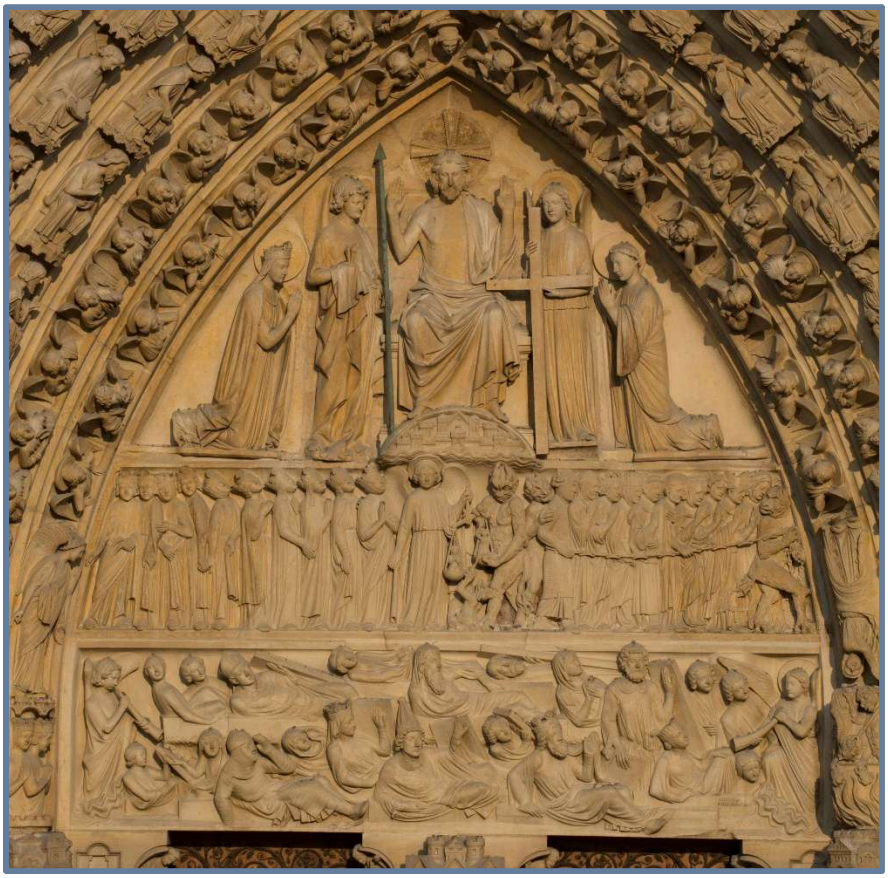


Trinity Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

29 November 2026 at 10:30 AM

Welcome to Trinity Church

Everyone is welcome here.

Page numbers marked **BCP** are from the Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. The Hymns can be found in *the Hymnal 1982* in your pew rack. The text in **bold type** is the parts of the service that you say.

If you have arrived after the start of the service, please don't worry.

Please ask one of the ushers (welcomers) in the back – or anyone else – if you need help.

Children are allowed to be children, whether they are sitting quietly, skipping around, or crying. There are special activities for them in the back of the church if you would like.

We ask that you please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service. It is customary to prepare for worship by a period of silent prayer. Suggested prayers are found on the next page.

COVER ART
The Last Judgment (ca. 1220-1230)
Tympanum of Central Western Door
Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN ADVENT PRAYER OF HENRI NOUWEN

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus." Amen.

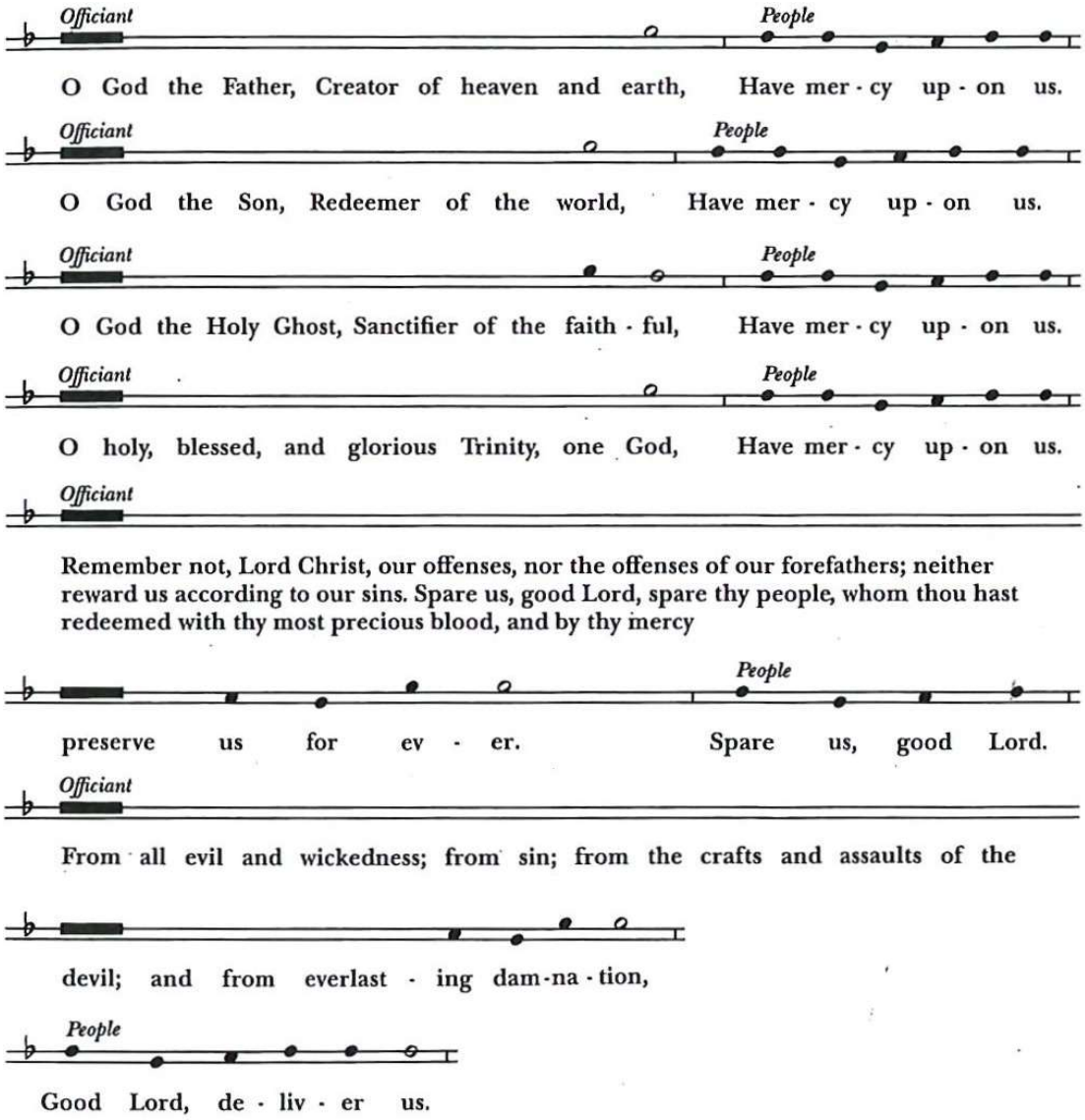
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

Please stand for the Processional.

THE GREAT LITANY – Hymnal S76 TEXT: BCP 148

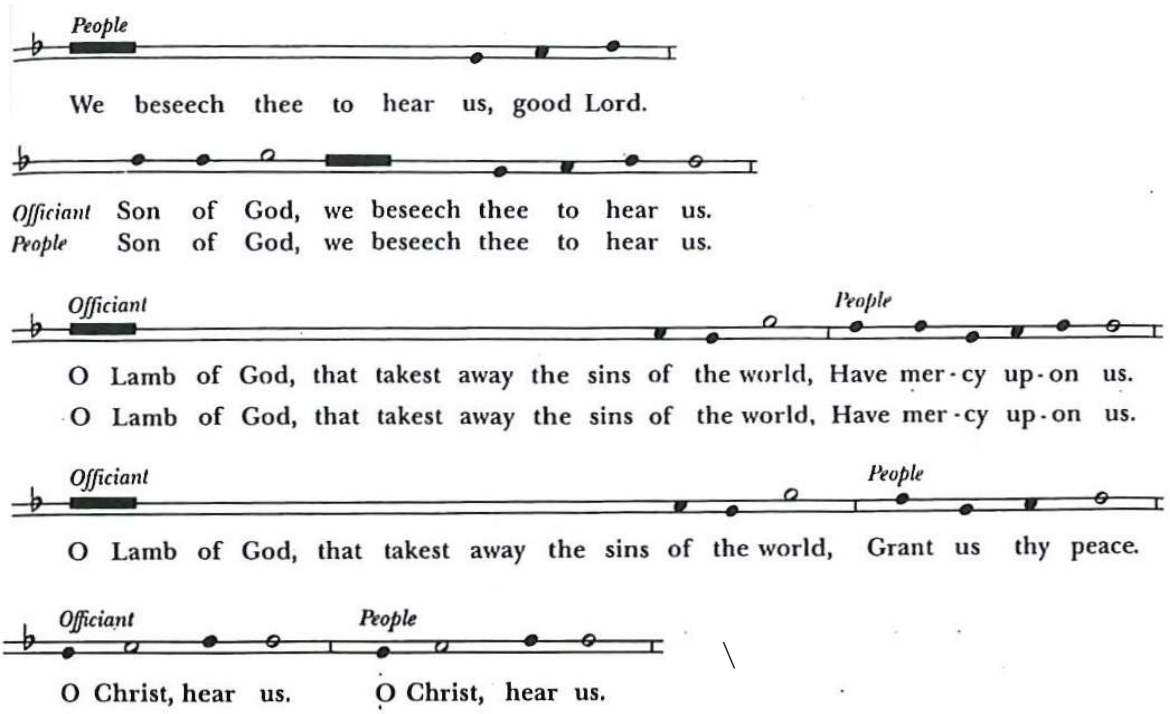
The Congregation stands or kneels, as able.



The same response is made after the next eight petitions.

Officiant We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O our Lord God; and that it may please you to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

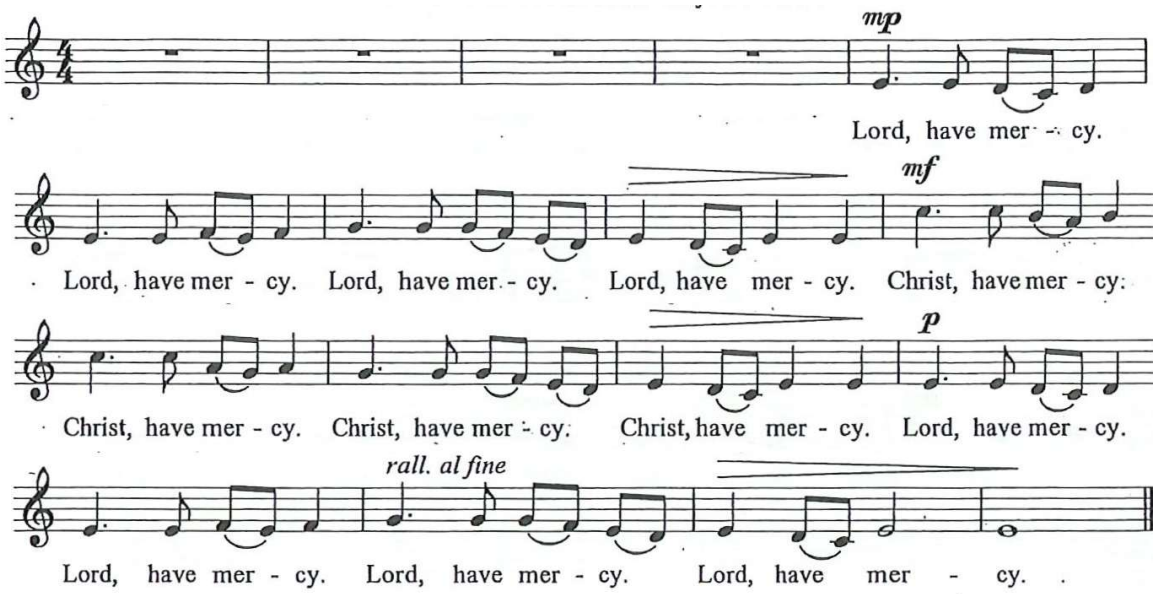
Here, and after the next twenty-one petitions, the people respond



KYRIE ELEISON

Mass of the Bread of Life

Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

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

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN 65 Prepare the Way, O Zion

TUNE: *Bereden väg för Herran*

THE GOSPEL Mark 13.24-37

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said: "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON Fr. Geoffrey Mackey

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

THE PEACE BCP 360

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements may be made at this time.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.
During the Offertory Anthem, a collection is taken.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Bring Us Hope*
Text and music by Ruth Elaine Schram

Bring us hope, bring us love,
bring us peace from above.
Bring us hope, bring us love,
peace and joy from above;
bring us hope.

Bring us light, take our darkness away.
Bring us light, turn our night into day.
Bring us hope, bring us love,
peace and joy from above;
bring us hope.

Hope to replace our hopelessness,
love to refill our emptiness,
peace in the midst of our distress;
oh, how we need Your Joy!

Bring us hope, bring us love,
bring us peace and joy from above.
Bring us hope, bring us love,
peace and joy from above.
Bring us hope.

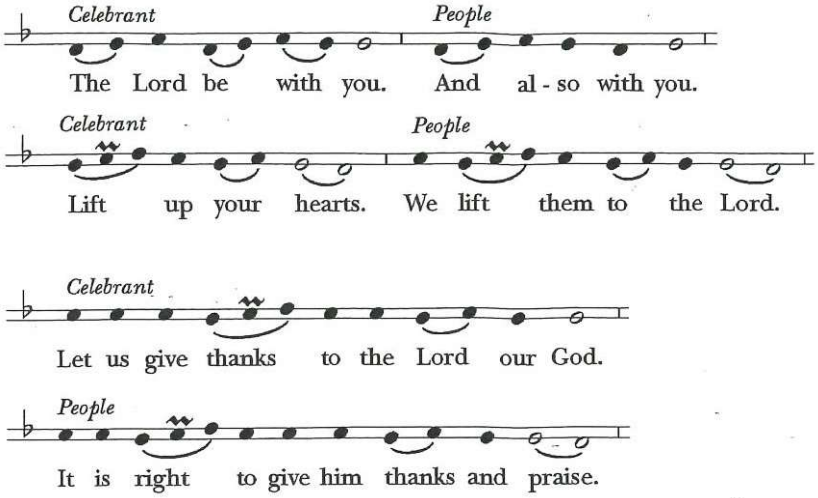
Please stand for the Doxology as the Offerings are brought forward.

DOXOLOGY
TUNE: *Old Hundreth* from *Genevan Psalter* (1551)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

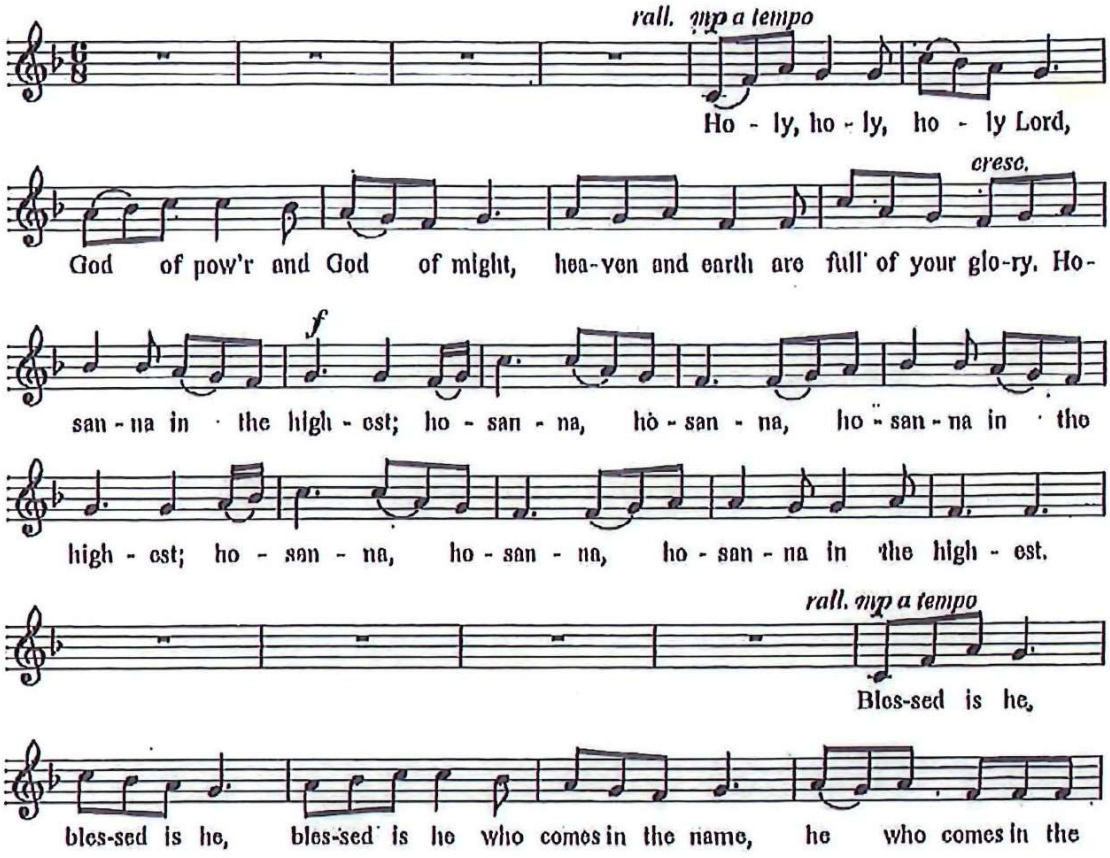
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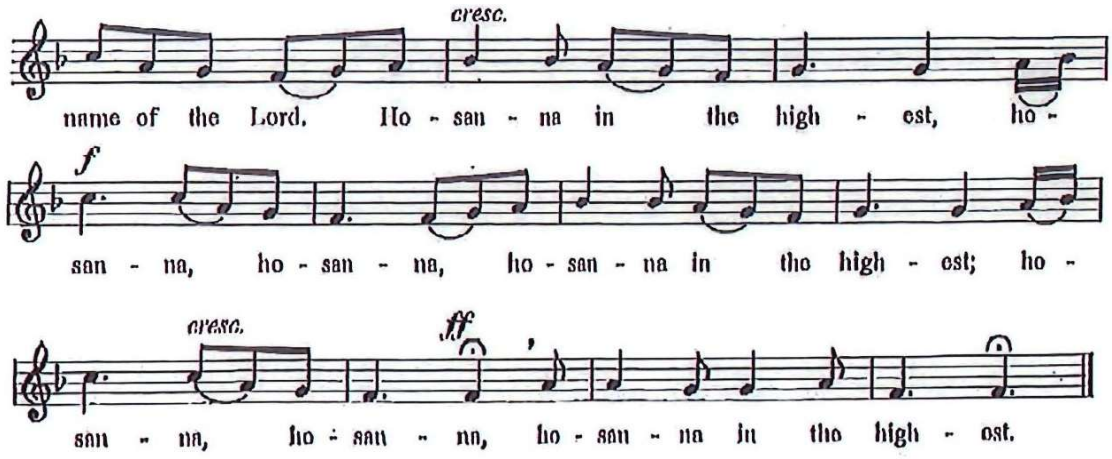


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THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Mass of the Bread of Life*

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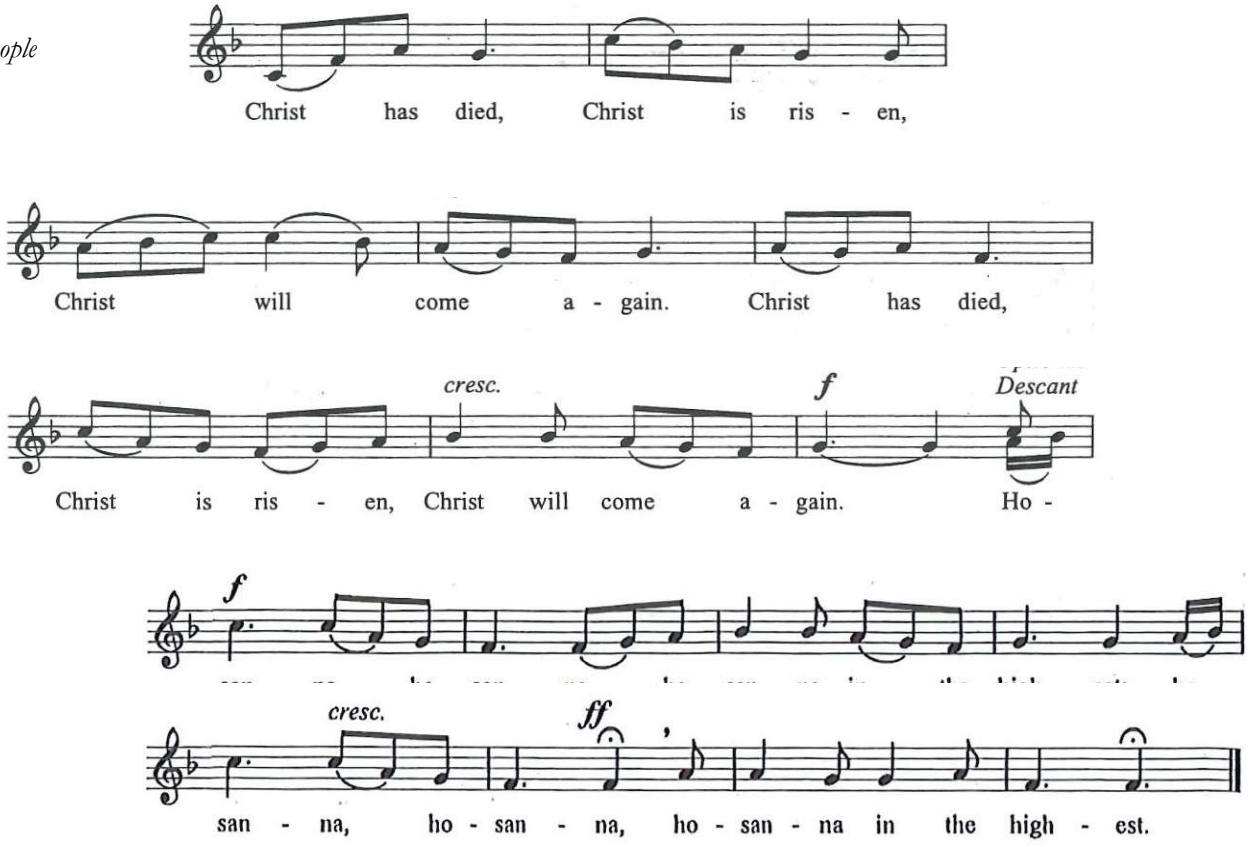


The People may remain standing or kneel after the Sanctus

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

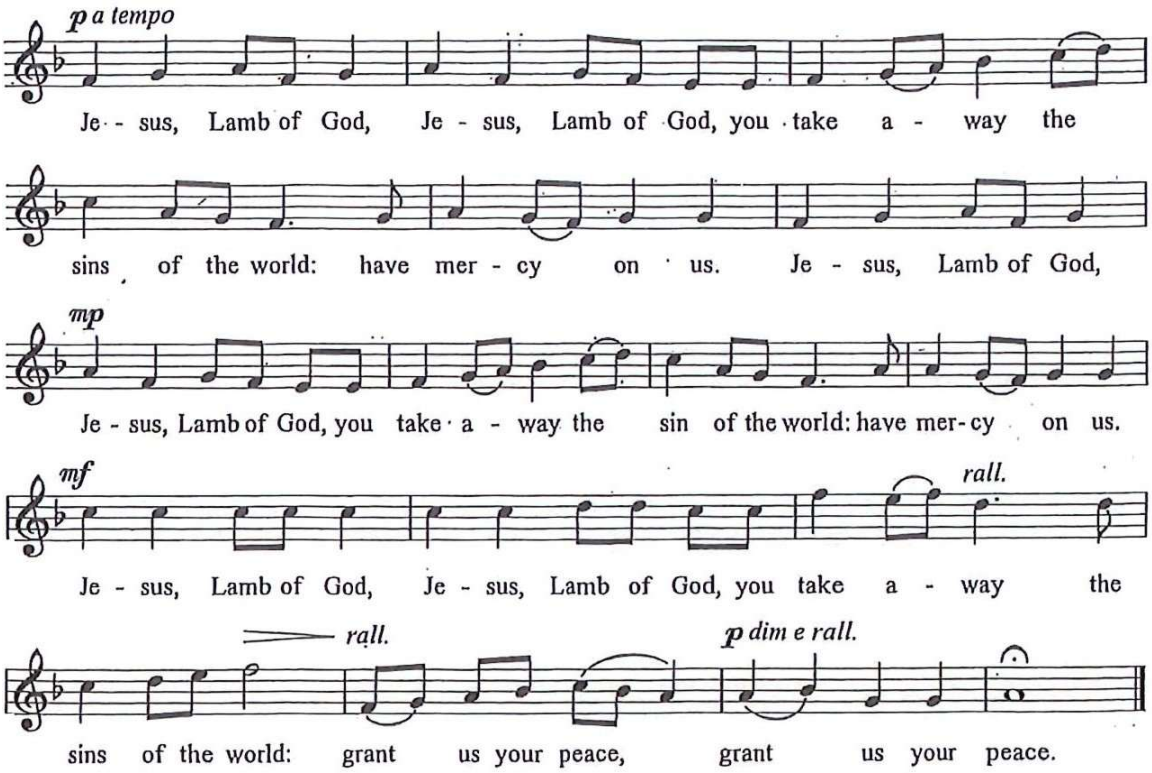


THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)* BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI *Mass of the Bread of Life*

Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)



THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 366

THE ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice at the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

TUNE: *Winchester New*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS FOR AFTER COMMUNION

May our Lord Jesus Christ – whom we have served and celebrated and honoured in his holy, glorious, life-giving, and divine mysteries – in his grace and mercy make us worthy of the beauty and glory of his kingdom, and of joy with his holy angels; and to have guiltless faces before him, standing at his right hand in the Jerusalem which is above. To him be praise and may the right hand of his providence rest upon us and upon all creatures, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Liturgy of the Chaldean Church

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands which have been held out to receive the holy things. Grant that the ears which have heard the music of your songs may be closed to clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung Holy, Holy may also speak the truth; that the feet that have walked your courts may ever walk in the paths of light; that the bodies which have tasted your living Body may be restored to newness of life. Amen.

From the Liturgy of Syro-Malabar Church

Blessed, praised, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ; on his throne of glory, in the most holy Sacrament of the altar, and in the hearts of his faithful people. May the souls of the faithful ✠ departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

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