

PRELUDE**HYMN*****Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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*Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

**People To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on 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**

Proclamation of the Word**First Reading****Isaiah 2: 1-5**

READ BY DIANE HUBA

Reader: The 1st Reading is taken from the book of *Isaiah, Chapter 2, beginning at verse 1****The Future House of God***

AFTER THE READING Reader:

*The Word of the Lord***ALL: Thanks be to God****Psalms 122****Please See Insert****Anthem****Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus****ST BRIDE'S HANDBELLS**

BY: ROWLAND H PRICHARD; ARR BY SUSAN E. GESCHKE

Gospel Reading**Matthew 24: 36-4**

READ BY BILL KINGSTON

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. *Matthew, Chapter 24, beginning at verse 36****The Necessity for Watchfulness*****People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

AFTER THE READING Reader:

*The Gospel of Christ***ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ****Sermon****CANON STEPHEN PEAKE****The Nicene Creed**

PLEASE STAND

Celebrant

*Let us confess our faith, as we say,***All****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 INTERCESSION**

PLEASE BE SEATED OR KNEEL

LED BY KAREN COLENBRANDER

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sin, confident in God's forgiveness.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,

**All 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 neighbours 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 upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sin,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

THE PEACE*PLEASE STAND*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY HYMN*****Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending***

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

See the day of God appear.
Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY

**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**

COMMUNION - THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord is here!

People His Spirit is with us.

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.

*Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.*

*Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.*

*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.*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (Repeat)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest**

*Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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, Father, according to his command,*

**All we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, 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,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

*In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.*

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.*

**All Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

THE COMMUNION**COMMUNION HYMNS****HYMN*****See Amid the Winter's Snow***

See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Chorus

**Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim. **Chorus**

Say, ye holy shepherds, say
What your joyful news today;

Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep? **Chorus**

"As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing peace on earth
Told us of the Saviour's birth". **Chorus**

Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this. **Chorus**

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy Face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy Sweet humility! **Chorus**

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HYMN***Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face***

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face
Here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
Here would I grasp with firmer hand thy grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but Thine, nor do I need
Another arm save Thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
Thy Blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God!

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HYMN***Jesu, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts***

Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;

we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesu, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright.
Chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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CLOSING DOXOLOGY*PLEASE STAND*

Celebrant Glory to God,

**All Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

HYMN**Through Centuries Long the Prophets of Old**

Through centuries long the prophets of old
in story and song this promise foretold:
a Saviour anointed, a Sovereign supreme,
divinely appointed to rule and redeem.

He comes not in state with sceptre and crown,
with panoply great of rank or renown,
but choosing in weakness, his glory put by,
majestic in meekness, to serve and to die.

He rose from the grave, exalted again,
almighty to save, immortal to reign;
let sorrows be ended and joy be restored
for Christ is ascended, for Jesus is Lord!

Then honour his Name, rejoice at his birth,
his wonders proclaim through all the wide earth!
the child of our story in Bethlehem's stall
is reigning in glory, our God over all.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**SILENT PRAYER**