

ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH

3401 Oak Creek Drive • Austin, Texas • 78727 512.472.7514 • www.StFrancisAustin.com The 2nd Sunday in Advent Dec. 4, 2022



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.
- **St. Francis is currently** searching for a Rector. Until then, Fr. Rogers Meredith will celebrate Communion on most Sundays, and as the Interim Rector, will provide pastoral care as needed. Do not hesitate to contact him at <u>holyaustin1959@gmail.com</u> or call 970-629-8778. He has a stack of business cards on the table in the entry hall. Please include our search committee and this process in your prayers. We are looking for God's will to be accomplished.

<u>Christmas Services</u>

- Christmas Eve:

7:45 p.m. **- Prelude Music**

8 p.m. Lessons and Carols & Holy Communion,.

- Christmas reception to follow the service.
- Christmas Day, Holy Communion, 10 a.m.
- Holy Name, Jan. 1, 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 back of the church to submit your request. You may also email Becky Hunt at PrayerList@stfrancisaustin.org.
- **Prayer Service for our Nation**: *Exalt the Lord who has established us!*. You are welcome to join us on Saturday Dec. 3 in the Fellowship area at 10 a.m. The service will include hymns, prayers both read and extemporaneous –on the seven centers of prayer.

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- **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you wish to make a donation for the Christmas decorations and poinsettias as a remembrance, memorial or thank offering, please use an envelope from the table I the Fellowship area to enclose your donation. Fill the envelope front out as appropriate and place in the wooden box on the same table.
- **2023 Ordo calendars** are available for sale. Leave your payment in the box provided in the Narthex.

ST. FRANCIS EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Nursery for young children
After each service, Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail.
9:30 a.m., Sunday School for youth
10:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal, upstairsDec. 6Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Bible study via Zoom only

Dec. 7	Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Catechism Class, via Zoom
Dec. 8	Thursday, 7 p.m., Evening Prayer, in-person and via Zoom
Dec. 9	Friday, 7:30 p.m., Lectionary Bible Study at the McCown's
	For information, email <u>info@stfrancisaustin.org</u>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Youth Christian Education** is ongoing. The youth attend the first part of the 9:30 service and leave at the announcements to attend class upstairs. Missy Bernard leads the program and teaches the younger class, along with Adriane Kristo-Reinking. Doug Cooper leads the older class.
- 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". If you are interested in attending, please email info@stfrancisaustin.org.
- **Bible study for adults:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. and the 2nd and 4th Fridays and Sundays.

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- **Thanks to everyone who contributed** to the adopt a Trotter house family project that just concluded. Just over \$1500 was donated to help a family or two have a more joyful Christmas.
- **Confessions**: Fr. Rogers Meredith is willing to hear private confessions any time, but especially during Advent and Lent. Let him know if you would like to make a private confession.
- **November was pledge drive month.** It is now past time to get the pledge cards in. Cards are on the table in the narthex and can be left in the box, put in the offering plate, mailed to the church or given to our treasurer, Grady Collins.
- **Do you have extra clothing you are looking to give away?** Consider donating for the St. Francis Mobile Loaves and Fishes Food Truck run. Half the truck is filled with clothing and personal health items to give out. There is quite a bit of joy at when these folks are able to get some extra clothes or shoes.
- **The prayer shawl ministry** provides shawls to people who are in need of comfort and prayer. We welcome anyone who would like to participate either by knitting/crocheting these shawls or by helping with the purchase of yarn and supplies. Contact Charlotte Ready.
- **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 Senior Warden, Doug Cooper. If you wish to become a pledging member, complete a Pledge Card and drop it in the collection plate. It is that easy.

Anniversary this week: (4th) Ed and Ruth Ann StillIman - Birthday this week: (8th) Ginger Dickson
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

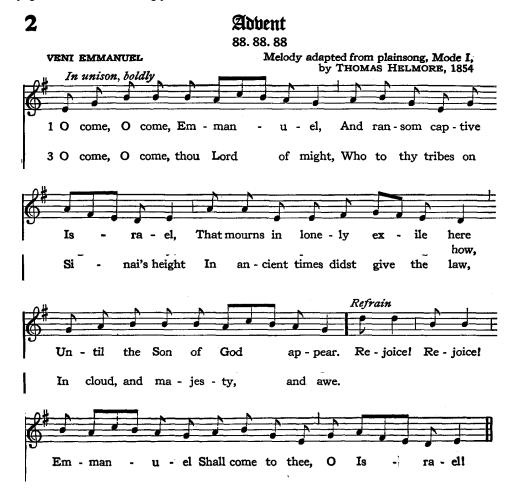
Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:4-9, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Bishop: The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed

Celebrant: The Reverend Rogers Meredith

9:30 Acolyte & Lector: Arthur Woodgate; Ushers: John Goodrich / Dan Harrison 11:00: Acolyte: Gideon Hatley • Lector: Frank Hunt • Ushers: Mike Ready / Mack Lindsey Organist: Jim Crandell

Procession (hymn at 11:00 only)



- 4 O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem, From every foe deliver them That trust thy mighty power to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 6 O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Collect for Purity (kneel)

<u>Priest</u>: 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.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

Summary of the Law

<u>Priest</u>: 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.

<u>Kyrie Eleison</u>

<u>Priest</u>: Lord, have mercy upon us. <u>All</u> Christ, have mercy upon us. <u>Priest</u> Lord, have mercy upon us.

<u>Collect</u>

¶ Then the Priest may say,

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

<u>All</u>: And with thy spirit.

<u>Priest</u>: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

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*.

<u>ISAIAH 11:1-10</u>

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and

decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

PSALM 72:1-8

Give the King thy judgments, O God, * and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

²Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, * and defend the poor.

³The mountains also shall bring peace, * and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

- ⁴He shall keep the simple folk by their right, * defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.
- ⁵They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, * from one generation to another.
- ⁶He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, * even as the drops that water the earth.
- ⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; * yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
- ⁸His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, * and from the River unto the world's end.

ROMANS 15:4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name"; ¹⁰and again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and further Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord

¹In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sad'ducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit that befits repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, `We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." *Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ*

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. <u>AMEN.</u>

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 there 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)



<u>Sermon</u>

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Anthem at the 11:00 service **Prepare the Way O Zion**

Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high! Sink low, ye towering mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh; The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story. O blest is he that came in God the Father's Name

Zion, the approacheth. The Lord and King for aye! Strew palm where he advanceth, spread garments in His way. God's promise failest never, Hosanna sound forever. O blest is he that came in God the Father's Name

Fling wide thy portals, Zion! and hail thy glorious King. His tidings of salvation do every people bring, who, waiting yet in sadness, would sing His praise in gladness. O blest is he that came in God the Father's Name. The Father's name.

Doxology and America (at 11:00)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above the Heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of Liberty, To thee we sing, Long may our land be bright With Freedom's holy light, Protect us by thy might Great God, our King.

Prayer for Christ's Church (kneel)

<u>Priest</u>: 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.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

Exhortation

<u>Priest</u>: 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

<u>All:</u> 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

<u>Priest</u>: 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.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

Comfortable Words

<u>Priest:</u> 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. I, 2.]

Sursum Corda

<u>Priest</u>: Lift up your hearts.

<u>All</u>: We lift them up unto the Lord.

<u>Priest</u>: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

<u>All</u>: It is meet and right so to do.

<u>Priest</u>: 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.

Proper preface

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

<u>All:</u> 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

<u>Priest</u>: 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. <u>All</u>: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

<u>All:</u> 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

<u>All</u>: 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.

<u>Angus Dei</u>

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

<u>All</u>: have mercy upon us.

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

<u>All</u> 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.

<u>All:</u> 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.

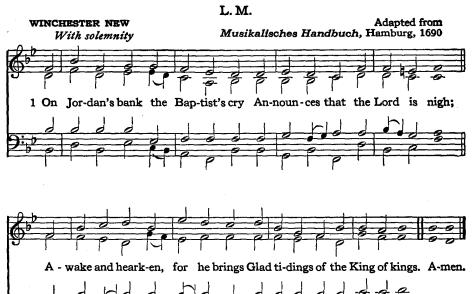
Benediction (kneel)

<u>Priest:</u> 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.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

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

Advent



- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;Make straight the way of God within,And let each heart prepare a homeWhere such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, Our refuge, and our great reward; Without thy grace we waste away Like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, And bid the fallen sinner stand; Shine forth, and let thy light restore Earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,Whose advent doth thy people free;Whom with the Father we adoreAnd Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

CHARLES COFFIN, 1736; Tr. JOHN CHANDLER, 1837, alt.

<u>Closing Prayer</u> Response: Thanks be to God.