

November 30, 2025

Please be mindful to enter the nave quietly and maintain a reverent atmosphere to respect those who gather to pray before the service begins.

# WELCOME

Welcome to St. Catherine's! We are glad you are here today for worship, community, education, and service.

If you have been here for a while, it is a joy to see you again. Your faithful presence and dedication inspire the rest of us to continue in our own prayers and service. Please remember that it is your joy and gift to reach out and welcome those who are new or returning.

If you are returning after a time away, welcome home! Your presence reminds us that God is faithful and calls us again and again: grace upon grace.

If you are new to St. Catherine's, thank you for taking the risk to step into this place. It is not easy to walk into a church as a newcomer, and we are grateful that you are here. You honor this holy space with your presence.

This bulletin, taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, is designed to aid us in our worship. If at any point, however, you desire to put it down and just soak in the service, please do. Whether you are a longtime member steeped in the rhythms of Anglican worship, or if all of this seems strange, feel free to just look up or out and give thanks to God.

# CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages into our worship service. Children are signs of life and vitality. As we seek to include people of all ages and capabilities in our service, we joyfully embrace those who sometimes make a joyful noise! We remember the words of Jesus in Mark 10:14: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them. For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Should little ones (or their parents) need a break, we offer **nursery care** during the service for infants through children age four. You are welcome to take your little one to childcare at any point during the service. Any of our ushers will guide and assist you.

Our narthex also functions as a "**cry room**," if needed, replete with children's materials. It is a great location where parents can bring their children and still hear the service.

# UPCOMING

- •Ugly Christmas Sweaters and Advent Wreaths ~ November 30, 2025 9:45 AM
- Wonder Church | PNO ~ Saturday, December 6, 2025 4:00 PM
- •Diocesan Confirmation ~ Sunday, December 8, 2025
- •Brad Roberts' Celebration of Life (Rome, GA) ~ Friday, December 12, 2025
- •Shannon Darke's Ordination (Cathedral) ~ Saturday, December 13, 2025
- •Christmas with Coro Vocati ~ Saturday, December 13, 2025 7:00 PM

# PRAYERS

Ruth Hepler; The Lee Family; Molly Alpert; Eleanore; Lorraine; Rebecca Singleton; Lee Hansell; Scott Sykes; Cathey; Ellie; Mary Brittain Yoos; Laine Nipper; Larry Boyd; Phyllis Hunter; Howard Speck; Liz Burlas

#### **TODAY**

#### **VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

We will be filling five positions for this coming year -- four people to serve three years and one person to serve two years. The criteria for persons to be nominated are:

- A commitment to Jesus Christ, the Gospel and His Church
- A regular attendant at Church services
- A member of St. Catherine's in good standing known to the Treasurer with a current financial pledge
- A good steward in all areas of Church life
- A commitment to attend Vestry meetings and the Vestry retreat on January 30-February 1, 2026.

Anyone wishing to find out more about being a Vestry member is invited to talk to any members of the Nominating Committee -- Victoria Lennon, Michael Wherry, Fred Lopez or Linda Scott.

Nomination forms for yourself or for someone you would like to nominate will be provided in The Wheel and the Bulletin along with the eligibility lists.

#### FEED MY SHEEP

Thirteen percent of Georgians receive SNAP, a food assistance program from the government. Currently some or all of that assistance is unavailable. In response to this crisis, St Catherine's will be collecting grocery gift cards to Kroger, Walmart and Aldi.

## How you can help:

- Bring in a gift card! We recommend between \$25-40/gift card. Drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. If possible, please write the amount on the back of the card.
- Spread the word! People in the community can drop off grocery gift cards in the secure mailbox right outside the office door.
- Help someone who needs food. If you know someone who is experiencing food insecurity, you can get a gift card to give away.

#### ANNUAL GIVING TREE

The St. Catherine's Giving Tree brings holiday cheer to students and families from our local schools, East Cobb Middle, Wheeler High, and 5 nearby elementary schools. This year, we'll once again be adopting families and fulfilling their requests for gifts and gift cards. Please see the Wheel for details on how to give, or check out the tree in the foyer.

#### ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Read and reflect on Advent meditations this season written by your fellow parishioners. Printed booklets wiil be available for pickup in the narthex. You may also receive each day's reflection by scanning this QR code:



You can read more on these events and others in our Wheel Newsletter.



# St. Catherine's Episcopal Church



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2025

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# The Holy Eucharist Rite II

November 30, 2025

Please note congregational responses in bold.

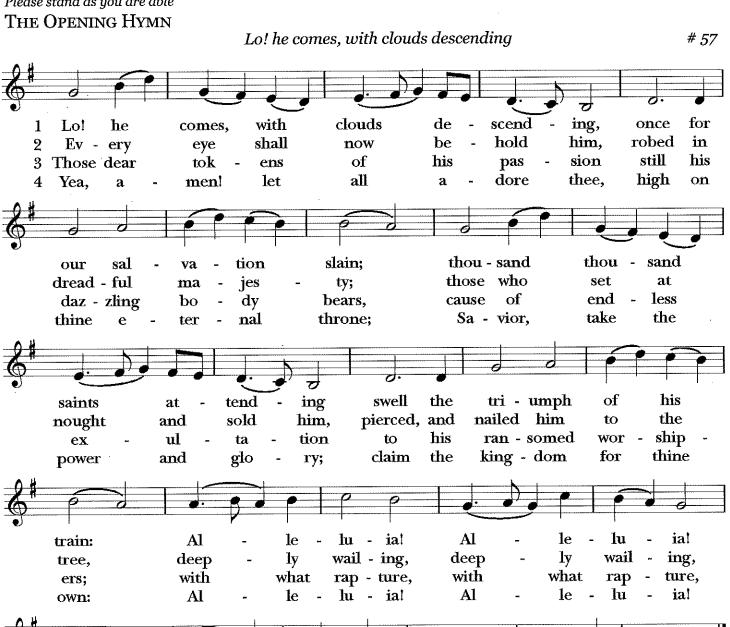
THE PRELUDE

Fanfare and Trio on 'Helmsley'

K. Osterlund

#### Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able



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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

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**.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



- 1 I was glad when they said to **me**, \*
  "Let us go to the house of the **Lorp**."
- 2 Now our feet are **standing** \* within your gates, O Je**rusalem**.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a **city** \* that is at unity with it**self**;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the **LORD**, \* the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the **LORD**.
- 5 For there are the thrones of **judgment**, \* the thrones of the house of **David**.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je<u>rusalem</u>: \*
  "May they prosper who <u>love you</u>.
- 7 Peace be within your <u>walls</u> \* and quietness within your <u>towers</u>.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' **sake**, \* I pray for your pros**perity**.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our <u>God</u>, \* I will seek to do you <u>good</u>."

# THE SECOND READING

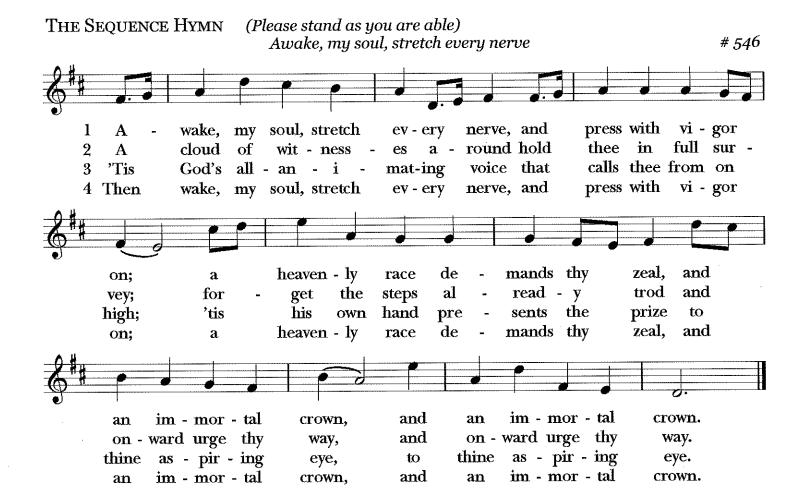
Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

#### 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 (The congregation sings)

# O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Intercessor:

O come, O come Emmanuel and guide us, your church, that we may follow the path of knowledge you have laid before us. That we may always walk in your ways.

O come, O come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel and come to our broken world as we pray for all nations of this earth. Bind the hearts of all humankind. Heal our divisions and be our King of Peace.

O come, O come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel and hear our prayers for each other. Like those in ancient times prayed for their tribes, we lift each other to clouds of majesty and awe. We offer our prayers, remembering especially... We lift our voices for all who are in need of prayer.

O come, O come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel as we rejoice, lifting our voices in cheer for the many blessings in our lives, which we now name before you. We thank you for your abundance in our lives.

O come, O come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel to guide and love, the souls too soon departed, especially those we now name, either silently or aloud. Grant those we love, and all the departed safe passage to your nearer presence.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Deacon/Celebrant says Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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 in your will.

Amen.

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

To give electronically, text **Steats** to 732-56



OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir

This is the Truth Sent from Above

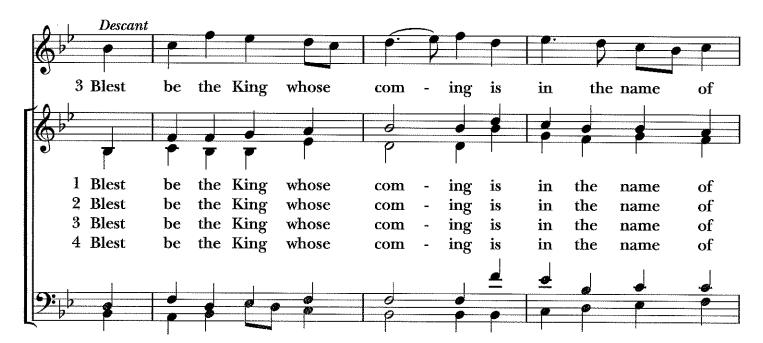
R.V. Williams

This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love:
Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all, both rich and poor.
The first thing which I do relate Is that God did man create,
The next thing which to you I'll tell, Woman was made with man to dwell.
Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice to place them both in Paradise,
There to remain, from evil free, Except they ate of such a tree.
But they did eat, which was a sin, And thus their ruin did begin.
Ruined themselves, both you and me, And all of their posterity.
Thus we were heirs to endless woes, Till God the Lord did interpose,
And so a promise soon did run, That he would redeem us by his Son.

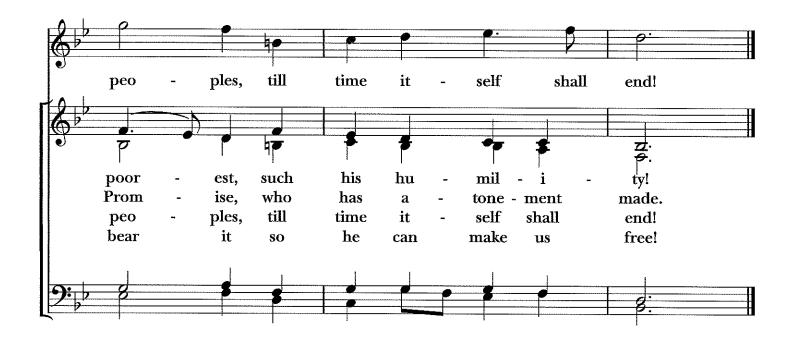
## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Blest be the King whose coming

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B** 

BCP 367

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 our thanks and praise.

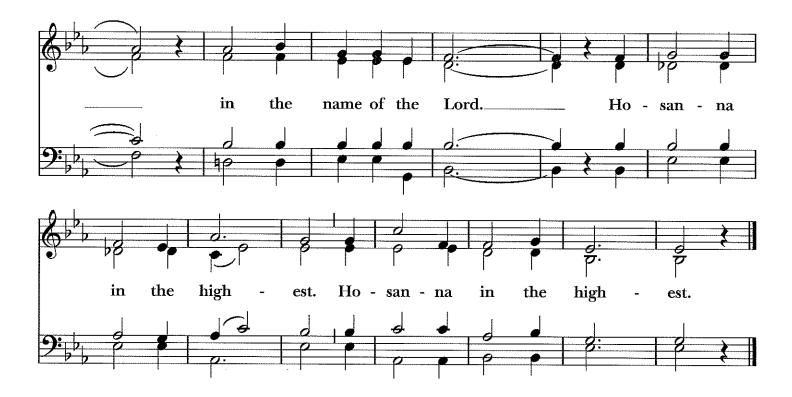
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is said or sung.

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:







The people stand or kneel.

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,

Celebrant and People

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 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 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

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM (sung at 11:00 service)





## THE INVITATION

If you feel called to this table of mercy and grace, know there is a place set for you.

There are two different stations that function two distinct ways.

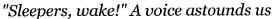
In front of the altar is a Gluten Free station with intinction only. At this station you may intinct (dip) the bread into the holy wine yourself. If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming.

At the altar rails, you will receive the holy bread in your hands.

You may choose to sip from the chalice or to intinct (dip) the holy bread into the holy wine yourself.

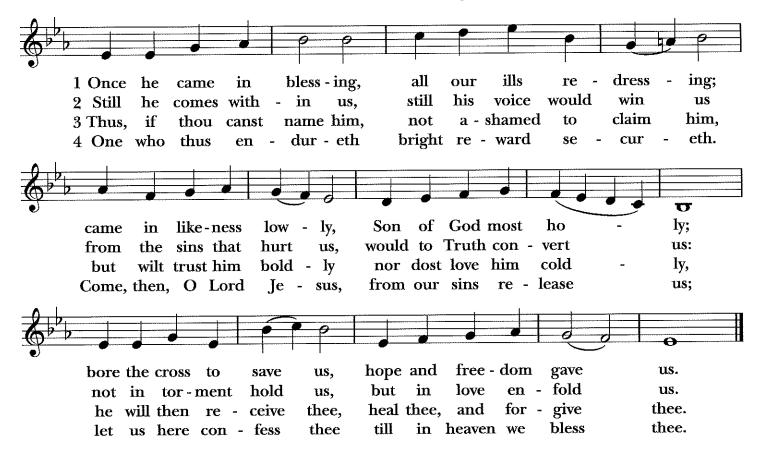
If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming.

The response after receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, is "Amen." Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded across your chest.









# SENDING FORTH OF A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

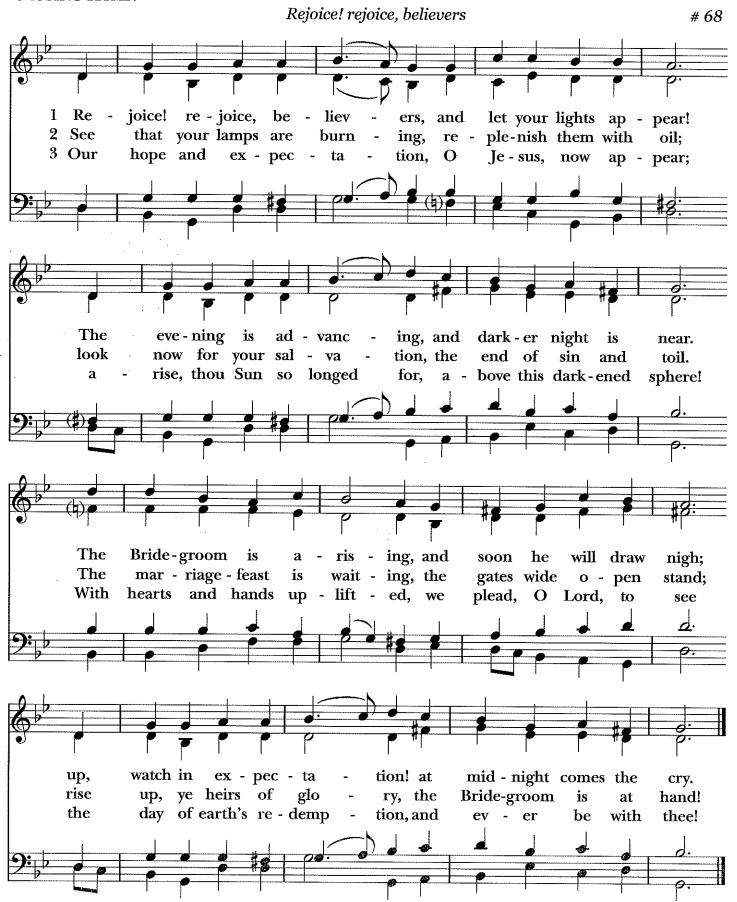
In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**



DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Voluntary on 'Wachet auf'

E.L. Diemer

## **PRAYERS**

## FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Carlos Campos 12/1; Gina Baumann 12/2; Bill Lee 12/2; Mahala Pruitt 12/3; Taryn Nienaber 12/4; Chistina McLean 12/6;

## FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Brook & Pam Smith 11/30; Phil & Lisa Spessard 12/2; Bill & Lynn Sapp 12/3

## FOR OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Bette Hamilton; Kent Hankinson; Jeff & Alison Harris; Bettye Harris; The Hegedus Family

# FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION:

Sarah, Alan, Michelle, Todd, Justin, Robert & Raymond.

# FOR SHANNON DARKE AS SHE PREPARES TO BE ORDAINED INTO THE DEACONATE.

# FOR NEW BIRTH:

The rose on the side altar is given in celebration and thanksgiving for the new birth of Emerson Grant. Son of Tyler & Julianne and grandson of Rose & Steve Wolfe.

# FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Ruth Hepler; The Singleton Family; The Lee Family; Molly Alpert; Eleanore; Lorraine; Lee Hansell; Scott Sykes; Cathey; Ellie; Mary Brittain Yoos; Laine Nipper

## FOR THOSE WHO DIED:

## **CANDLES & FLOWERS:**

The candle is given to the glory of God.

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Victoria Lennon ('25)
Fred Lopez ('25)
Greg Stewart ('26)
Mark Stuckey ('27)
Jennifer Tear ('27)
Michael Wherry ('25)

Mark Singleton Frances Bowden
Treasurer Vestry Clerk

#### SERVING ST. CATHERINE'S

#### 8:30 am

Lectors Intercessor

Rebecca Riney Elizabeth Lopez

Acolytes

Lucas Bachmann Isaac Bachmann

**LEMs** 

Kelly Iacobelli Todd Smith

Megan Shannonhouse

Rebecca Riney

Ushers

Mark Moore

Sally Moore

**VPod** 

Victoria Lennon

Connect Team

Fred Lopez Elizabeth Lopez

#### 11:00 am

Lectors

Bettye Harris Linda Agnello Betty Harris

Acolytes

Intercessor

Lukas Deisen

**LEMs** 

Steve Diffley Linda Scott Terri Gabrielson Susan Jenkins

Ushers

Stacey Ferris Joe Hegedus

Streaming

David Moore Frances Bowden

**VPod** 

**Scott Caffey** 

#### **Weekly Guilds**

Altar Guild

Kelly Iacobelli Elizbath Lopez



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