

# Holy Eucharist

December 1, 2024

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## Advent 1C and A Liturgy of Leave-taking

### Prelude



All stand as they are able

### Opening Hymn

Hymnal 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious  
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,  
hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

*Presider* Blessed † be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**


*The Presider begins the Collect for Purity*

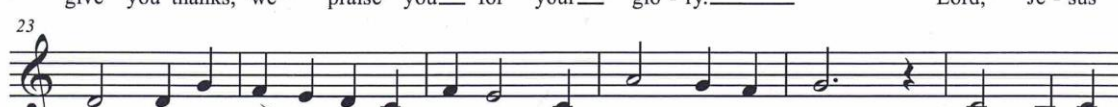
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

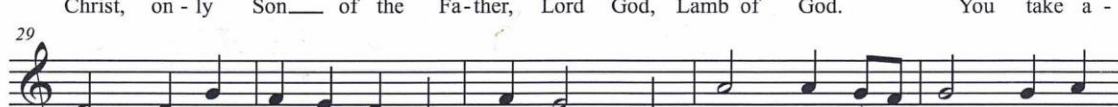
*The following is sung, all standing as they are able*

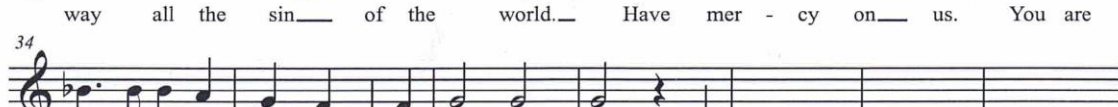
## Glory to God

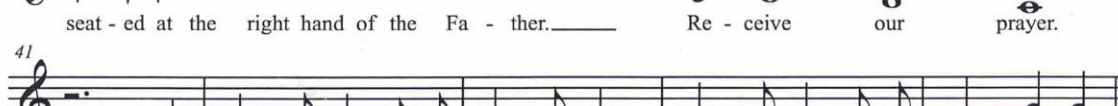
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and  
 8 peace — to God's peo - ple, and peace — to God's peo - ple on — earth. Lord  
 13 God, heaven-ly King, Al - might-y — God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

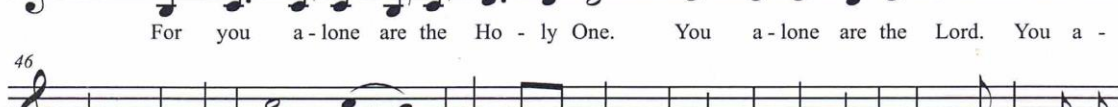
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 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus

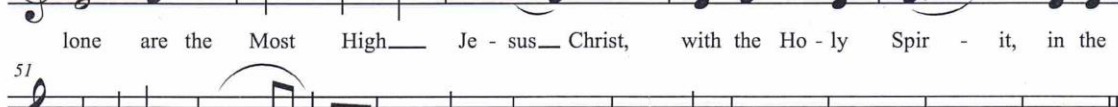
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 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take a -

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 way all the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us. You are

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 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. Re - ceive our prayer.

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 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. You a - lone are the Lord. You a -

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 lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

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 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* 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.**

*All sit.*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch

to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

**Psalm 25:1-9**

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

*to be prayed responsively*

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

*All stand as they are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 660

*O Master, let me walk with thee*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

## Sermon

**Father Bill**

*All then stand as they are able.*

## Nicene Creed

*Presider* Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.  
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],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, our loving and gracious God walks before and beside us into our future. May the Holy One make us agents of healing, teachers of love, and bearers of good news. Make us a blessing to those around us in your name. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Intercessor* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Intercessor* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation. We pray for those who come to our Labyrinth that, as they walk, they may find peace and renewal. May we use creation's resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Intercessor* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for the boundless blessings you give us [especially\_\_\_\_\_]; may we always share them with others as freely as you have given them to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Intercessor* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [especially\_\_\_\_\_]; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Intercessor* We commend to your mercy all who have died [especially\_\_\_\_\_], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; for this we pray. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Presider says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*A Minister then says*

Let us confess our sins to God.



*Silence is kept.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*A Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The People remain seated*

### **Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries**

*In December, we celebrate the birthdays of Cynthia, Mike, Robert, and any others you wish to remember in prayer.*

*Prayer for a Birthday*

*BCP p.830*

O God, our times are in your hand,  
**Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Cynthia, Mike, Robert,..., as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Prayer for an Anniversary*

*BCP p.429*

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon [all couples]. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

## Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The People then are seated.*

## Announcements

## Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.*

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar*

## Offertory Hymn

## Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The people remain standing.*

## Great Thanksgiving

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

Promising God, at Christmas you gave us your presence,  
at Easter you dismantled sin and death,  
and at Pentecost you empowered us  
to bear your image and spread your grace.

In mission, you equip us to go to the four corners of the earth, to rediscover what your Spirit is doing and meet you in the face of the stranger.

In ministry, you share with us the abundance of your love in sacrament and in story, in prayer and in teaching, in reconciliation and in bringing your world home to you.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

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God of po - wer and might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

9  
God of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

12  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! All

15  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -

18  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

24 *molto rit.*  
Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

*The people continue to stand, or kneel, as they are able.*

*The Presider continues*

Fulfilling God, in Jesus' dying and rising, you show us the extent of mission  
and the cost of ministry.

Send your Holy Spirit, that + your people may be filled with love, joy, and peace,  
and that these + gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying,  
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
"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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

Revealing God, as you take bread and wine  
and make them the bearers of your Son's risen life,  
take our flesh and blood and make us channels of your peace.  
Transform your church that it may resemble  
the generosity, joy, and abundance of your Trinity.  
Raise up those whose gifts have been suppressed, neglected, ignored, or rejected.

Renew your people through humble service and prophetic witness,  
that your name may be known in the face of injustice, poverty, and tyranny.

Show your glory through agents of healing and learning,  
and shower your people with your love,  
until the day comes when every eye beholds you,  
full of grace and truth, ever one God, world without end, **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Presider says*

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

These are the Gifts of God.  
**And we are the people of God.**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*When all who desire have received, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **A Liturgy of Leavings**

*The Warden invites Fr. Bill and the congregation to come forward, and invites the congregation to say together...*

*All*        **As you journey onward, we ask forgiveness where we have failed you;  
we give thanks for all you have given us;  
we assure you of our love and prayers.**

*Fr. Bill*    As I leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you;  
                  I give thanks for all that you have given to me;  
                  I assure you of my love and prayers.

*All*        **As you experience the pain of change,  
and the insecurity of moving on,  
we pray that you may also experience the blessing of inner growth.**

*Fr. Bill*        I know that God goes with me.

*All*        **As you meet the poor, the pained, and the stranger on The Way,  
we pray that you may see in each one the face of Christ**

*Fr. Bill*        I know that God goes with me.

*All*        **As you walk through the good times and the bad, we pray that you  
may never lose sight of the shelter of God's loving arms.**

*Fr. Bill*        I know that God goes with me.

*All*        **As you ponder your decisions, and wonder over the fruits of your  
choice, we pray that the peace of Christ may reign in your heart.**

*Fr. Bill*        I know that God goes with me.

*All*        **We give thanks to God for the gifts and talents that God has  
given you, and that you were willing to exercise these gifts  
here. God has blessed us through you.**

*Fr. Bill*        I give thanks to God for the ministry here. God has blessed me through you  
                  and the ministry and gifts of this congregation.

## **Laying on of hands**

*Leader*        Your prayers are now invited, either silent or aloud.

*After the people offer prayer, the Leader closes with this prayer:*

O God, you have bound us together, for a time, to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared.

We thank you for your patience with us, despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures. Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Now, we pray, be with the one who leaves, and with those who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessings

*A priest blesses Fr. Bill, saying*

Almighty God, we thank you for always raising up among us faithful servants for your Church. We thank you especially for the work of Bill among us. Grant that both Bill and we may serve you in the days ahead, always rejoicing in your glory, and coming at length into your heavenly kingdom.

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways. **Amen.**

May God, whose Son has loved us, and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. **Amen.**

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. **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.**

*Fr Bill then blesses the people, saying*

Go into the world, and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness. For there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done, unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken, unless you speak them.

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

## Concluding Hymn

LEVAS 196

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;      What a bless - ed - ness,  
 2. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;      O how bright the path  
 3. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;      I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine,      Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 2. grows from day to day,      Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 3. with my Lord so near,      Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;

Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon*    And now, my siblings in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out with joy and in peace, to love and serve our Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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**Faith in Action** provides leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with “St Barnabas” on the memo line. **The next Food Drive at the church is December 15.** In the spirit of Jesus’ love, please contribute as generously as you can.



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**This week in prayer**

**Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:**

**Our Bishops** Bonnie, Sean, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) **and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

December 1 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:**

December 1 Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills; St Matthew’s, Nizao, DR

**St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer:** Alan, Kitty, Linda, Scott

**and our continuing prayers for:** Jim M, Joan, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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**Upcoming Commemorations**

- December 1 Richard Baxter: Pastor and Writer, 1691
- 2 Channing Moore Williams, Bishop and Missionary, 1910
- 3 Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552
- 4 John of Damascus, Priest and Theologian, c.760
- 5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest and Theologian, c.210
- 6 Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c.342
- 7 Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Theologian, 397

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**Advent 1C December 1, 2024**

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of Journeying the Way of Love. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit <episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove>. There, you'll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

**Sunday, December 1**

**WORSHIP**

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

**Monday, December 2**

**PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 1, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

**Tuesday, December 3**

**TURN**

Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

**Wednesday, December 4**

**BLESS**

Call or write a letter to a family member with whom you would like to have a closer relationship. Make plans in the new year to chat on the phone or meet over Zoom or in person. Let them know how much you love them and look forward to knowing them better.

**Thursday, December 5**

**REST**

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.

**Friday, December 6**

**GO**

Go out into your neighborhood today. Where is God at work? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate that good work and name God's presence in your community.

**Saturday, December 7**

**LEARN**

Read Luke 1:59-80. When Zechariah's speech returns, he praises God. If you lost the power to speak for nine months like Zechariah did, what would be your first word of praise? Share this with your family, friends, and on social media.

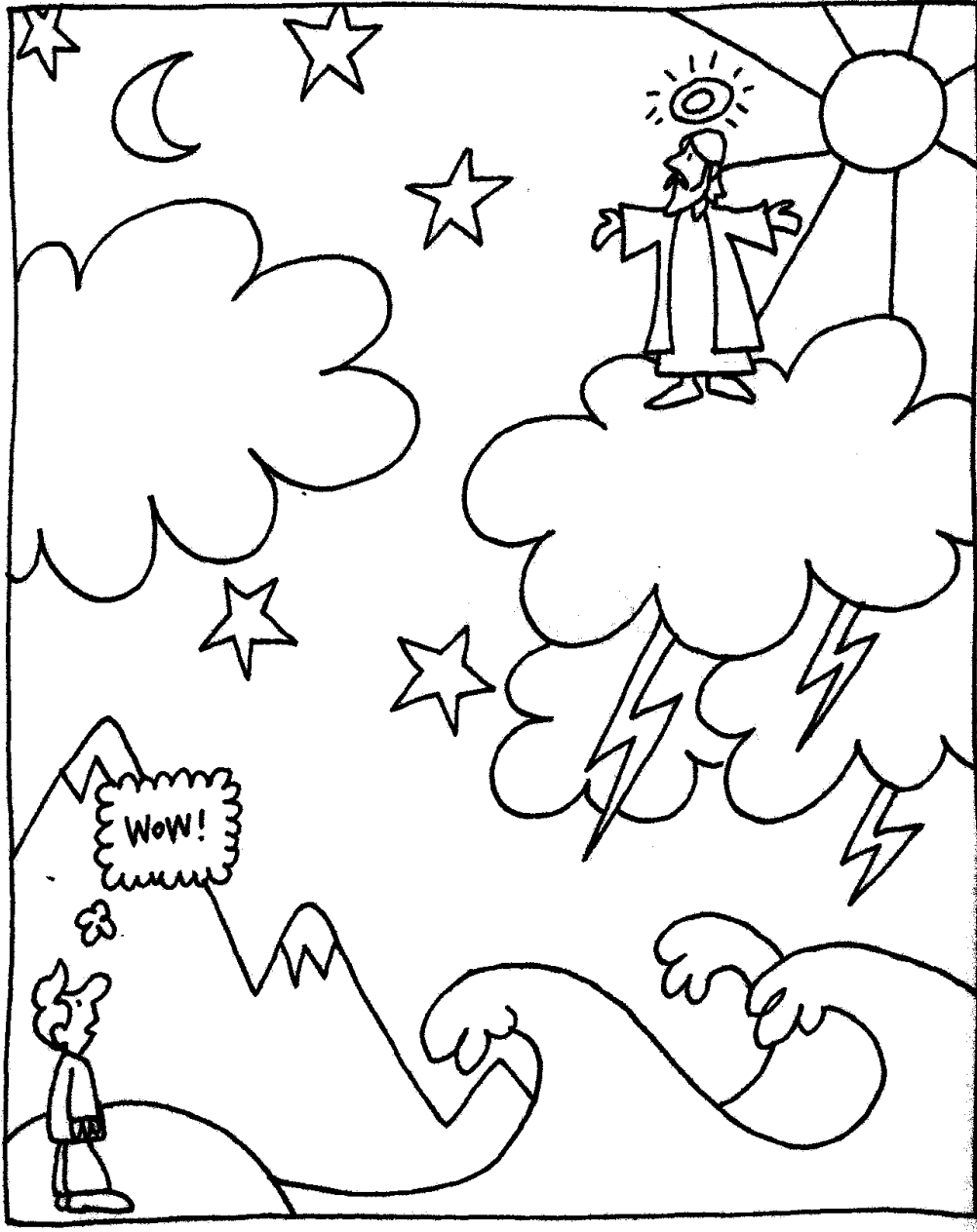
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