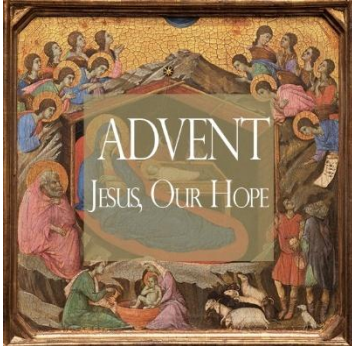


ALL SAINTS REFORMED



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EUCCHARIST LITURGY 11 Nov 2025



Advent: The first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the liturgical year. The name is derived from a Latin word for “coming.” The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord’s nativity, and for the final coming of Christ “in power and glory.” Placing ourselves in the Advent story and experiencing the anticipation of Messiah’s coming helps us to understand our place in history and the anticipation of our

Lord coming again.

Christmas: Following Advent, Christmastide is the liturgical season that spans from the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord (which we commonly call Christmas day, Dec. 25), or the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men, to Epiphany Eve (Jan. 5, commonly called Twelfth Night). Epiphany is January 6th, sometimes called Three Kings Day, which is why King Cake is a big deal for South Louisiana. Another name for it is the 12 days of Christmas.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

CALL TO WORSHIP

Standing

People, of God – please, stand for worship.

Surely the Lord cometh quickly; ***Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

Blessed be God: ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

ASCENSION | PROCESSION

1. All people that on Earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Kneeling

***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, forever and ever Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

***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. Amen.**

Minister stands and the congregation remains kneeling

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 neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and write this thy law in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. 3X

Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Now and ever and to the ages amen.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

***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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD - CONSECRATION

Standing

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you. ***And with thy Spirit**

THE COLLECT

***Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor 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.**

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO (COME, LET US REJOICE IN THE LORD)

FROM PSALMS 95 AND 96

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; ***let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; ***and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

For the LORD is a great God; ***and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; ***and the strength of the hills is his also.**

The sea is his, and he made it; ***and his hands prepared the dry land.**

O come, let us worship and fall down, ***and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

For he is the Lord our God; ***and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; ***let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; ***and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth. Amen**

PSALM OR HYMN

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

1. Come, 'Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Sitting

THE READINGS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

MALACHI 3:1-6

The portion of Scripture appointed for the Old Testament lesson is taken from the prophet, Malachi, chapter 3 beginning at the 1st verse.

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. Behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore, ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

This is the Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God**

Standing

PSALM 122



¹I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

²Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

³Jerusalem—built as a | city*
that is bound firmly to- | gether,

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for |
Israel,*
to give thanks to the name | of the LORD.

⁵There thrones for judg- | ment were set,*
the thrones of the house of | David.

Sitting

THE EPISTLE LESSON

ROMANS 13:8-14

THE portion of Scripture appointed for the Lesson from St. Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 13 beginning at the 8th verse.

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

This is the Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God**

PSALM 122

⁶Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem! *
"May they be secure who | love you!"

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls *
and security within your | towers!"

⁸For my brothers and com- | panions' sake *
I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"

⁹For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God, *
I will | seek your good.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Remain Standing for the Gospel Reading

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 1:5-25

⊕ THE Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 1 beginning at the 5th verse.

***Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both

righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.”

¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. ²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. ²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

²³ So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. ²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵ “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among people.”

Here endeth the Holy Gospel of our Lord ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH- 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 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 spake 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.

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning; is now and every shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Sitting or Kneeling

HOMILY – LITURGICAL CALENDAR, ADVENT - HOPE

OFFERINGS

Thanksgiving Prayer – Deacon | Warden shall hand the Offerings to the Presbyter

REMEMBER the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. St. Matt. 5:16. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. St. Matt. 6:19, 20. ***All things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own have we given thee.** 1 Chron. 29:14.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world:

ALMIGHTY and ever-living 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 officers in Thy holy Church, 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 succor 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. Amen. ***Amen**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2:20

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** 1 St. John 1:8, 9

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, 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.

Kneeling

***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 honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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; In the name of the ✝ Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, your sins are forgiven. Therefore, take heart, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ***Amen**

Hear what comfortable words our Savior 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. 11:28.

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 everlasting life. St. John 3:16. Amen ***Amen**

Standing

The Sign of Peace

TAKEN FROM THE DIVINE LITURGY OF JAMES THE APOSTLE

Let us stand well, let us stand reverently, let us stand in the fear of God, and not with compunction of heart. In peace, let us pray to the Lord: ***For God of peace, mercy, love, compassion, and loving-kindness art Thou, and Thine only begotten Son, and Thine all Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen**
Peace be to all! ***And to Thy Spirit** Let us salute one another

Sitting

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT - HOLY COMMUNION

All who love our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in sincerity, who have been baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, are affectionately invited to this Eucharist meal.

SURSUM CORDA (LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS)

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. ***It is meet and right so to do.**

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, (✙ - at Blessed is he...)

SANCTUS (ALT VERSION)

Holy! Holy! Ho-ly! Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glo-ry!

Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est!

Sitting

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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.

INVOCATION

SO NOW, 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 Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

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 as a memorial 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, as a memorial of me.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior 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 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, ourselves, 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 honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen. ***Amen**

Said or Sung

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been offered up for us.

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Standing

LORD'S PRAYER SUNG

OUR FATHER *who art in heaven...

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

***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.**

Standing

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; ***have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; ***have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; ***grant us your peace.**

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

Note: eat the host when you receive it and drink the wine when you receive it.

BREAD: Accept Father, through Christ, our Great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise. Lord God, King of the Universe, who gives seed to the Sower and bread to the eater. Through your goodness we have received this bread, which by your good providence the earth has given, and human hands have made. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. ***Amen.**

Sing while coming forward to receive the Body of Christ

1 Father, we thank Thee who hast planted Thy holy Name within our hearts.

Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus Thy Son to us imparts.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure, didst give man food for all his days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

We will start serving as soon as this verse ends

✚ THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

WINE: Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe who brings forth food from the earth and wine made for Kings which makes the heart of man glad. Through your goodness we have received this wine, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, and through Your surpassing mercy You have given us the blood of Your son. Blessed be God for ever. Amen. ***Amen**

Sing while coming forward to receive the Blood of Christ

2 Watch o'er Thy church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still.

Perfect it in Thy love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto Thy will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands Thy church be gathered into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

✚ THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

***ALMIGHTY and ever living 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 Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor 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 thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we**

most 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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

MISSA (SENDING)

Standing

BENEDICTION HYMN (PG 15) COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

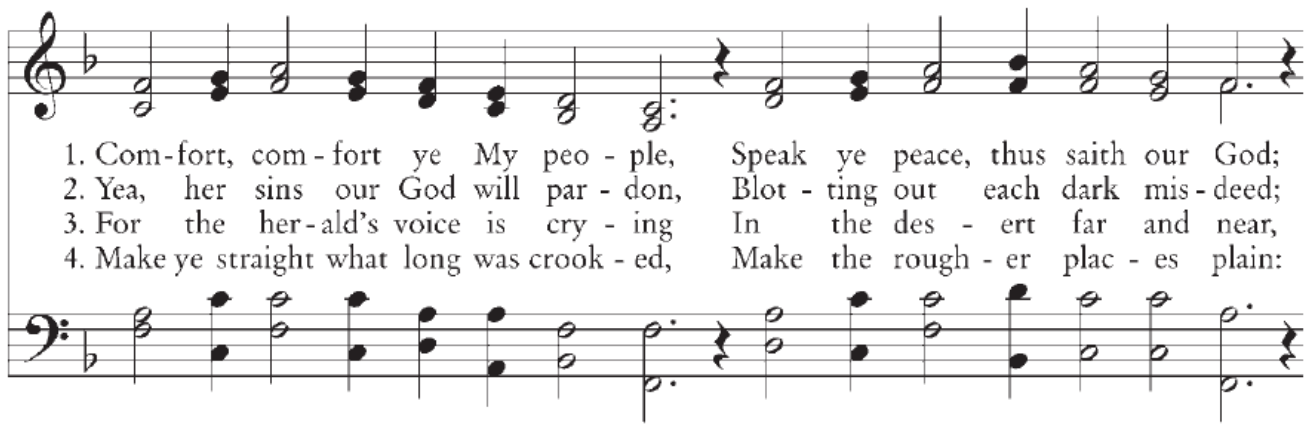
LET us pray: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
***Amen**

Benediction written by N.T. Wright

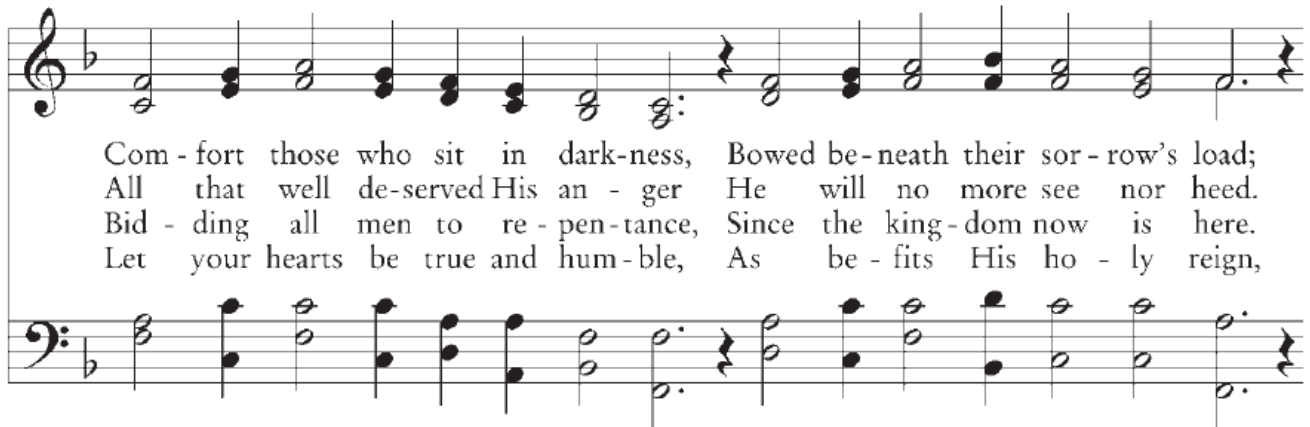
NOW: May Almighty God make you faithful to his calling, joyful in his service, and fruitful for his kingdom. And the blessing of God Almighty — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — be upon you and through you with all those to whom He sends you, now and always. Amen. ***Amen**

DOXOLOGY (TUNE OLD ONE HUNDREDTH)

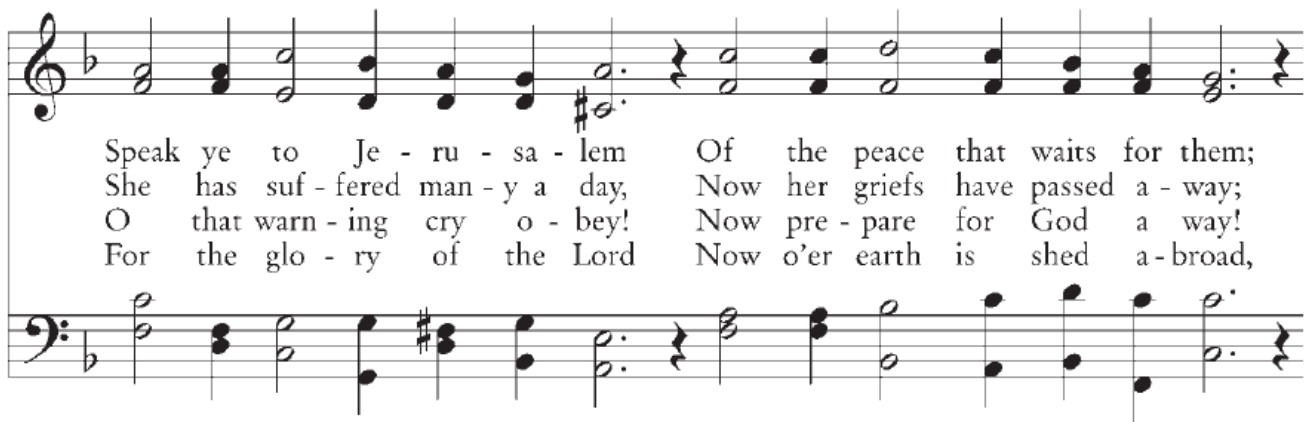
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen**



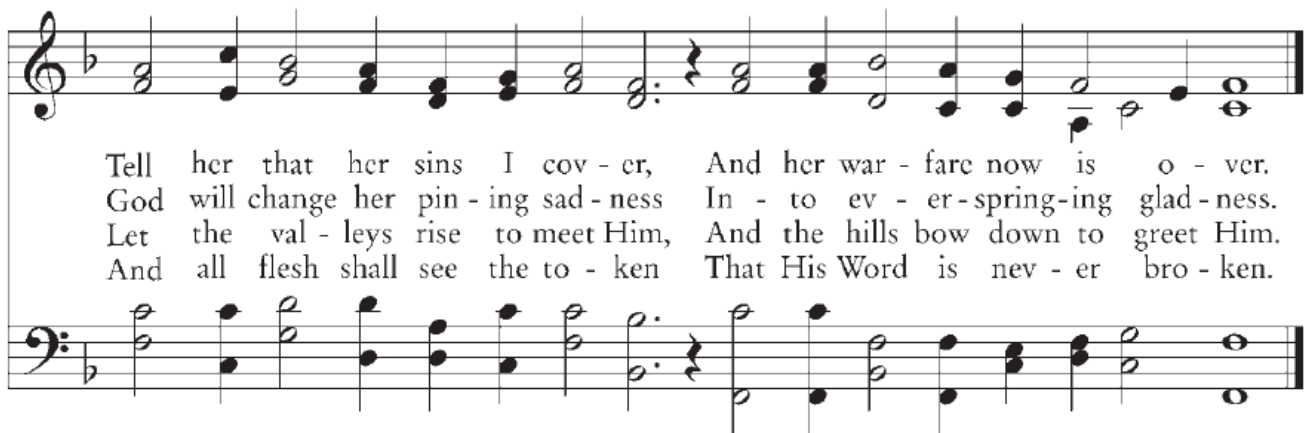
1. Com-fort, com-fort ye My peo-ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par-don, Blot-ting out each dark mis-deed;
 3. For the her-ald's voice is cry-ing In the des-ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough-er plac-es plain:



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Bowed be-neath their sor-row's load;
 All that well de-served His an-ger He will no more see nor heed.
 Bid-ding all men to re-pen-tance, Since the king-dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-fits His ho-ly reign,



Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 She has suf-fered man-y a day, Now her griefs have passed a-way;
 O that warn-ing cry o-bey! Now pre-pare for God a way!
 For the glo-ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a-broad,



Tell her that her sins I cov-er, And her war-fare now is o-ver.
 God will change her pin-ing sad-ness In-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.
 Let the val-leys rise to meet Him, And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 And all flesh shall see the to-ken That His Word is nev-er bro-ken.



ALL SAINTS REFORMED

Welcome to All Saints Reformed Church -

Founded in 1994, All Saints Reformed desires to grow in love and to reach out in love because we worship the loving God of the Bible - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to renew our relationship with Him and one another in the Biblical pattern of historic Christian liturgy. In this we affirm God's promises to us and our children and are commissioned to live Christ-centered lives in the world.



Church Calendar

Second Sunday in Advent – Dec 7

Third Sunday in Advent Gaudete Sun– Dec 14

Fourth Sunday in Advent – Dec 21

Christmas Eve – Dec 24

Christmas Day – Dec 25

12 Days of Christmas begin on the Eve of Dec 24th

St. Stephen, First Martyr 2nd Day Christmas - Of Dec 26

St John Apostle & Evangelist 3rd Day of Christmas – Dec 27

The Innocents' Day (Childermas) 4th Day of Christmas – Dec 28 (Remember the laughter of the Children in Bethlehem by King Herod)

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

~ Habakkuk 2:14