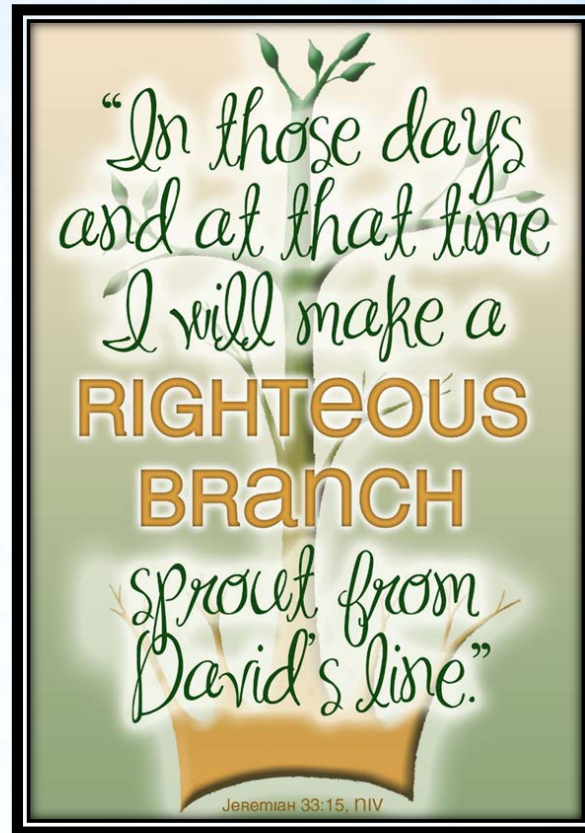


WELCOME!

Trinity Lutheran Church



**First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023**

- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Roxanne Groff***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

- **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

R: Jeremiah proclaims the promise:

C: **The days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

R: I will appoint a righteous ruler and my people will be saved.

(light candle 1)

C: **This is the candle of hope, and it illuminates God's promise**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**P: We confess our sins before God
and one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Ever-present God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: We come before you in need of grace. Too often our thoughts are judgmental and condemning of others. Too often our words are sarcastic or harsh, as harmful as weapons. Too often our actions are motivated by selfishness and we do not recognize the hurt or need in others.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Forgive us, O God, and draw us back into right relationship with you, our neighbors, and your creation.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: The promise is sure: Christ's advent is near, and in Christ we are forgiven all our sin. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and be strengthened in all goodness.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song/Hymn of Praise

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

LBW 34



“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

1 Oh, come, oh, 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 you, O Israel.

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

2 Oh, come, oh, come,
great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

3 Oh, come, strong
Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell
your people save
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

4 Oh, come, blest Dayspring,
come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows
put to flight.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” LBW 34

5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

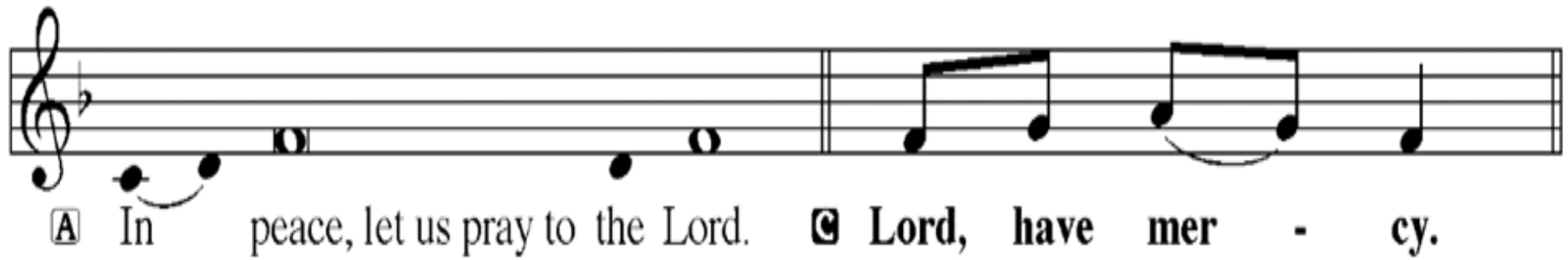
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shall come to you, O Israel.

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

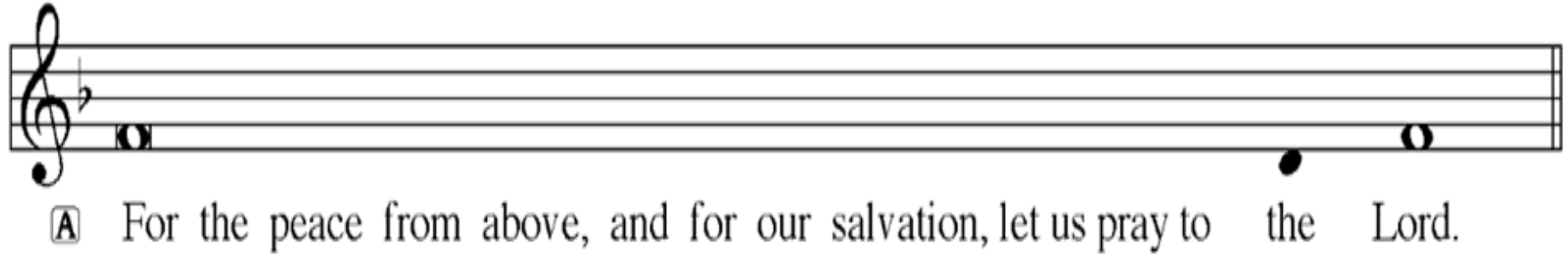
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* KYRIE



[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

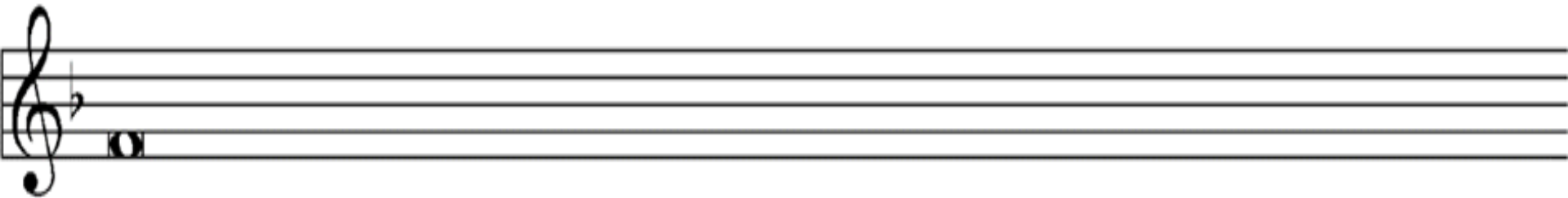


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

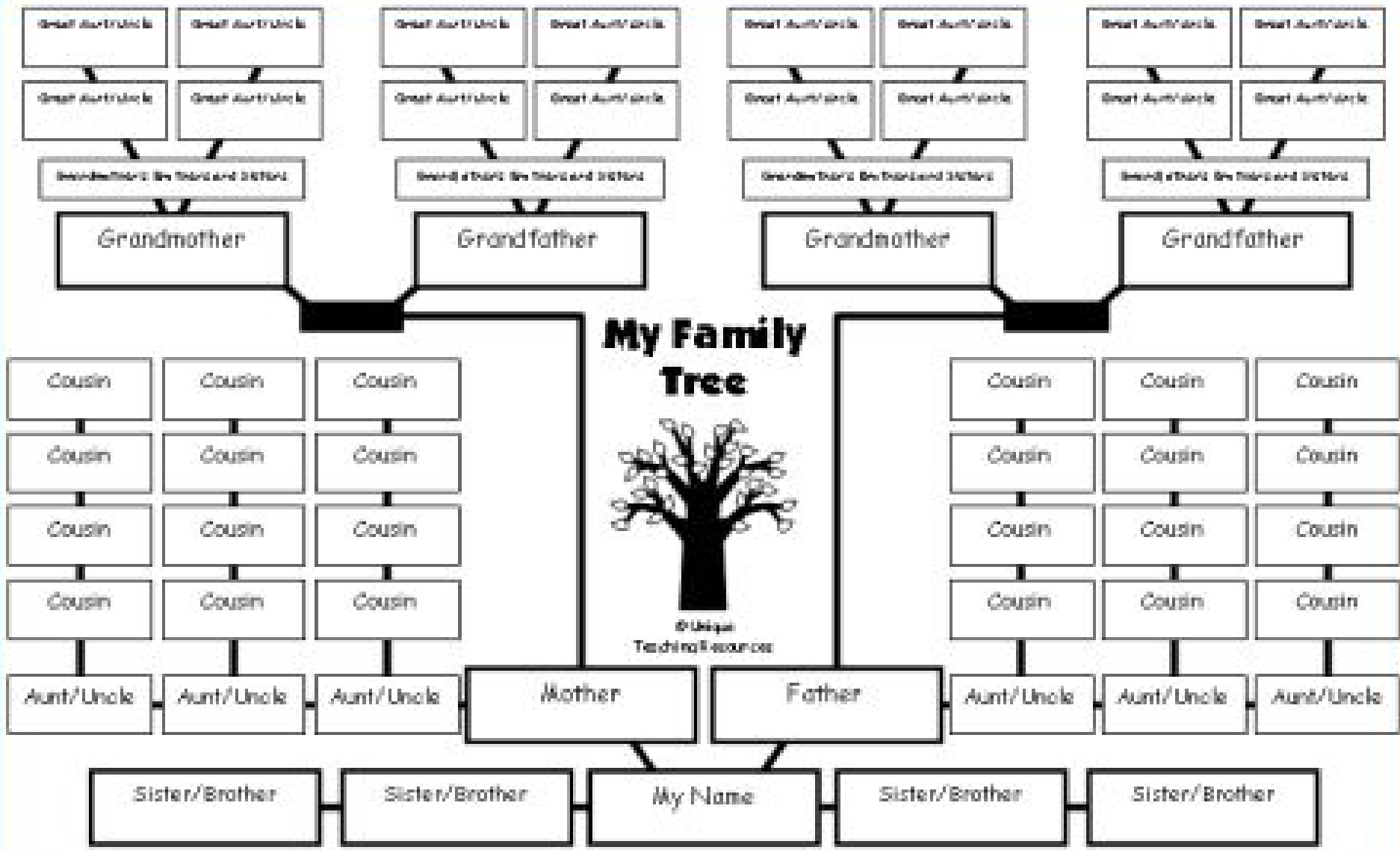
**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... God of promise, stir up in us the anticipation of this holy season of waiting. Fill our hearts with hope for the messiah's coming, and give us patience, for your time is not our time, and we do not know the day or the hour.

C: Amen





• Scripture Reading

L: Our scripture reading is from the prophet Jeremiah, the 33rd chapter.

C: Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)*

- **Jeremiah 33:14-18**

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this

- **Jeremiah 33:14-18**

**is the name by which it will be called:
“The Lord is our righteousness.”**

¹⁷ For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸ and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

- **Jeremiah 33:14-18**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)

Sermon



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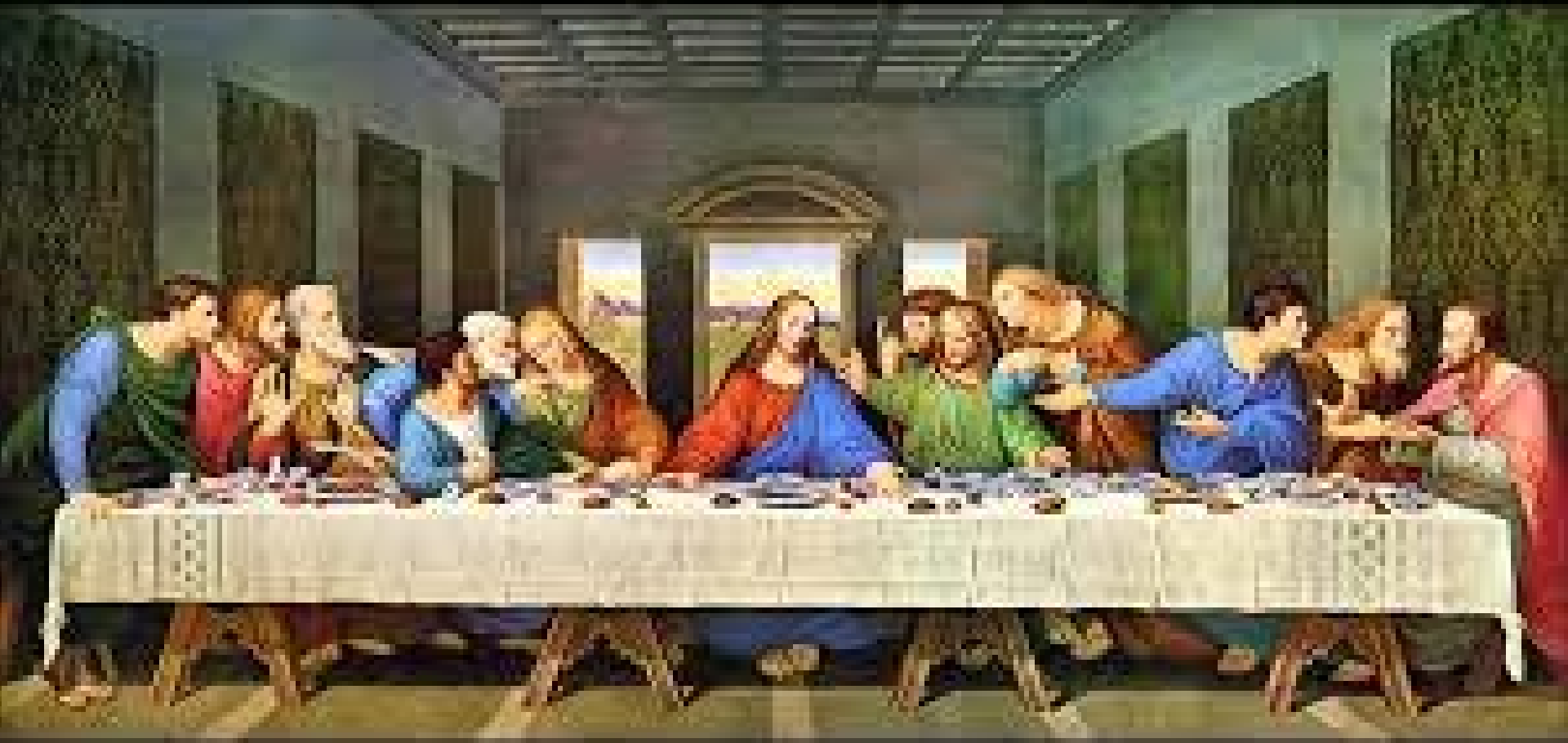


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We're bound to our sin, to death, and to the devil...



Sermon



In those days,
when the time is right,
I will cause a righteous Branch
to sprout from the old stump
of David's lineage;
He will do what is right
and just in the land.
Jeremiah 33:15 VOICE

Sermon

His & Hers



Sermon



Instant
gratification
takes too long.

Carrie Fisher

BrainyQuote

Sermon



* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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;

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of Justice,

The congregation will respond with:

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: We lift all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your loving arms, trusting in your love and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

- **OFFERING**




* OFFERING PRAYER



* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All the Baptized are welcome
to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE




P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

The first line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked with a 'P' (Piano), is a simple melody of four notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The second part, marked with a 'C' (Crescendo), is a more active melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked with a 'P', is a melody of seven notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The second part, marked with a 'C', is a melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third line of dialogue is a single part marked with a 'P'. It consists of a melody of ten notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The fourth line of dialogue is a single part marked with a 'C'. It consists of a melody of ten notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4.

*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**... we praise your name and join their
unending hymn.**

* THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, the beginning and the end...

...both now and forever,

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ Jesus, who is the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy, invites you to feast in his just and holy reign. Come share in the bread and wine that is Christ's body and blood, and be strengthened for this time of waiting.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All will commune “At the Rail”.

The bread may be broken for distribution.

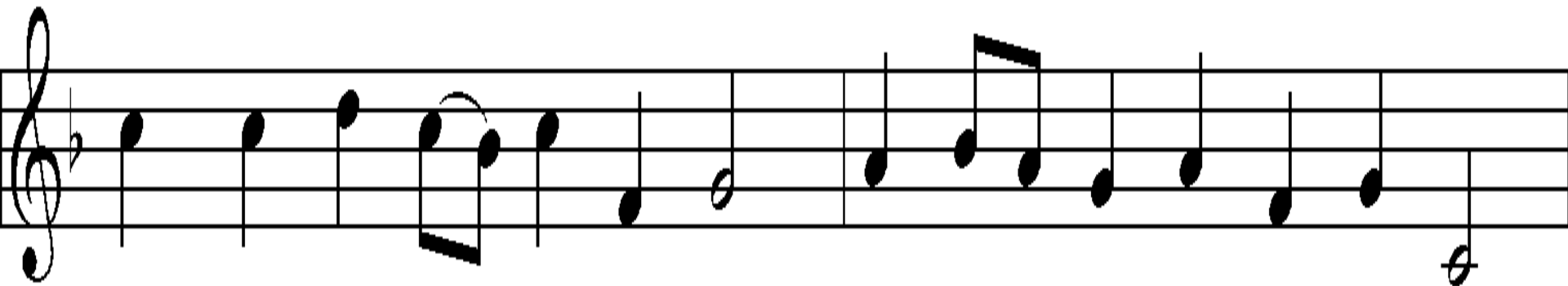
As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words :

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen.***

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

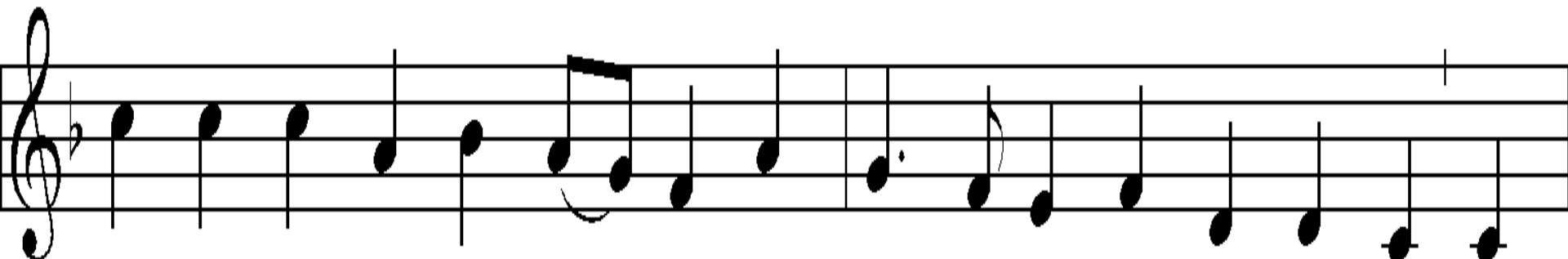


☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together.


Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit  remain upon you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

* **Sending Song**
“Amazing Grace”
LBW 448



* “Amazing Grace”

LBW 448

1 Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

**2 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers,
toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought
me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised
good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield
and portion be
as long as life endures.**

* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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