

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY*

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

HOLY COMMUNION

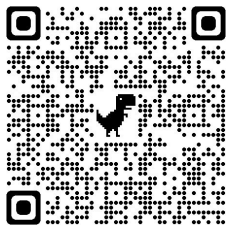
As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we will have two options for partaking. After coming down the center aisle, you can choose one of the two lines. One will have a common cup for intinction (dipping); the other will have individual cups that can be drank from and then placed in the provided empty tray. Please choose whichever line you feel most comfortable with.

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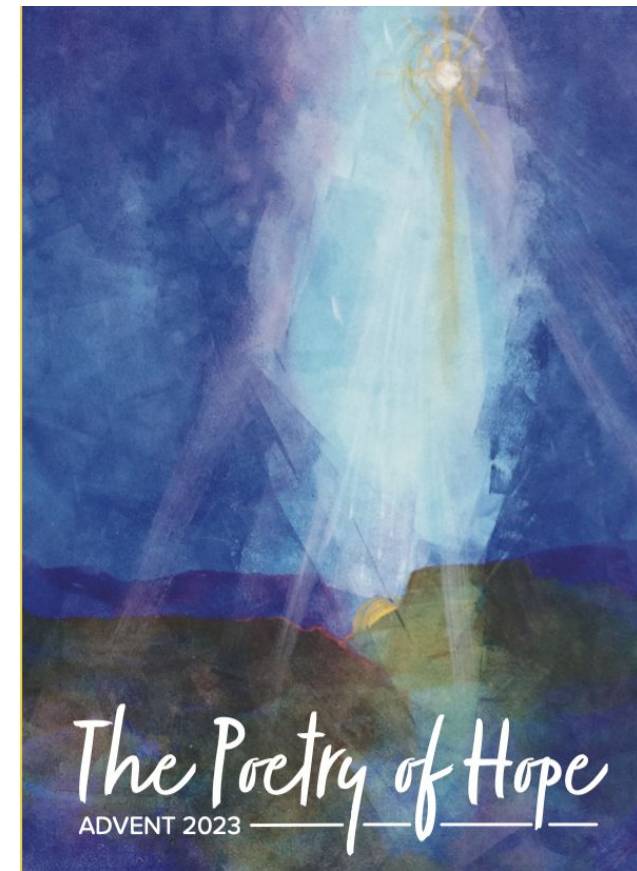
SONG* - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (#127)

*Stand, as you are able

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (*adapted from Moira Laidlaw*)

The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.

Prepare us to meet Emmanuel!

The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.

Prepare us to meet Emmanuel!

The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.

Prepare us to meet Emmanuel!

We come to prepare ourselves for transformation,
for the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see God.

PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

PROCESSION HYMN - We Light a Candle (v. 2 - see insert)

SONG* - Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
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SONG* - Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Long in darkness we have waited,
long in mortal shadows, we
walked in bondage and self-pity,
trod in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets' words he told us,
long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us
from the hands of all our foes.

2. He shall raise a mighty Savior,
born of David's lineage, he
comes in cov'nant love to claim us,
from our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness,
Life to those from death who flee,
joy unto the earth, and gladness,
to your pathways dawning peace!

Refrain:
Every valley be exalted!
Every mountain be made plain!
Crooked ways repent and straighten;
all creation bend in praise.

3. Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior,
David's Son and yet his King,
dawning light of our salvation,
of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, you hurt, and dance you broken,
know the Savior's healing grace;
Turn, oh tired, behold his face!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(adapted from The Worship Sourcebook)*

**Merciful God,
always with us, always coming:
We confess that we do not know
how to prepare for your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles,
ignored your vision of peace,
and scorned the promise of your love.
Forgive us, God.
Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find again and anew the good news of a child born for us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

SONG - *Hope*

1. Hope, we will find our hope,
we will find our hope,
we will find our hope in you.
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we will find our hope in you.

2. Peace, we will find our peace...
3. Light, we will find our light...
4. Joy, we will find our joy...
5. Love, will find our love...

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 40:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON*

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

Pastor Jolene

RESPONSE

HYMN* - Prepare the Way, O Zion (#128)