

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Prelude

Candlelighting (Lucernaria)

- V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.  
R. **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:  
R. **O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
R. **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**



Opening Hymn

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Hymnal #66

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 for ever, 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.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Collect for Purity

Collect of the Day

- Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*    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 Lessons

**THE EPISTLE:** *Hebrews 10:5-10*

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Canticle 15 – The Song of Mary** *Luke 1:46-55*

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \**

*the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever.*

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

**The Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession of Sin**

pg. 360 in BCP

**The Peace**

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

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**Offertory Music**

*Creator of the stars of night (5:30 pm)*

Hymnal #60

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,  
you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Latin, 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

*Hey, Hey, Anybody Listening?* (11:00)

Avery and Marsh

## Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
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 him thanks and praise.***  
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

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

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .  
. . . 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 and thanksgiving . . .  
. . . 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

***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

## Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Music

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1-4)

Hymnal #56

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

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Refrain

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain

Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

*Carol for Advent* (11:00 am)

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## Postcommunion 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.***

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord* (verses 1, 2)

Hymnal #437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age the same; his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One

Words: Dudley-Smith, b. 1926; Tune: *Birmingham* tune

## Dismissal

## Postlude

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