

# CHURCH of the HOLY NATIVITY CLARENDON HILLS



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# HOLY EUCHARIST

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WITH THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. NICHOLAS

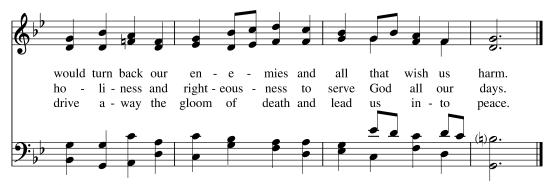
December 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

# **ENTRANCE RITE**

#### **PRELUDE**

At the ringing of the bell, **STAND** as able as the ministers enter during the hymn.



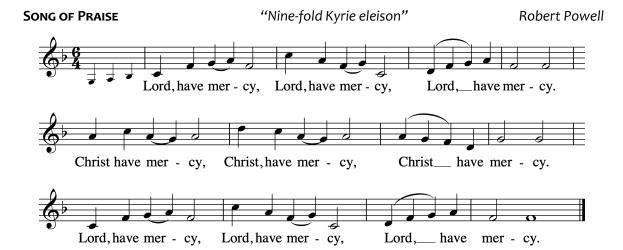


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**OPENING ACCLAMATION** EOW1 50

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your love you gave your servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea: Grant, we pray, that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Please be **SEATED**.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

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; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Give the King your justice, O | God, and your righteousness to the King's | Son; That he may rule your people | righteously and the poor with | justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the | people, and the little hills bring | righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the | people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the op | pressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon en | dure, from one generation to an | other.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown | field, like showers that water the | earth.

# (last part of chant)

In his time shall the righteous | **flourish**; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no | **more.** 

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of | Israel,
who alone does wondrous | deeds!
And blessed be his glorious Name for | ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. A | men.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 15:4-13

Lector A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,

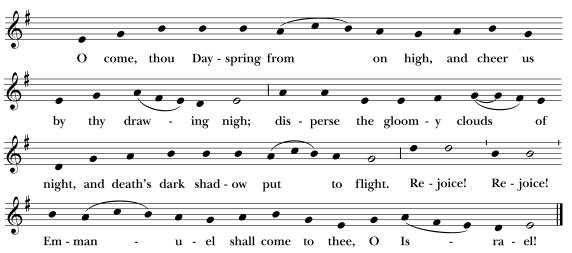
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All **STAND** as able.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

#### VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

During the hymn, children are invited to bring gifts to St. Nicholas to lay at the altar.



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**THE NICENE CREED**Said by all.
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We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon As we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for

the needs of the church and the world.

Intercessor O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from

beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your

church, remembering especially Sean our presiding bishop, Paula our

diocesan bishop, Brad our priest, Sandy and Rose our deacons. Kim and Susan our wardens, our vestry, and our staff. Be present in ordering the life of this and

every congregation.

People Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Intercessor O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to

Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law.

Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

People Come and redeem us for our life together.

Intercessor O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut

their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths

of peace and goodwill.

People Come save us and do not delay.

Intercessor O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut,

you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the unhoused, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty,

bigotry, and injustice.

People Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.

Intercessor O King of the Nations, you are the cornerstone that makes us one; the one who

holds us and shapes us. We lift up those who are especially in need of your healing grace: Elizabeth & Matthew; R and J; Kris; Maria Luz & Eusebio (Acabel);

Shain (Barry); Betsy (Bennett); Judy (Brackett); Diane (Brodzinski); Gloria

(Brown); Pam (Cianci); Zeke (Colman); Gloria (Domrose); Jim (Fitzpatrick); Rhyn

(Gabriel); Evan (Georgi); Liz (Giacomelli); Payton (Hagstrom); Tim (Hoffert);

Terry (Johnson); Sharon (Kingery); Gordon (Leipold); Elsie (Mann); Luis

(Mendoza); David (Munneke); Gilbert (Orejudos); Temple (Parker); Yetunde

Grace (Peters); Fola & Yinka (Phillips); Marsha (Poppie); Eduardo, Milagros,

Clemente, & "Tia" Maria (Rivera); Frank (Romans); Charlotte (Sladek); Rachel

(Snavely); Marianne & Peter (Thompson); Charlotte (Towery); Nancy (Vincent);

Margie & Jeff (Wilson); John & Joyce (Yurko) and those we now name aloud or

in the silence of our hearts...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

People Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

Intercessor O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your

light on those who have died; remember especially those we now name...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

Bring comfort to all those who mourn.

People Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect. The people responding **Amen.** 

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## Silence may be kept.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,

word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord, be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are **SEATED**.

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people are then **SEATED.** 

THE OFFERTORY

"O Come, Messiah King"

Lloyd Larson

During the Offertory, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and the Deacon prepares the table.

#### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Lift Up Your Hearts #934

The people **STAND** for the Hymn as the Offering is presented.



Lift Up Your Hearts 934 Words: Hentry F. Lyte, 1834, alt., P.D. Music (DIX 7.7.7.7.7.): Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

# Eucharistic Prayer B

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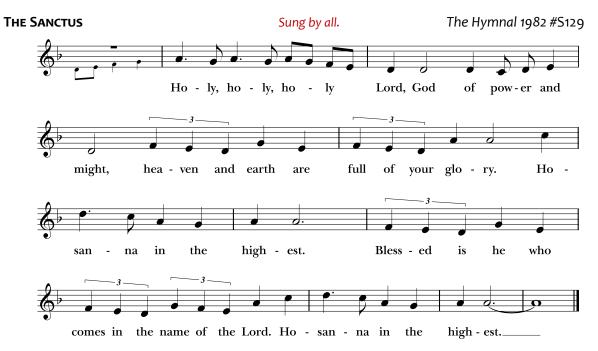


#### The celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator of heaven and earth.

## [Here is proper Preface is sung or said]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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#### The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

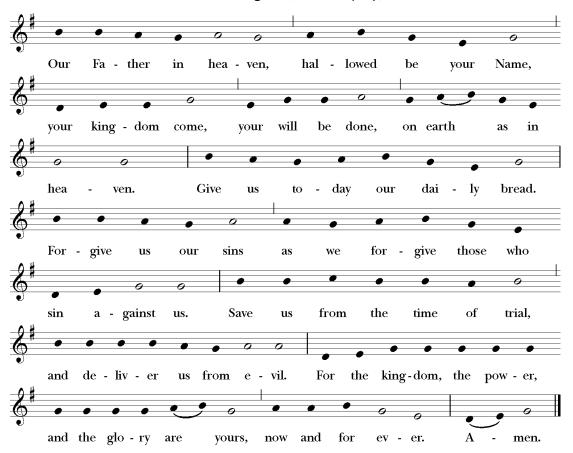
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

## Sung by all.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



#### THE FRACTION

We observe a moment of holy silence as the Celebrant breaks the bread.



## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Children can now be picked up from the nursery for Communion.

# **About Receiving Communion**

All who seek God and are drawn by Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Follow the instructions of the clergy and/or ushers.

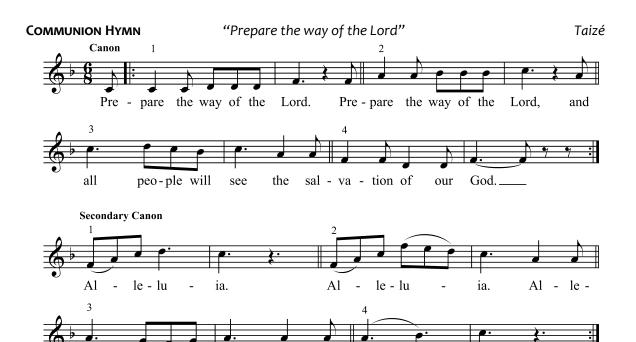
If for any reason, you do not wish to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward.

Please cross your arms over your chest for a prayer of blessing to be said over you.

Please inform the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.



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## THE SENDING FORTH OF HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS

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The Home Communion Ministers come forward at this time to receive Bread and Wine consecrated at today's Eucharist to share with people sick or homebound. All **STAND** as able.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts,

that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's

Body and Blood.

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People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

#### THE ADVENT BLESSING

The Priest may bless the people, the people responding **Amen.** 

# HYMN IN PROCESSION [FACING PAGE]

## **DISMISSAL**

The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding

People Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**



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