



ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
HELENA, MONTANA

THE RT. REV. MARTY STEBBINS, BISHOP
THE VERY REV. KENDRA WILDE, DEAN

THE HOLY EUCHARIST THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025
9:00AM AND LIVESTREAMED

WELCOME

Thank you for being here. Whether you've been worshiping at St. Peter's for years or it's your first time, we hope you find richness in offering your prayers and praise with others in this holy space. Whoever you are, wherever you hurt, whatever joys and concerns you bring today, you are welcome at Christ's table and here at St. Peter's Cathedral.

After worship, please join us downstairs for snacks at "Celebration Sunday." This week we honor our Search Committee members who labored and discerned faithfully to find us a Dean who fit St. Peter's. We're thankful for work well done! Come and thank them!



We draw our liturgy from a variety of approved resources. Please see endnotes for sources and permissions.

**The People's responses
are printed in boldface.**

Please silence electronic devices.

MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Presider: **The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde, Dean and Rector**

Organ: **John Goodwin**

Acolyte: **Towery Family**

Lectors: **Scott Hibbard & Ruth Ann Massey**

Eucharistic Minister (EM): **Ruth Ann Schuler**

Eucharistic Visitors (EVs): **Lizzie Carlson-Thompson & Maggie Stockwell**

Ushers: **Marsha Baumeister & Cathy Morris**

OPENING HYMN, H-497

How bright appears the morning star

Tune: *Wie schön leuchtet*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

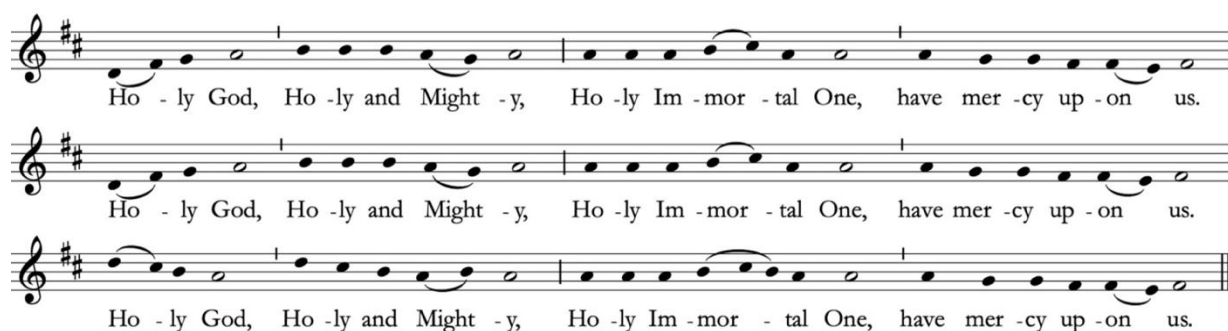
And though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea.

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

HOLY GOD (Trisagion)

New Plainsong



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (*Leader and people alternate by whole verse*)

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.

³ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴ **O Lord God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶ **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, ***
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸ **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

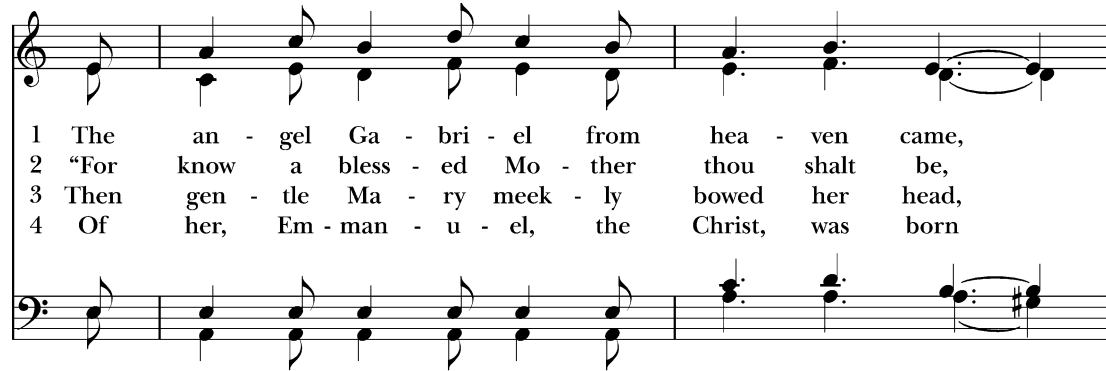
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

The Angel Gabriel to Mary Came

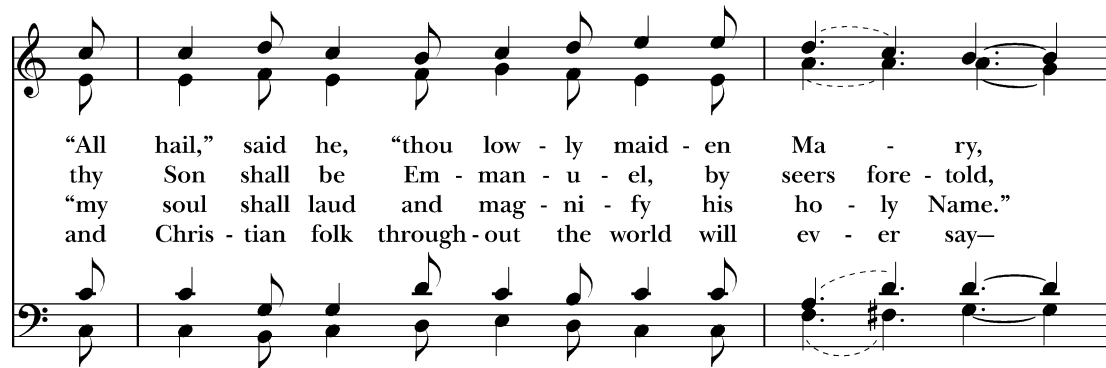
Tune: *Gabriel's message*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

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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 worshiped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the people may offer prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader

I ask your prayers for God's church in the world, wherever love is made manifest; for Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah; Presiding Bishop Sean; Bishop Marty; for Dean Kendra; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for compassion and goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who suffer from poverty, illness, food insecurity, oppression, for those in prison, and for those who care for them. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially_____]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Presider

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your Kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The people may kneel, as able

Prayer Requests

The Church: for the Togendowagan Society, Darcy and Dan, their Elders.

The Government: for Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Congress, especially Tim, Steve, Ryan and Troy. Also, for Kelly, Vickie, and Wilmot, area mayors.

The Community: for the staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of God's Love, Good Samaritan Ministries, Family Promise, Helena Food Share, Friendship Center, Head Start, and YWCA.

Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Kevin, Janet, Sarah, David, Joyce B., Ann grieving the death of her husband, Terry, Charlotte, Jennie, Hannah and family, Oliver; Jim; Peggy; John Board, grieving the death of his wife Mait; for the repose of the souls of Don and Joan Bishop; Jeannie.

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: for David Emineth, Shane Medley, Charles Lewis, Kenneth V Liston, and Parker Jones.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

ABSOLUTION

The People stand

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory sentence

OFFERTORY HYMN, H-67

Comfort, comfort ye, my people

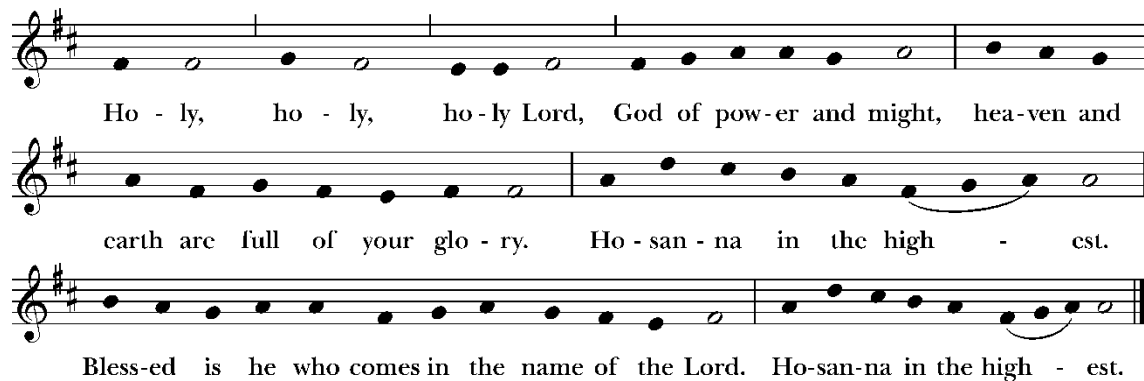
Tune: Psalm 42

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear 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:



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."

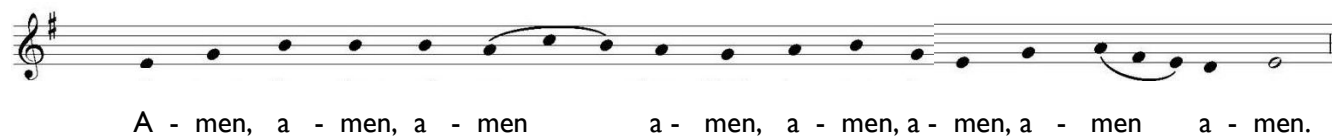
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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 children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *(Sung by all)*



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

<i>Choir</i>	<i>All</i>
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1 Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord: you take a - way the sins ___ of the world,
2 Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins ___ of the world,
3 De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el: you take a - way the sins ___ of the world,

1.2. Have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. grant us ___ peace, grant us ___ peace.

The people may sit before and after receiving communion

The ushers will indicate when to come forward for communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, helping the minister guide the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. ■ You may respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Tell the minister if you require gluten-free elements. ■ In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more. ■

ORGAN INTERLUDE, Improvisation on Simple Gifts

James E. Barrett (1922-2011)

HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Tune: *Veni Emmanuel*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou key of Da - vid come, and o - pen
 3 O come, thou Day - Spring from on high, and cheer us

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 3 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 2 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 3 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

HYMN

Be Still, my soul

Tune: *Finlandia*



1 Be still, my soul! the Lord is by your side; __
 2 Be still, my soul! your God does un - der - take __
 3 Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'n-ing on __

1 bear pa - tient - ly the weight of grief or pain;
 2 to hold the fu - ture as he has the past;
 3 when we shall be for - ev - er with Our Lord,

1 leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide; __
 2 your hope, your con - fi - dence, let no - thing shake; __
 3 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, __



1 in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
2 all now mys - ter - ious shall be bright at last.
3 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



1 Be still, my soul! your best, your heaven - ly friend; __
2 Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know __
3 Be still my soul! when pain and tears are past, __



1 through storm-tossed waves leads to a peace - ful end.
2 his voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
3 all peace and bless - ing be re - stored at last.

On behalf of those participating remotely, the Presider offers a prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The people may stand or kneel, as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send forth Dan, Lizzie, Maggie, and Robin bearing these holy gifts, that John Board and Meredith Anderson may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

THE PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

We thank you, O God, for consecrating the marriage of N. and N. in Christ's Name and presence. Lead them in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity. Strengthen them all their days, and bring them to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Tune: *Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The People are seated for announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

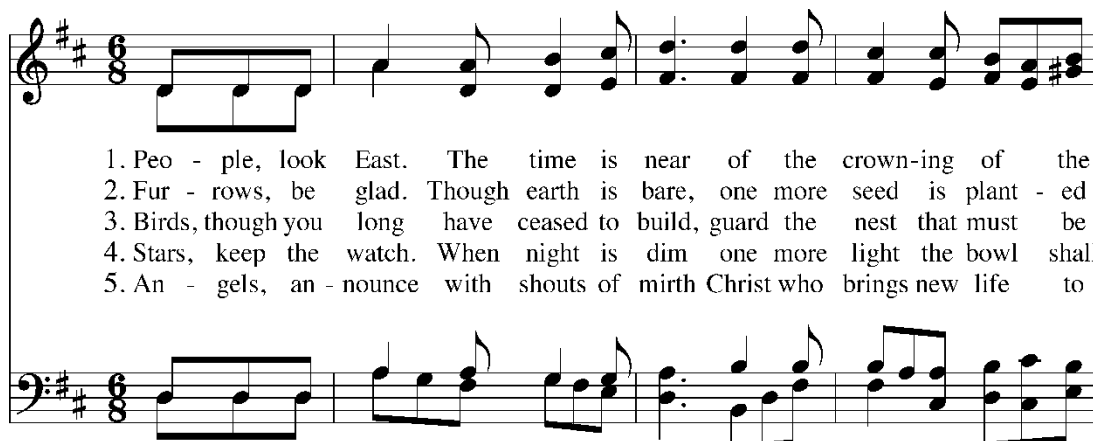
The People stand as able to receive the blessing

THE BLESSING

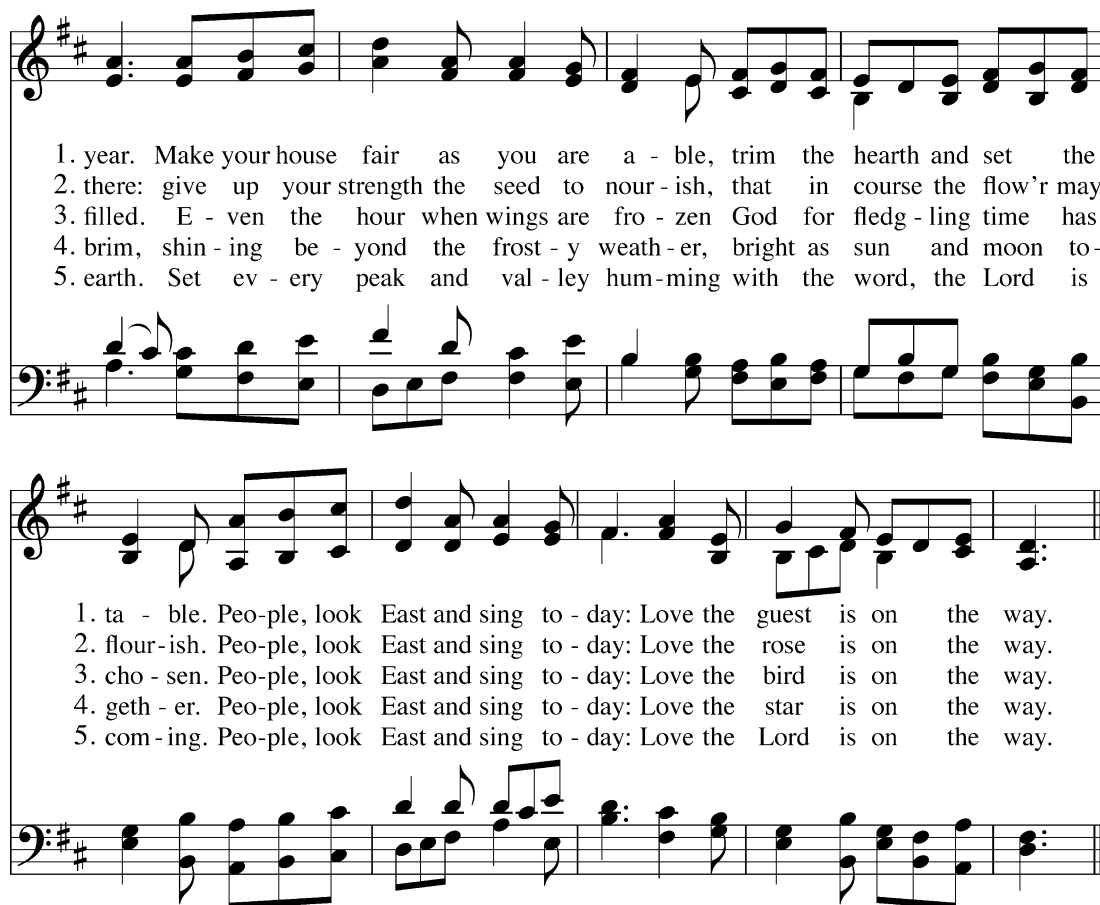
HYMN

People, look east

Tune: *Bensaçon Carol*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE, Lobe den Herren, 6th Movement, *Choral Partita*

Joseph Ahrens (1904-1997)

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Organ: *John Goodwin*

Lectors: *Ann Dooling & Bill Shropshire*

Eucharistic Minister (EM): *TBD*

Eucharistic Visitors (EVs): *Donna Church, Barb Hoag & Manny Hoag*

Ushers: *Mark Kelly & Grace Berger*

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An Advent reflection

Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 you discern my thoughts from far away.
 3 You search out my path and my lying down
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
 O LORD, you know it completely.
 5 You hem me in, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain it.
 7 Where can I go from your Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from your presence?
 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
 if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
 9 If I take the wings of the morning
 and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
 10 even there your hand shall lead me,
 and your right hand shall hold me fast.

This is one of my favorite psalms. I love that no matter where we are in our lives, God is there too. Geographically, we know this to be true—whether in space or on earth, anywhere we find ourselves, God is surely there. But how about in our journeys through life? Through doubt or illness? Through financial fear or loss of a relationship? As we face an uncertain future? God reminds us that He is there too—we don't know what the wings of the morning will bring, but we can rest in the assurance that whatever it brings, God's hand will lead us and hold us fast.

In this season of Advent as Christmas is drawing near, Mary, Jesus' mother, comes to mind. What was it like for her riding on a donkey to Bethlehem while being very pregnant? She would have known this psalm too. I wondered if it gave her comfort to think of God holding her, a young woman about to have a baby in a strange place. Her journey was part of God's incredible plan of salvation and redemption. Did Mary know how her life would unfold and how she would be knit into God's plan? Sometimes our lives feel unknown, or maybe out of control. We don't know the road ahead. But, we always have the assurance of God with us wherever we are, whether our journey is in the heart, or on the road. God is with us and his right hand holds us fast.

Happenings for St. Peter's Cathedral

for the week of December 21st

Calendar

Location Legend: UC: Undercroft, WH: Wilson Hall
SPC: St. Peter's Nave, V: Virtual

Sunday, Dec 21

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)
9:00 Holy Eucharist (SPC)
9:00 Sunday School (WH)
10:00 Fellowship (UC)
10:15 Celebration Sunday (UC)

Monday, Dec 22

8:30 Morning Prayer (V)
10:15 Lectionary Study Group (WH)
6:00 Gamblers Anonymous (WH)

Tuesday, Dec 23

7:00 Men's Fellowship (V)
8:30 Morning Prayer (V)
9:30 Altar Guild, Change from Advent to Christmas (SPC)
12:05 Holy Eucharist (DH)
6:30 Women's AA Group (G)

Wednesday, Dec 24

8:30 Morning Prayer (V)
12:00 Happenings Submission Deadline
4:00 Christmas Eve Family Service
8:30 Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, Dec 25

8:30 Morning Prayer (V)
9:00 Christmas Day Eucharist (SPC)

Friday, Dec 26

8:30 Morning Prayer (V)

Saturday, Dec 27

8:30 Morning Prayer (V)

Sunday, Dec 28

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)
9:00 Holy Eucharist (SPC)
9:00 Sunday School (WH)
10:00 Fellowship (UC)

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of John and Rosemary Gravely and Jeanne Graveley-McElroy, beloved parents and sister, from Carol Dagenais.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Thomas Morrow Dec 21
Jessie Fox Dec 21
Manny Hoag Dec 23
Jillian Diveley Dec 27
Mick & Heidi Blossom Dec 27
Aub & Janet Kirkland Dec 27
Robin & Sarah McHugh Dec 27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cathedral office will be closed December 24-28.

Touchmark residents: if you would like a ride to the Cathedral to attend a Christmas Eve service, please contact Dean Kendra at 406-465-8590.

Thank you to the Musikanten singers, the ECW, Kerry Krebill for an excellent Advent Lessons and Carols

Dean Kendra will be participating in the Longest Night Memorial service on Sunday, December 21 at 4:30 in Women's Park off Fuller Ave. This is a community service to honor those who have died this year due to homelessness.

Dean Kendra will be out of town from Dec 26–30. Emergency Pastoral Care coverage will be handled by Mother Robin on December 26–27 and Father Steve for December 28–30.

The deadline for the January Cathedral Times is December 22. Thank you for getting your articles to us on time during this especially busy season!

Mark your calendar now for **worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:**

December 24, Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm – Holy Eucharist with Piano & Christmas Pageant

5:30 pm– Togendowagan Spirit Society

8:30 pm– Holy Eucharist with Choir, Brass & Candlelight

December 25, Christmas Day:

9:00 am – Holy Eucharist with Organ & Carols

John Goodwin will be offering the **Silvesterabend organ recital on New Year's Eve** in memory of Joe Munzenrider, at 8:00pm, who began this tradition.

Prayer Requests

The Church: for Sarah, our Archbishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for Kendra, our Dean; for the Togendowagan Society, Darcy and Dan, their Elders; and for St. Paul's, Hamilton's, Gretchen Strohmaier, Rector, and Deacons Paul Nelson & Alana Cruse.

The Government: for Donald, our President; for Greg, our Governor; for Congress, especially Tim, Steve, Ryan and Troy. Also, for Kelly, Vickie, and Wilmot, our area mayors.

The Community: for the staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of God's Love, Good Samaritan Ministries, Family Promise, Helena Food Share, Friendship Center, Head Start, and YWCA.

Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Kevin, Janet, Sarah, David, Joyce B., Ann grieving the death of her husband, Terry, Charlotte, Jennie, Hannah, Oliver, Kathy J., Steve, Stephanie, and The Rev. John Board, grieving the loss of his wife Mait, Jim, Jeannie.

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: for David Emineth, Shane Medley, Charles Lewis, Kenneth V Liston, and Parker Jones.