



The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide. Our congregational hymns are from in the blue Hymnal 1982 and in the spiral-bound Advocate Songbook.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

How wondrous and great thy works

Hymnal 533

All stand, as able.

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*. Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be our God.

People **Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less, long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. _____
 pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. _____
 bro - ken for o - thers, shared un - til all are fed. _____
 shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone. _____
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. _____

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

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Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

¹ I God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I
fear? *
God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be afraid?

⁵ One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life;

⁶ To behold your fair beauty, O God, *
and to seek you in your temple.

⁷ For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your
shelter; *
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and
set me high upon a rock.

⁸ Even now you lift up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

⁹ Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with
sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to you.

¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, O God, will I seek.

¹² Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³ You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Second Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymnal 660

As you are able, please stand for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.

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

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able.



*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,
Begot / ten, 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:
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Vir/gin Mary,
And became / truly human.*

*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 gi/ver of life,
Who proceeds / from the Father.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

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The Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Intercessor Light of the world,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Confession & Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor
All **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 your will. Amen.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.


Offertory Hymn & Procession

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves. Give to the Advocate online: <https://tinyurl.com/GiveToAdvocate>

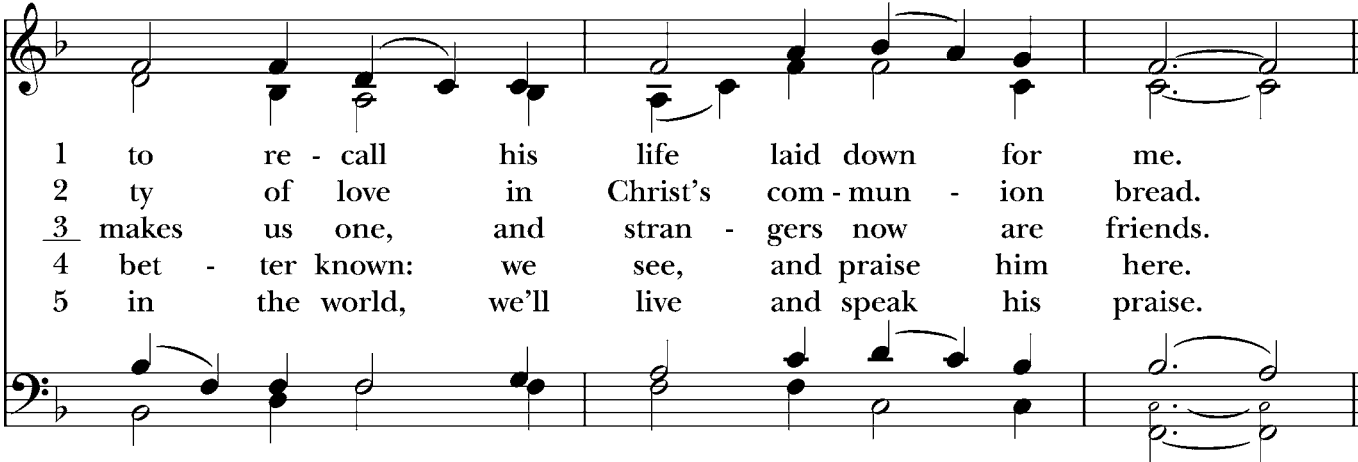
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3

All stand, as able. Children are invited to gather around the altar.

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 our thanks and praise.

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The presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Brown Sanctus

Lift Every Voice & Sing 255

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

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

15 in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the

22 Lord of the Lord Ho - san na in the high -

29 est ho - san - na in the high - est.

After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People proclaim the Memorial Acclamation:

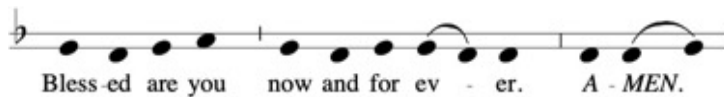
Presider And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection, and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim, O God:

People **Dying, he destroyed our death. Rising, he restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider recalls Christ's Last Supper and prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. When the Eucharistic Prayer is concluded, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.

All



Celebrant: As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal-lowed be your name, —

your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king-dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

Presider Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Come and fill our hearts

Advocate Songbook 97

Ostinato Refrain

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni
You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts

Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!
with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 137, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
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Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth,
a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Going-Forth Hymn

The parting hand

Advocate Songbook 69



1. My Christ - ian friends, in bonds of love. Whose hearts in sweet - est
2. How sweet the hours have passed a - way. Since we have met to
3. And since it is God's ho - ly will, We must be part - ed
4. O glor - ious day! O bles - sed hope! My soul leaps for - ward

un - ion join, Your friend - ship's like a draw - ing band, Yet
sing and pray; How loath we are to leave the place Where
for a while, In sweet sub - mis - sion, as all one, We'll
at the thought, When, on that hap - py, hap - py land, We'll

we must take the part - ing hand. Your com - pany's sweet, your
Je - sus shows his smil - ing face. O could I stay with
say, our Fath - er's will be done. My youth - ful friends, in
no more take the part - ing hand. But with our bles - sed,

un - ion dear, Your words de - light - ful to my ear, Yet
friends so kind, How would it cheer my droop - ing mind! But
Christ - ian ties, Who seek for man - sions in the skies, Fight
ho - ly Lord, We'll shout and sing with one ac - cord And

when I see that we must part, You draw like cords a - round my heart.
du - ty makes me un - der - stand, That we must take the part - ing hand.
on, we'll gain that hap - py shore, Where part - ing will be known no more.
there we'll all with Je - sus dwell So, lov - ing Christ - ians, fare you well.

Harmony parts on next page.

Soprano
Tenor/
Melody
Bass

1. My Christ-ian friends, in bonds of love. Whose
2. How sweet the hours is have passed a-way. Since
3. And since it is God's O's ho-ly will. We
4. O glor-ious day! O bles-sed hope! My

hearts in sweet-est un-ion join, Your friend-ship's like a
loath-we are to
must be part-ed for a while, How are sub-mis-sion.
soul leaps for-ward at the thought, In sweet sub-mis-sion.
When, on that hap-py.

draw-ing band, Yet we must take the part-ing hand. Your com-pany's sweet your
leave the place Where Je-sus shows his smil-ing face. could I stay with
as all one, We'll say, our Fath-er's will be done. O My youth-ful friends, in
hap-py land, We'll no more take the part-ing hand. But with our bles-sed.

un-ion dear, Your words de-light-ful to my car, Yet
friends so kind, How would cheer my droop-ing mind! But
Christ-ian ties, Who seek it for cheer man-sions in the ac-cord Fight
ho-ly Lord, We'll shout for and sing with one in the ac-cord And

when I see that we must part, You draw like cords a-round my heart,
du-ty makes me un-der-stand, That we must take the part-ing hand,
on, we'll gain that hap-py shore, Where part-ing will be known no more,
there, we'll all with Je-sus dwell So, lov-ing Christians, fare-you well.

Tune: *The Parting Hand*, William Walker, 1835. Text: John Blain, 1818. In the public domain. Originally in G major.

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God!'

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'the work of the people,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing; Wonder, Love, and Praise; Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status, and we're excited for this new season in which we're continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.

We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. Welcome to the Advocate!



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