



CHURCH *of the* HOLY NATIVITY

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Herrel, Edie Mae. *He Puts Roses in My Sky*. 1983. Print.

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 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.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes” The Hymnal 1982 #72

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - oners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the wound - ed
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long! Let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - bled poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1735; based on Isaiah
61:1-2

Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1792; adapt. Samuel
Webbe, 1808



CM
RICHMOND

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

EOW150

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Nine-fold Kyrie eleison”

Robert Powell

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be SEATED.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the
glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful
heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible
recompense. He will come and save you."

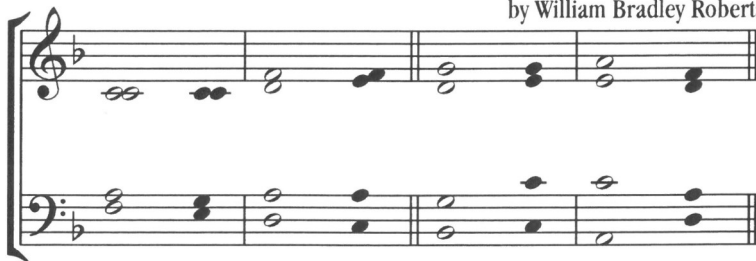
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame
shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break
forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be
there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to
Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Adapted from *Stuttgart*
by William Bradley Roberts



Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their | **help!**
whose hope is in the Lord their | **God;**
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is | **in them;**
who keeps his promise for | **ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are op | **pressed,**
and food to those who | **hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the | **blind;**
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed | **down;**

The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the | **stranger;**
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the | **wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for | **ever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halle | **lujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-10

Lector A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All **STAND** as able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by all.

The Hymnal 1982 #56 (verse 7)

O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”

Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Bradley A. Linboom
Rector

*All **STAND** as able.*

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 (Snavelly); 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.

CONFESSON 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

“E’en so Lord Jesus, quickly come”

Paul Manz

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.*

3 Let the peo-ple praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits af-ford.
Un - to us your bless - ing give; we to you de - vot - ed live,
all be - low and all a-bove, one in joy and light and love.

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

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

THE SANCTUS

Sung by all.

The Hymnal 1982 #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven 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._____

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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.

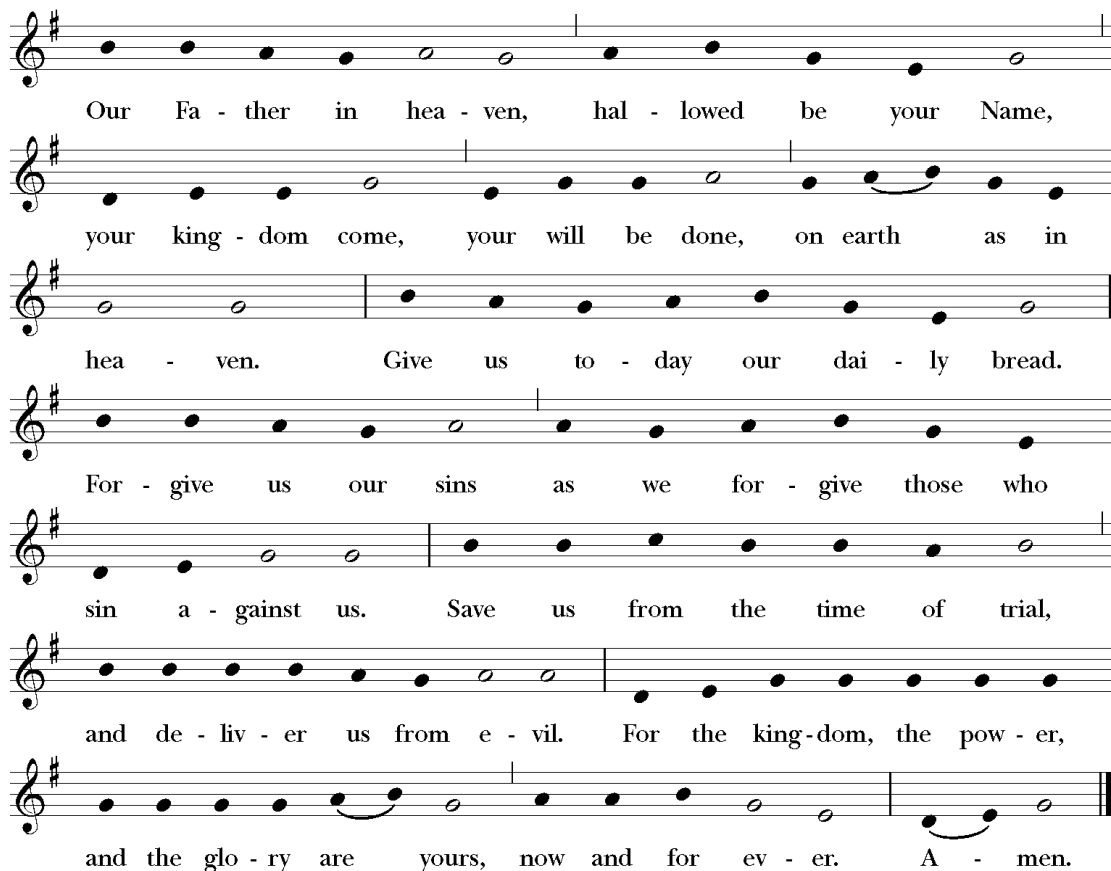
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by all.

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



The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are: Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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

Robert Powell



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.

The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose:

1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
 ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
 tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
 ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice
 and blossom as a rose:
 as the ransomed return to God
 and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
 and blossom as a rose:
 unto Zion we come with joy,
 for our God has come to save us.

Words: Gracia Grindal (b. 1943). Music: *Sterling*, Joy F Patterson (b. 1931).

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 [OVERLEAF]

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal staff with four parts and a piano accompaniment staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating different vocal parts or verses. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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