yes Santa Claus! —was there. As was a Bishop named Arius, who promoted a new and more palatable version of the faith for former pagans, and the powerful in the Empire, to accept and co-opt. It was a Unitarian version of Christianity named after its inventor, and Arianism had spread quickly once Christianity was now legal under Constantine. Thankfully, this newly Christan Emperor called the Bishops of the Church together to shape and set boundaries for the Christian faith. Questions around the deity of Jesus and the work of the Triune God, were settled once and for all.

#### Worship Changes for Advent.

It is 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, the standard Confession, and Prayers of the People Form V 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. I will also lead Morning Prayer each Monday on our Youtube channel at 7am. I invite you to begin each week of the season in scripture and prayer.

With every blessing, Dave+



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## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

Please stand.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (verse I)

Hymnal #66

Please turn in the hymnal to our opening Hymn, Hymn #66 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

A member of the Altar party will light the Advent Candle.

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**BCP** p. 355

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #355.

Leader Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known... and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

# Kyrie Eleison/Lord Have Mercy



### 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 2:1-5)

Bible OT p. 631–632

Please turn in your pew Bible to OT p. # 631.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand.

## Psalm 122: With Joy I Heard (to tune of Sussex Carol)

With joy I heard my friends exclaim, "Come, let us in God's temple meet"; Within your gates, O Zion blest, shall ever stand our willing feet!

Chorus: Come, let us sing salvation's song; Zion, proclaim your living Lord!

How beautiful does Zion stand, A city built forever fair; The people of the Lord unite With joy and praise to worship there. (Chorus)

They come to learn the will of God, To pay their vows to Him alone, For there is judgment's royal seat, Messiah's sure and lasting throne. (Chorus)

For Zion's peace let prayers be made; May all that love you prosper well! Within your walls let peace abide, And gladness with thy children dwell. (Chorus) THE HOLY GOSPEL

(Matthew 24:36-44)

Bible NT p. 27-28

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 27.

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

Fr Marc Landeweer

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 V

BCP p. 389

After every petition we respond, "Lord, have mercy.".

All stand.

CONFESSION

BCP p. 360

### **ABSOLUTION & PEACE**

BCP p. 360

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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

8:30AM

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Hymnal #59

11:00AM

## 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!

Interlude Ooh ooh oh Ooh eh oh

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! Show the mercy shown to you, gifts of kindness to renew Love from hearts sincere and true, Oh, children come! Oh, children come!

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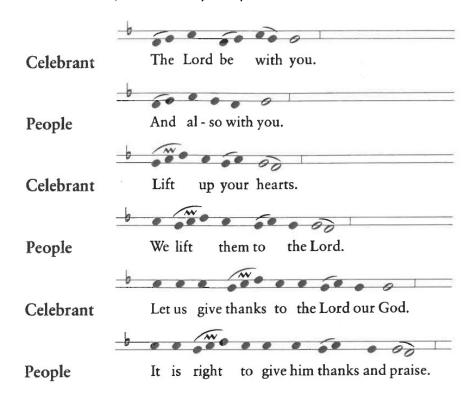
All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come from you, O God.

All And from your own have we given you.

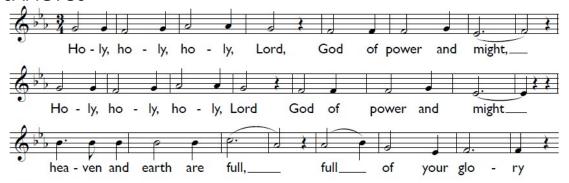
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C BCP p. 369

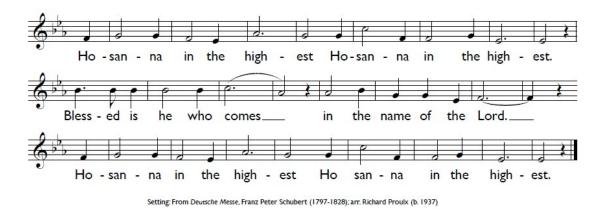
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Leader God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy...
... proclaim with them your glory, in their enduring hymn.

### **SANCTUS**





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

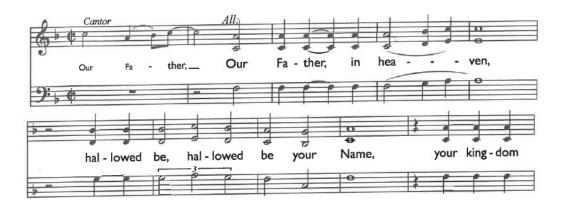
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

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



### 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.

8:30 am service: Healing team members George Slanger and Jean Smidt are available

for prayer during communion.

II am service: Healing team members Walter and Anne McManus are available

for prayer during communion, concurrent with Joanne Slanger & Jennifer Wilson available for prayer by calling 612-803-9020.

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal #324

တၢ်ဖဴးတာ်ညဉ်ခဲလာာ်အီဉ်ဘိုဉ်
လာတာ်ဖျံုး, ကနီး, ဆာထာဉ်
ပဉ်ကွဲဂ်ဟီဉ်ခိဉ်တာ်ဆီကဖိဉ်
ခရ်ဉ်ပကစာ်တဲလီး
တာ်ဆိုဉ်ဂုံးအီဉ်လာအစုလီး
ပတာ်ယူးယီဉ်, ဟား နှုံးအီး...

အိုင်ဖျဉ်လာမႊရမ်းစီးပေး ဒီလာပျားဖဲဟိုင်ခိုင်ဘဲး အိုင်ဆာထာင်လာနိုင်ခိုင်းသွင် တစင်္ဂတဖင်္ဂ တဟင်္ဂအပူးလာတလုပ်တိ နိုင်တစ်ဖုံမိုင်တင်းအိုင်း

ဖူခိုဉ်သု:ဖုၢ်ဂိၢဖုၢ်တဖဉ် လဲး လာညါသလဉ်အသး ခ်တာ်ကပီး နိုးနိုးဆဲးလီး အလိုးဖဲဖုၢ်ဆါတလာ၁် ခ်သီးလရာဉ်အစီကဖီး တာ်ခံးခံကွဲခ်တါဖ်ာလီး. အခီဉ်ထံးစုရာမဉ်တဖဉ် စုရှဉ်ဘုဉ်လာတဖဲဘဉ် အိုဉ်ကျက်ဘာဖဲဉ်လာအဖဲဉ်ညါ ကီးထိုဉ်ဝဲတလီးတုဉ်ဘဉ် ဘာလှာလှာယာ, ဘာလာလှာယာ ဆူတာ်ဒီဉ်တာ်ထိတစင်, ဘာဖှဉ်.

# King Of Kings

Verse

I. In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light, till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.



- 2. To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost, to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.

  Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (To Chorus)
- 3. And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe, For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored. (To Verse 4)
- 4. And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free, for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (To Chorus)

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

### There's A Voice In The Wilderness

Hymnal #75

#### 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.

All stand.

### **CLOSING HYMN**

### Lo! He Comes

Hymnal #57

- - . ပူးချာချားပူးဆက္ခေအး ပူးထိအီးလာထုဉ်စုညါ တိုးဂူးခဲ့းကထဲ့ဉ်ဒီးပျံးအီး, လာကပီးကွင်္ဂတဘုဉ်ဘဉ်, ဟိုဉ်တ်ကားတာ, တာ့အထဲ့ဉ်ဘဉ်ဖူးရုံအား,
- ကွေး်ကွင်း, လာယှဉ်ရှူးအနိုးခိ ပူးလီးစိဆှံတတါဖင်း, ဒီးကယ်းပူးသူင်္ဂတီသးလီး, ကွင်္ဂအီးဒီးသးခုဒိဉ်ဖ:, သူဉ်စုသးခု, တူးအထဲဉ်ပူးလီင်္ဂအိဉ်ဖျါ
- . ဆဉ်နီု နဲလာလို၊ ပစိုင်္ခီး, မိပ္သာခဲလာဉ်ဘါထိုဉ်နှာ, ဘီမုံးခီးတာ်စိတ်ကဖီး, ဟားနှာ်နဲခီးတဲ့တော်, ဟားလာလာယာ, တာတို့ခိုခိုမှုခိုခ်ုပ်နှာ. ၁

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



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