



ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH
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1st Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021



GREETINGS

Welcome to our warm and friendly setting for true, Christ-centered worship. A traditional Anglican Church and a parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, under the oversight of Bishop Ryan Reed, St. Francis' liturgical standard is the 1928 Book of Common Prayer – a liturgy that is orthodox in its expressions of the Christian faith, based on prayers that have been part of catholic worship for 2000 years. Please stay to visit in the fellowship area after the service. Also, sign the guestbook in the entry hall if you would like to receive more information about St. Francis.

Please Note: Due to the prevalence of COVID-19, Communion at St. Francis is in the species of the Body and the Blood of Christ. If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ, leave the wafer in the palm of your hand. The Priest will dip it in the cup and place on your tongue. Conversely, consume the wafer if you don't want the Blood of Christ through intinction.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.
We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.
We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.
St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.
As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve: Prelude Music, 7:50 p.m., Lessons and Carols & Holy Communion, 8 pm. Christmas reception to follow the service.

Christmas Day, Holy Communion, 10 a.m.

1st & 2nd Sundays after Christmas, Dec. 26 and Jan 2, Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER GROUPS

St. Francis Prayer Group: If you would like to place a name on the list distributed to our active prayer group members, please use the prayer intention box located in the fellowship hall to submit your request. You may also email Fr. Len at rector@stfrancisaustin.org.

Prayer Service for our Nation: *Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty.* You are welcome to join us on Saturday, December 4, in the Fellowship area at 10 a.m. The service will include hymns, prayers – both read and extemporaneous – and Bible readings on the seven centers of prayer: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church, and Family.

Mothers' Prayer Group: Meets monthly at noon with the next meeting on Friday, December 17. Join this group of mothers as they pray extemporaneous prayers in the ACTS form of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication, which includes prayer for each other's families. Contact Charlotte Ready with any questions. Every mother is welcome to attend.

ST. FRANCIS EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	9:45 a.m., Youth Sunday School upstairs 10:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal, upstairs After each service, Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail. 7:00 p.m. Home group at the Crandells' house, in-person or via Zoom
Nov. 30	Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home Group, via Zoom
Dec. 1	Wednesday, 7 p.m., Catechism Class, via Zoom
Dec. 2	Thursday, 7 p.m., Evening Prayer, via Zoom or in-person
Dec. 4	Saturday, 10 a.m., Prayers for the Nation

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Catechism class Wednesdays, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., All are welcome to join us as we work through the questions list in the book: "To Be a Christian". An email will be sent out with the link to the Zoom meeting on Wednesday morning.

Christian Education for Youth is ongoing! There are two classes: one for grades 6 and up who meet today with Doug Cooper and another for grade K-5 who meet with Sue Orr. Classes begin with everyone starting out in the church service and leaving at the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November is pledge drive month. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for this next year and fill out a Capital Campaign and Pledge Card. You can leave in the offering plate, mail to the church, leave in the box in the Narthex, or give to our treasurer, Grady Collins. Try to have them in by next week.

On December 5, Bishop Ackerman will visit St. Francis on a pastoral visit at both the 9:30 and the 11:00 services. After the 11:00 service, there will be a reception held in his honor. The St. Clare's Guild is sponsoring a Greek food luncheon after the 11:00 service. Please plan to attend.

As is the tradition in Advent at St. Francis (and many other churches), the Gloria is omitted at the end of the service. Advent is the season of preparation for Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. As the Gloria is the angel's response to the glorious birth of Jesus, we wait until that holy night to sing it.

Advent in the Home: If you would like to bring a little Advent to your home, pick up the pamphlet, **Advent in the Home** from the table in the entry hall. Take as many as needed.

For the duration of Advent from now through the 24th, there will be no flowers on the altar. This bareness will be in strong contrast with the 12 days of Christmas and on into Epiphany when the altar and the entire church will be beautifully decorated with flowers and poinsettias. If you wish to make a donation for the poinsettias as a remembrance, memorial or thank offering, please use an envelope from the table in the Narthex to enclose your donation. Fill the envelope front out as appropriate and place in the wooden box on the same table.

St. Clare's Guild is a group of women whose ministry is dedicated to serving our parish family in times of celebration, need, illness or loss. If you should find yourself and/or your family in one of these life situations, please contact Eileen Cole.

If you are not a member of St. Francis Anglican Church but would like to be, simply complete a registration form found on the table near the front door and give it to the Rector. If you wish to become a pledging member, complete a Pledge Card and drop it in the collection plate. It is that easy.

<p>Anniversaries this week: (30th) Glenn and Becky Hunt; (4th) Ed and Ruth Ann Stillman Birthdays this week: (1st) Joshua DeBord, (3rd) Mack Lindsey</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u></p>
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Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm 126

Philippians 1:1-11

Luke 3:1-6

Bishop: The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed *Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Len Giacolone
9:30 Acolyte & Lector: Arthur Woodgate; *Ushers* David Kristo-Reinking / John Goodrich
11:00: Acolytes: Jim Crandell & Gideon Hatley *Lector:* Doug Cooper *Ushers:* Mack Lindsey / Bill Palmer
Music Director: Betty Lin Gallardo

Order of Service

Procession (hymn at 11:00 only)

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Advent

C. M.

ST. STEPHEN

WILLIAM JONES, 1789

In moderate time

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - umph - ant breaks;
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To bear, and fight, and die,
3 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And earth's dark night is past;
4 And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By wea - ry saints fore - told,

When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
O haste the ris - ing of that morn, The day that aye shall last;
When right shall tri - umph o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
Come quickly, King of kings. Amen.

Greek; Tr. JOHN BROWNLIE, 1907

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A - men.

Also the following:

153 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Collect for Purity (kneel)

Priest: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Summary of the Law

Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.
All Christ, have mercy upon us.
Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. .Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ZECHARIAH 14:4-9

⁴On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley; so that one half of the Mount shall withdraw northward, and the other half southward. ⁵And the valley of my mountains shall be stopped up, for the valley of the mountains shall touch the side of it; and you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzzi'ah king of Judah. Then the LORD your God will come, and all the holy ones with him. ⁶On that day there shall be neither cold nor frost. ⁷And there shall be continuous day (it is known to the LORD), not day and not night, for at evening time there shall be light. ⁸On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter. ⁹And the LORD will become king over all the earth; on that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

PSALM 50: 1-6

- ¹ The LORD, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken, * and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
- ² Out of Sion hath God appeared * in perfect beauty.
- ³ Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; * there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
- ⁴ He shall call the heaven from above, * and the earth, that he may judge his people.
- ⁵ Gather my saints together unto me; * those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
- ⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; * for God is Judge himself

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

⁹For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

JOHN 18:33-37

Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord

²⁵"Jesus said, "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ

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NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God: Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. **AMEN.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (OPTIONAL)

BIRTHDAY PRAYER (OPTIONAL)

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON HYMN ((HYMN AT 11:00 ONLY))

345 *First Tune*

General Hymns

87. 87

ST. COLUMBA

In flowing style

Traditional Irish Melody

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, Whose goodness fail-eth nev - er;
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ransomed soul he lead - eth,
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,

I noth - ing lack if I am his, And he is mine for ev - er.
 And where the ver - dant pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 And on his shoul - der gen - tly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.

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4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.

1st Tune

A - men.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 Thy unction grace bestoweth;
 And O what transport of delight
 From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 Within thy house for ever. Amen.

2nd Tune

A - men.

HENRY WILLIAMS BAKER, 1868; based on Psalm 23

Sermon

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Doxology and America (at 11:00)

Prayer for Christ's Church (kneel)

Priest: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

All: Amen.

Exhortation

Priest: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

General Confession

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Comfortable Words

Priest: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. [St. Matt xi. 28.]

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everliving life. [St. John iii, 16.]

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. [I Tim. i. 15.]

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. [I. St. John ii. 1, 2.]

Sursum Corda

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

Priest: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Glory be to thee, O Lord most High; Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration

Priest: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may

worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Angus Dei

Priest: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

All: have mercy upon us.

Priest: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

All: have mercy upon us.

Priest: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

All grant us thy peace.

Spiritual Communion Prayer (at 9:30 only)

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy church where thy blessed body and blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to com spiritually into my heart. I unit myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in thy servant in the fullness of thy strength, in the perfection of thy ways, and in the holiness of thy spirit, and rule over every hostile power in thy might of thy Spirit, and to the glory of thy Father. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer (kneel)

Priest: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Benediction (kneel)

Priest: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Recessional (stand, hymn at 11:00 service only)

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General Hymns

76. 76. D.

LANCASHIRE

HENRY SMART, 1836

In moderate time

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General Hymns

76. 76. D.

Tune, LANCASHIRE

1 Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle-song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy,
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might! Amen.

ERNEST WARBURTON SHURTLEFF, 1887

Closing Prayer Response: Thanks be to God.