The First Sunday of Advent



The Episcopal Church in Garrett County
worshipping at St. Matthews's Episcopal Church
the episcopal diocese of maryland
10 A.M. ◊ November 29, 2026

St. Matthew's and St. John's
Episcopal Churches
Christmas Poinsettia
Memorial Flowers

Please indicate below the number of plants you would like to order and the names of those family members and loved ones in whose memory they will be placed and return it to the church with your payment no later than Monday, December 14th

Ordering _____ Plants @ $13.00 each.

In Memory Of:

Given By:
(as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)

The Liturgy of the Word

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.
Before the service, speak to the Lord.
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

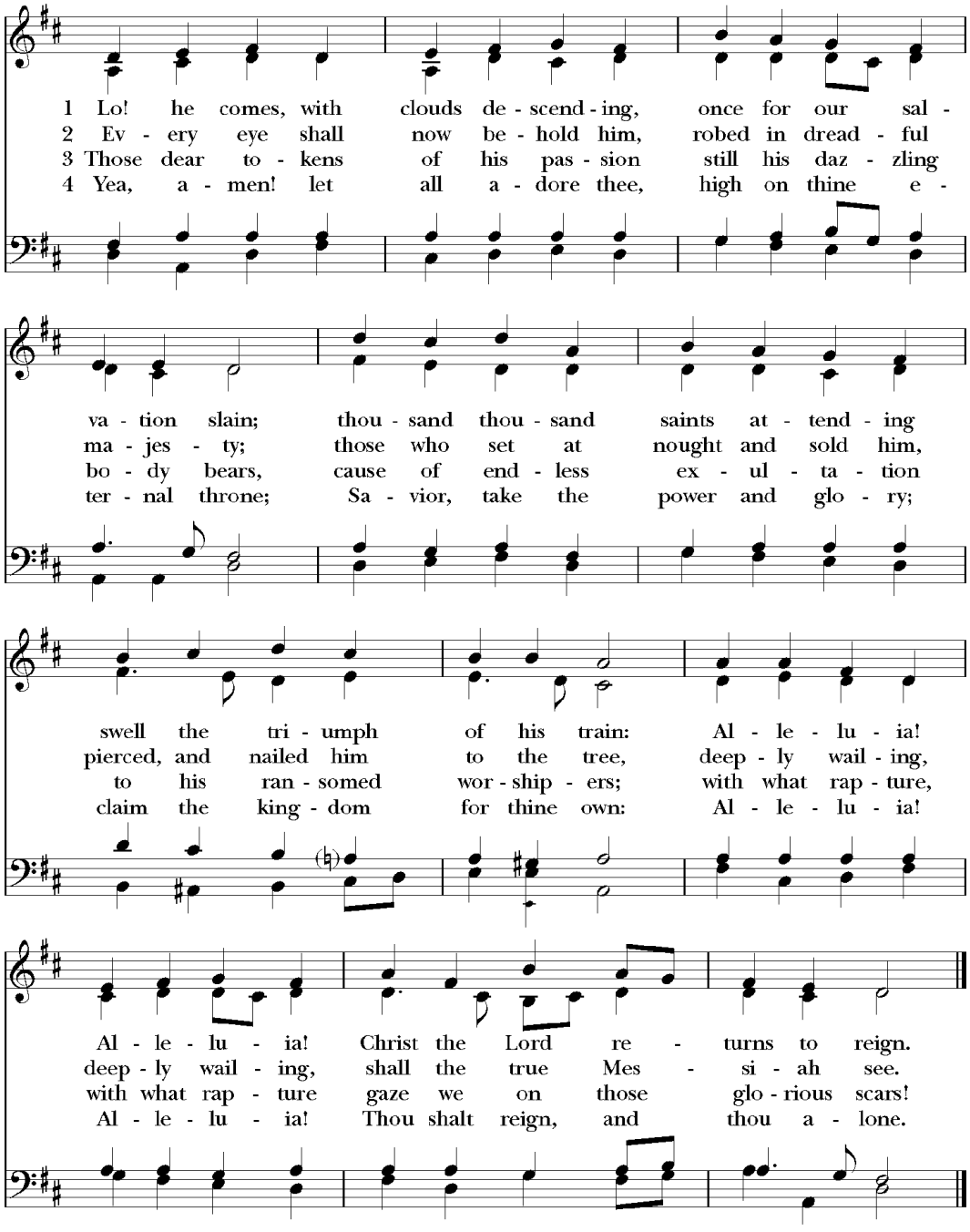
Celebrant The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah 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.'

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant I see you.
People **We are here.**
Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

Hymn 58

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending



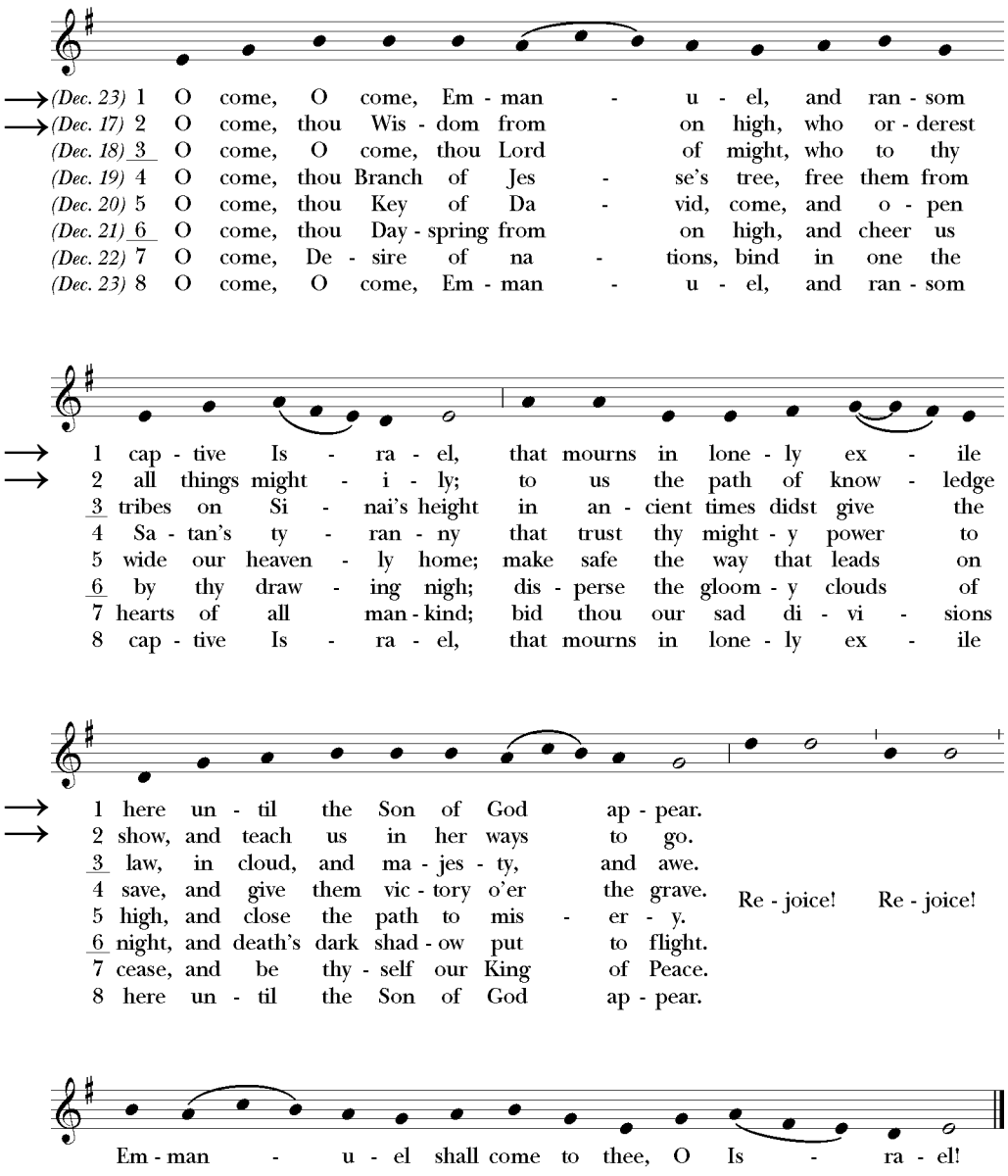
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *St. Thomas,* melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

Opening Prayer

Celebrant Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response **We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 56 (vs 1 & 2) *O come, O come, Emmanuel*



The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson: **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

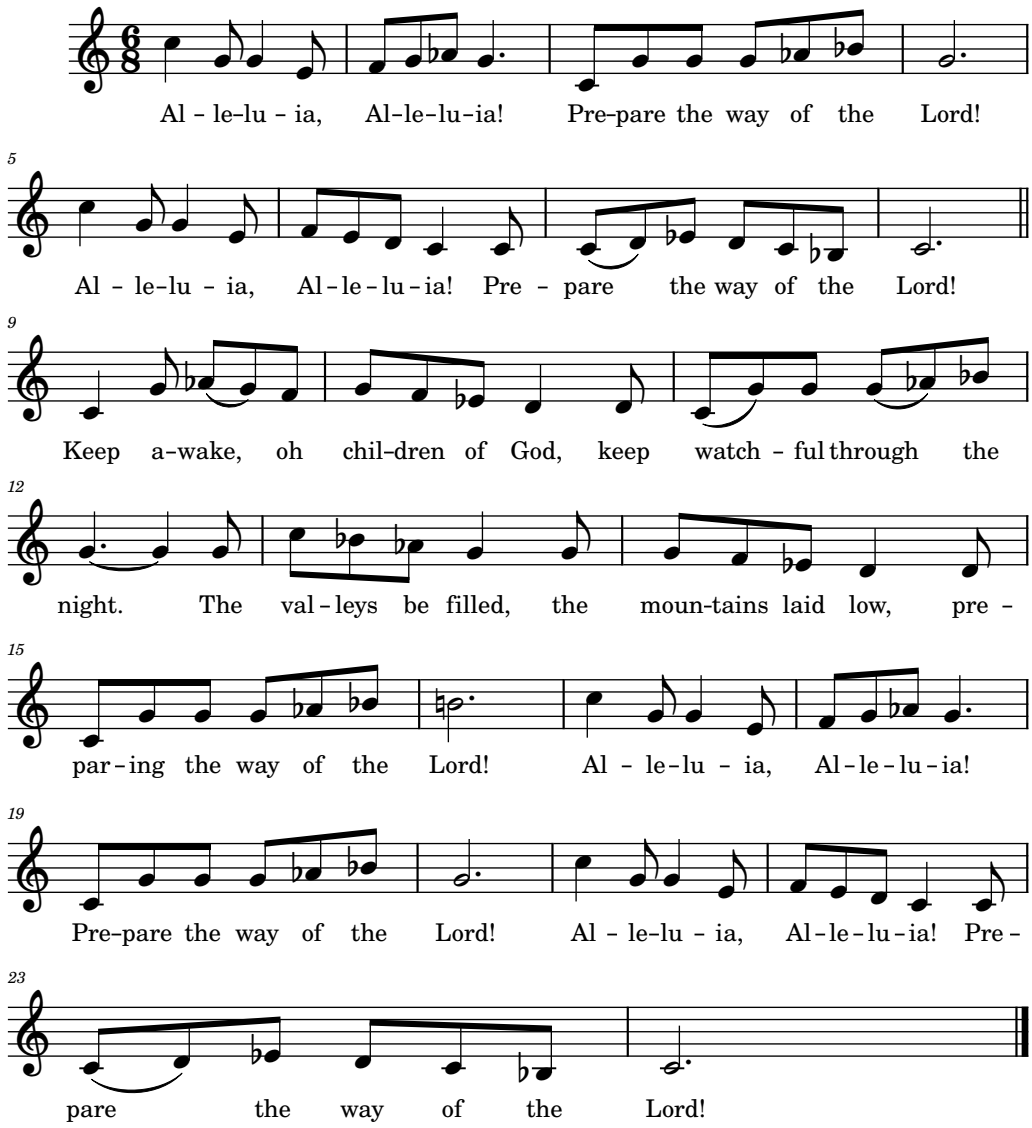
The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Advent- Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder



All standing,

THE GOSPEL: **MARK 13:24-37**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

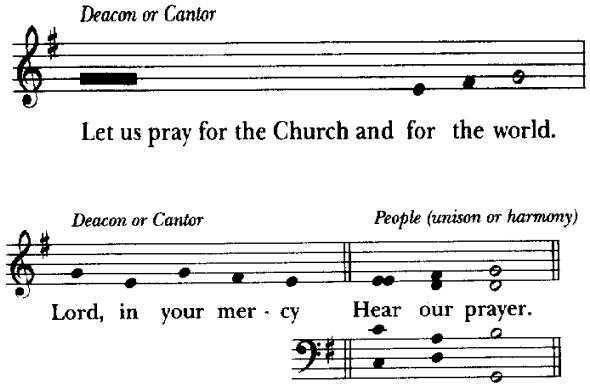
The Sermon **The Rev. Dr. John P. Reardon**

All stand for

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: 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.

The Prayers of the People



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.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

Parish Life

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing

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 Lift up your hearts.

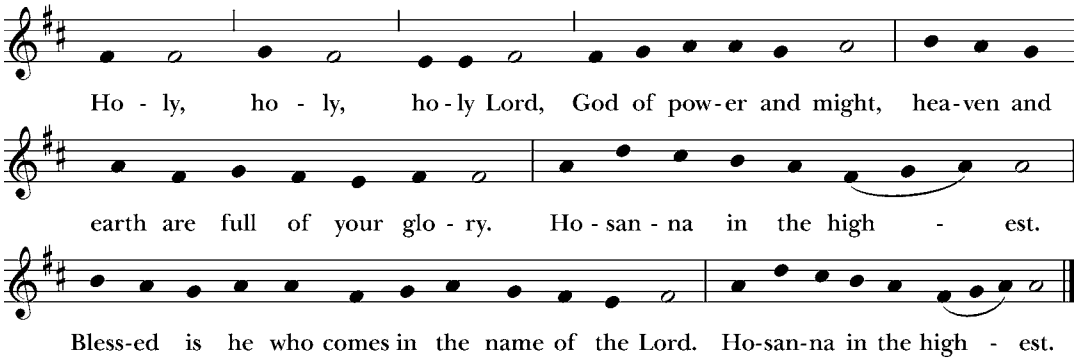
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

Hymn S-124 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*



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On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

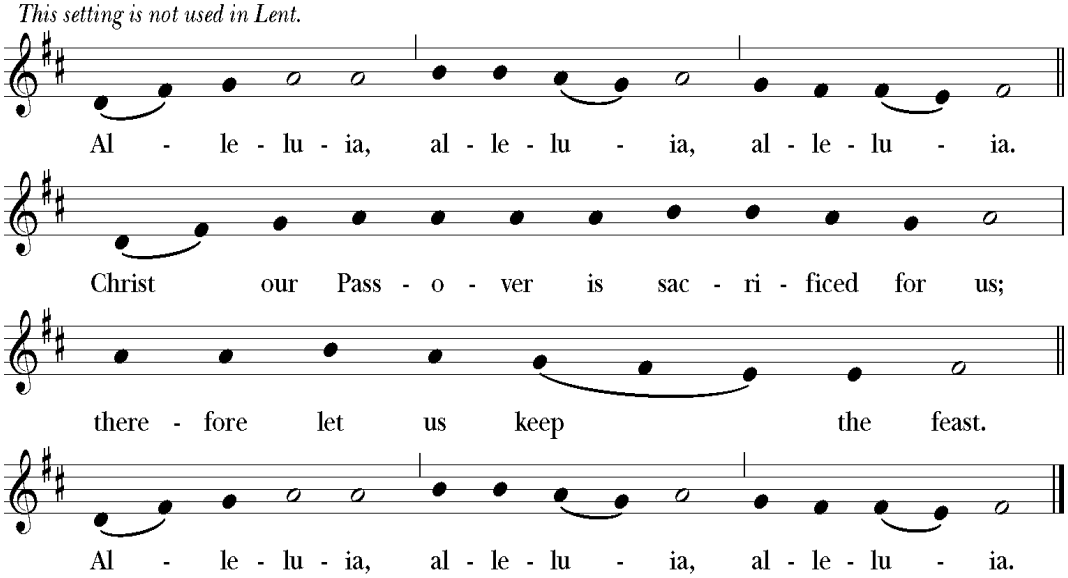
The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People **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 S-154 *Christ our Passover*

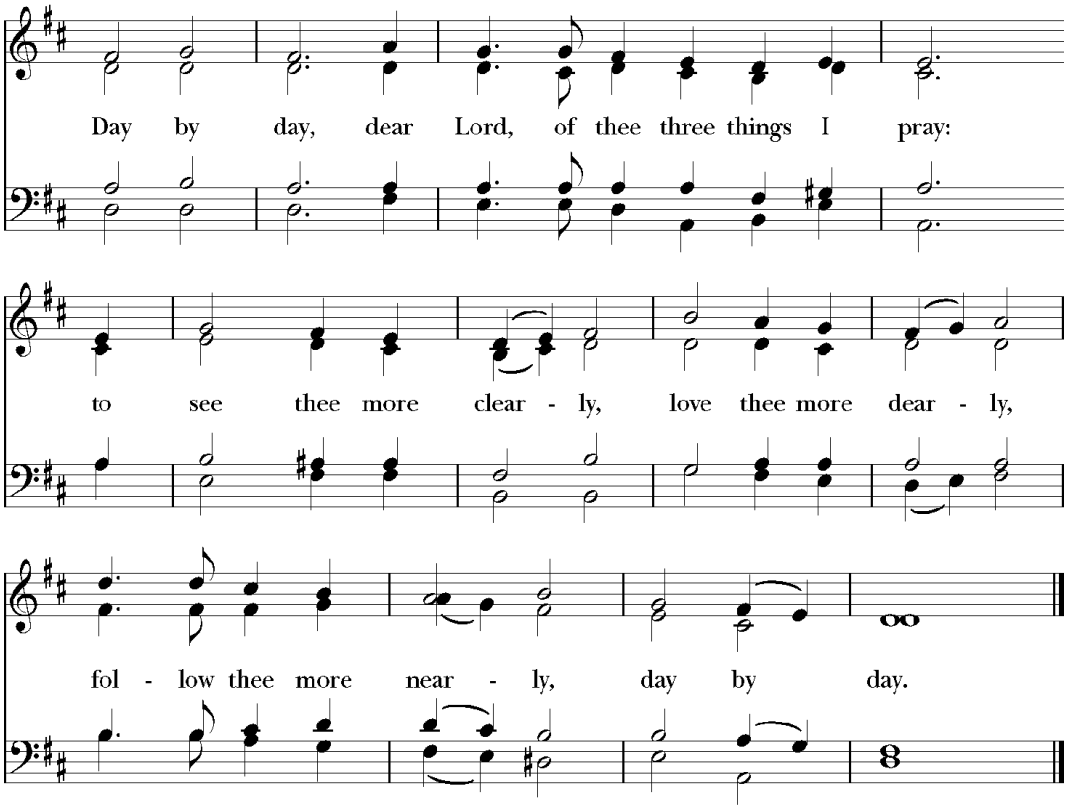
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All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

Post-Communion Hymn 654 *Day by day*



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A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

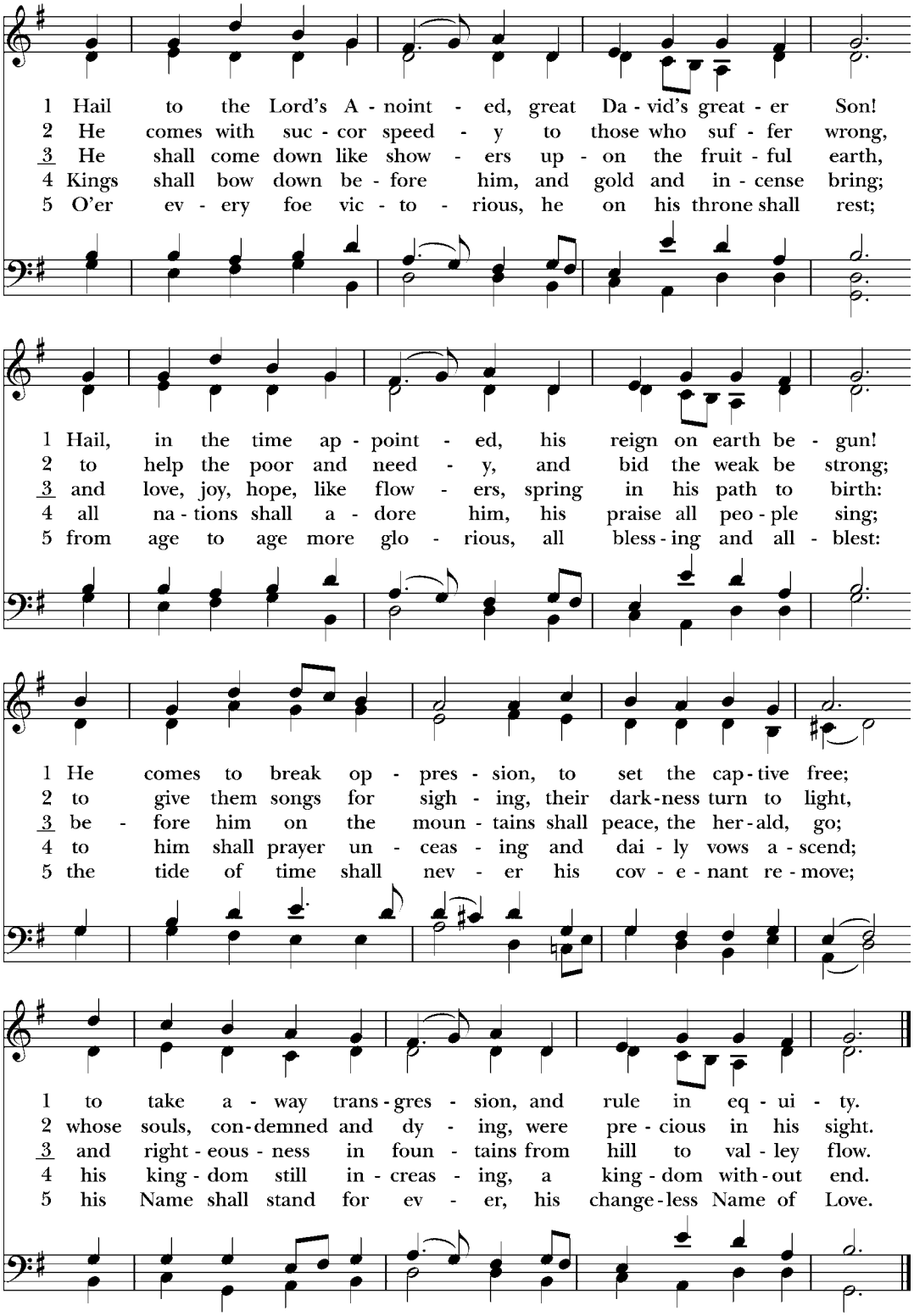
Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Hymn 616

Hail to the Lord's anointed (v. 1-3)



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

The Dismissal

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

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

announcements

house church

House Church meets on **December 2nd** for a special Advent study. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. The tentative schedule can be found in the e-news. The group will again be **Christmas caroling** in Mtn. Lake Park on **December 16th** at 7pm with the after party hosted by Kathie Smith. All are welcome! If you want to join the caroling party but are unable to walk with the group, feel free to head over to Kathie's home between 7pm - 7:30pm. You can sit and chat with her or help her get ready for the after party and enjoy being caroled to when the group arrives at her home! For directions, call Kathie at 301-334-3249.

stephen's table

Our next meal will be served on **Thursday, December 17th from 5-6:30 pm**. If you can volunteer for Stephen's Table in any way, contact **Kip Senholzi** at **kwsenholzi@comcast.net,** or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

christmas decorating

We will be decorating for Christmas after church today, and again at **St. John's** next Sunday, **December 6th**, immediately following the service. **Please bring finger foods or cookies to share!**

christmas eve service

There will be **ONE** Christmas Eve service this year, which will be held at **St. Matthew's** at **7 PM**.

episcopals

There will NOT be an EpiscoPals in December.
EpiscoPals is held once per quarter on the second Sunday of that month immediately after church at St. Matthew's. The next gathering will be held on **January 10th** immediately following the service at St. Matthew's. All in attendance are asked to bring a dish of their choice to share. The schedule for 2027 is **January 10th; April 11th; July 11th; & October 3rd (it will be on the first Sunday in October due to Autumn Glory)**. However, if someone wishes to host an EpiscoPals at their home during any of the other eight months, they are more than welcome to do so! Just let Julie know and she will put out an announcement.

western md. region advent party

Canon Kate Riley, Canon for Youth and Young Adults, will be holding the Western MD Region's Advent party at St. John's in Frostburg on Saturday, **December 5th from 10 am - 2 pm**. This event is for all ages and open to everyone. **We would love to see a Garrett County presence this year!** Feel free to bring a friend or two! There will be fun games, gingerbread cookie baking, and crafts. A lesson on the meaning of Advent will be provided in the worship space. Those in attendance are asked to bring a donation for the local food pantry.

rotary christmas project

Gifts are due in two weeks. We have plenty of tags!
In the back of St. Matthew's, you will find a Christmas tree decorated with tags that have descriptions of gifts for a child in need. Please consider supporting this worthy project by taking a tag or two, purchasing a gift, and returning it to the tree, **unwrapped and with the tag attached**, by **Sunday December 6th**. You may also bring the gifts to St. John's with you on Sunday the 6th or bring them to Julie in her office.

nearly new

The store is always looking for volunteers. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries. The store is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10AM - 2PM, and during Stephen's Table each month from 5pm - 6:30pm. If your teen needs to earn service learning hours, they can do so through volunteering at the store. (Anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent or other adult with them throughout their shift.) If you are interested in lending a hand, you can show up when we are open, or you can:
Send an email to **nearlynewcrew@gmail.com**, or
Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at **kathyzimmer24@gmail.com**, or
Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at **mhffisher@comcast.net**, or
Contact **Julie Hartman** in her office at **301-334-2510 ext. 3** or by email at: **ecgcadmin@gmail.com**

ministers of today's service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. John P. Reardon
Reader:	Kathie Smith
Reader of Prayers & Chalicist:	Linda Eisenhart
Coffee Hosts:	

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or email your request to: **julie@episcopalgarrett.org**

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Nancy Ihloff; Sylvia Pritts; Bernie Ferguson; Michael Marine; Mary Ely; Smith Lantz; Sarah Reed; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Jen Virts; Amy Harmon; Kim Lovett & Family; Mary Ann Kunst; Michael Null; Margaret Russ; Ron Skidmore; Frances Carr; Jack Skeen; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; The Manning Family; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Arwana Schoemer; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; Frances Sharpless; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(*Silence*)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Good Shepherd, Towson; Grace Memorial, Darlington; Holy Comforter, Lutherville.

We also pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Hong Kong Anglican Church (Episcopal).

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, addiction, and economic and environmental injustice.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Linda Ludwig Baker; Diane Burns; Lexie Byrne; Betty Jane Cook; Laurie Cornett; Carolyn Germain; Larry Glatt; Regina Ray; Stephanie Hawtof & Kevin Rissell; Kolby Hefner; Dan Jonson; Madeline Meister; Elon O'Connor; Brenda Rathgeb; Kat & Matt Rayner; Kip Senholzi; and Gavin Tasker.

also

Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery are upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at episcopalgarrett.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the livestream at 10 a.m. on our YouTube channel.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list announcing the change.

upcoming church schedule

December 6th	Decorating	St. John's
December 13th		St. Matthew's
December 20th		St. John's
December 24th	7 pm	St. Matthew's
December 27th		St. Matthew's

Sunday, Nov. 29th - St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School upstairs in the parish hall
Coffee hour and **Christmas Decorating** immediately following the service

Thursday, Dec. 3rd - St. Matthew's

7:30 am Morning Prayer with Reserved Sacrament

Sunday, December 6th - St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs
Coffee hour and **Christmas Decorating** immediately following the service

sunday 10 am schedule

November 29th	St. Matthew's
December 6th	St. John's
December 13th	St. Matthew's
December 20th	St. John's
December 27th	St. Matthew's

1st and 3rd Sunday at St. John's
10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs

2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday at St. Matthew's
10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

Wednesday
10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open
11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

Thursday
7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II, St. Matthew's

Friday & Saturday
10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

every month

second Sunday (no gathering in December)
11 am EpiscoPals (**January 10th**, SM parish hall)

next-to-the-last Thursday
5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (**December 17th**)

monthly (no meeting in December)
6 pm Vestry/Advisory Board meeting - SM

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vestry/advisory board members

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The Garrett County NAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship



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This scholarship honors his efforts by supporting students of color who have graduated from a public high school in Baltimore City or any of the Maryland counties. Originally, the scholarship was established to support only Garrett College students. Beginning with the 2024-25 academic year, we have broadened our applicant base by including students at Allegany College of Maryland.

The CollegeBound Foundation, a Baltimore-based college access non-profit organization, administers our scholarship with no administrative fees. Therefore, 100% of every tax-deductible dollar donated toward the scholarship goes directly to the college to cover the scholarship recipient's expenses. For more information about CollegeBound please visit collegeboundfoundation.org. Since its inception in 2021, the scholarship has provided support to 13 students including two new students coming on board for 2026-27.

Need-based financial assistance and grants cover most Garrett College and ACM tuition and fees, but living costs of $8,000-$10,000 per year are far above what most students can afford. Taking out federal student loans can create unmanageable debt for the student in the future. Therefore, many students rely on scholarships and other financial help to cover room, board, and books. Garrett College students of color also face a myriad of stressors resulting in high drop-out rates. Therefore, Garrett County NAACP wants to promote success among Garrett College and ACM students through financial scholarships. Through our annual fundraising efforts, we hope to continue increasing the number of scholarship recipients as well as the amount of each award. The annual award was increased to $2,000 beginning with the 2024-25 academic year. In addition, as an incentive to students to continue their education, we would like to award an additional $500 to scholarship recipients who return for their next year at Garrett College or ACM. The scholarship is renewable for up to three years. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at scholarship@gcnaacp.org.

Donation options

1. Visit http://gcnaacp.org/scholarship
2. Donate with check payable to CollegeBound Foundation. Include in the memo line "Garrett County NAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship". Mail your check to: CollegeBound Foundation **2507 N. Howard St. Suite 200 Baltimore, MD 21218.**
3. For stock gifts, donor-advised funds or electronic wire transfers, please contact CollegeBound Development Director Courtney Dystant (cdystant@collegeboundfoundation.org or 410-783-2905) for instructions.

Double your gift!

A special Matching Fund has been established with CollegeBound. All donations made to the Garrett County NAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship between November 1st- December 31, 2026 (up to $5,000) will be matched.

For more information about CollegeBound, please visit collegeboundfoundation.org.

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