

# THE SEASON OF ADVENT

## The Word of God

### Opening Hymn

(See hymn board)

### Opening Acclamation (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

Celebrant (✠) Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

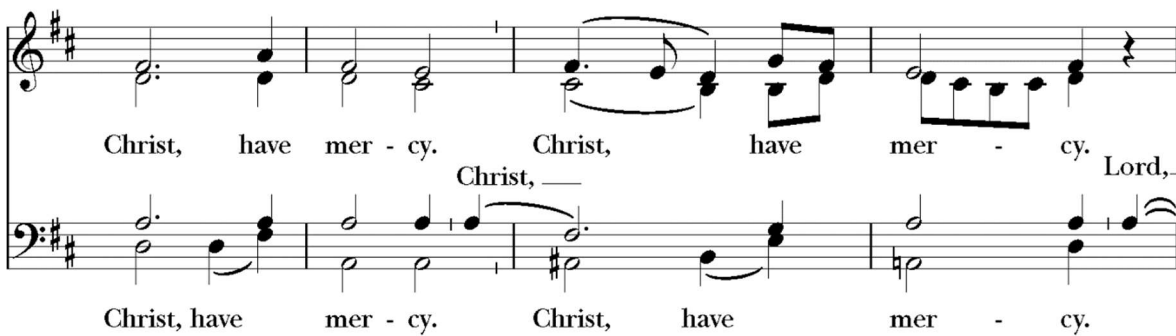
The Celebrant may say

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.*

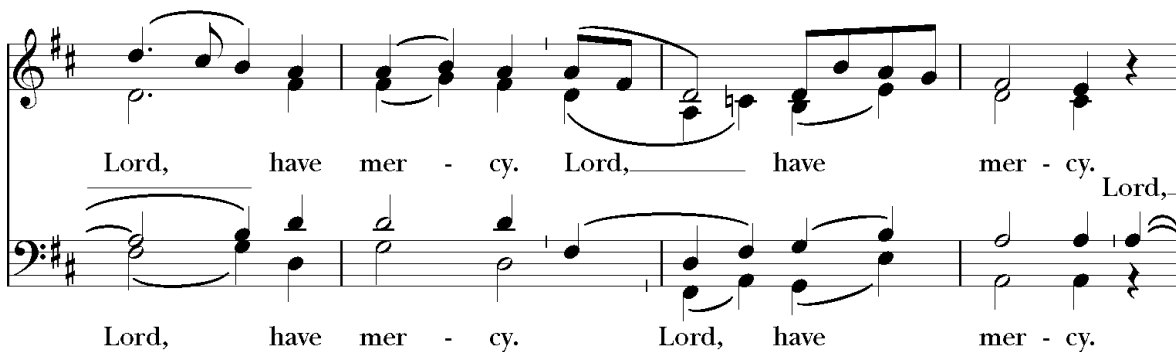
### Kyrie – S96



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



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## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant invites the People to pray the Collect together.*

## The Lessons

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

*(See hymn board)*

## The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and (✠) the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us; that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

O God, in days to come, the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, especially our parish family and the Diocese of New York, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Come Lord Jesus.

***Hear our prayer.***

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus.

***Hear our prayer.***

In your reconciled world, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and any we name, silently or aloud. ***[the people may add their own petitions]*** We ask you to heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus.

***Hear our prayer.***

In your reconciled world, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week, and we thank you for all the blessings of our lives, especially any we name, silently or aloud. ***[the people may add their own thanksgivings]*** We pray that our world obtains joy and gladness, and that sorrow and sighing departs from us.

Come Lord Jesus.

***Hear our prayer.***

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. His name is Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you be always present with those whom we love but see no longer, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and any we name, silently or aloud. ***[the people may add their own petitions]***

Come Lord Jesus.

***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect*

O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved.  
Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, (✠) forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## Announcements

### The Offertory

*Offertory Hymn*

*(See hymn board)*

## 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.*

## Eucharistic Prayer D

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings*

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The fifth staff is for the Celebrant, and the sixth is for the People. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The seventh staff is for the People, and the eighth is for the Celebrant. The lyrics are: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

*Celebrant*      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus – S130

The musical notation is written on three systems, each with a treble and bass clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are".

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us (✠), and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Thomas and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

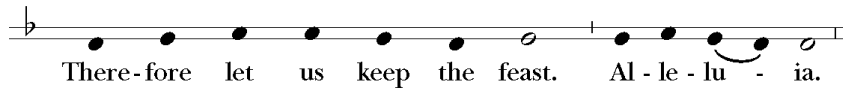
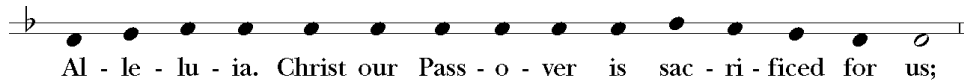
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*



*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant and other ministers receive the sacrament and then it is immediately distributed to the People.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn*

*(See hymn board)*

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.