

**Advent**  
**7 a.m. Worship**

*Stand.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Lord, † the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.  
Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of new beginnings,  
**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**  
**We have strayed from your paths.**  
**We prepare for war instead of peace.**  
**We dishonor one another and your creation.**  
**Purify us with your refining fire**  
**and set us again on your way of love,**  
**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**  
**and welcome your coming among us.**  
**Amen.**

People of God,  
a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.  
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.  
You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away.  
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering**

### **The Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

## **Word**

### **Reading**

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Homily**

### **Prayers of the People**

## **Meal**

### **Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Distribution**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.  
Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait  
for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and  
strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised  
future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus,  
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Sending**

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**