



**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
with Renewal of Vows and Liturgy of Leavetaking
August 30, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.**

*Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.
We're so glad to have you join us today.*

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

All stand, as able.

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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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Presider There is one Body and one Spirit.
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
People **One God and Father of all.**

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.'
All are seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

After the reading:

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

The Psalm

Psalms 26:1-8

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O God, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in you and have not faltered.
- ² Test me, O God, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- ⁴ I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O God, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- ⁷ Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ O God, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:19-21

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

As you are able, all stand for the hymn and continue standing for the Gospel.



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



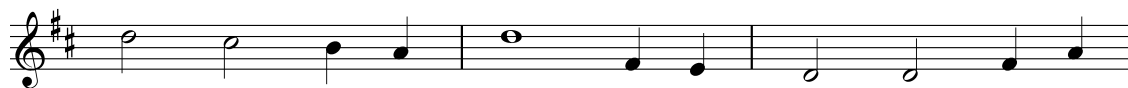
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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 Matthew.

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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

All stand, as able.

Presider Dear friends in Christ, as the Church of the Advocate begins a new season of mission and ministry, let us, with all the saints in heaven and earth, renew the solemn promises made at our baptism, that we may continue in this holy work to which Jesus has called us.

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by all grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers

Intercessor Let us pray for the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Spirit to be with us all our days.

Intercessor Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives; as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike:

People **Refresh us with your mercy, who know our own injustice.**

Intercessor As a stream flows steadily on, defying all the odds of stone and water:

People **Flow over every boundary and border that separates us from each other.**

Intercessor As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us:

People **Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.**

Intercessor As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb:

People **Hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.**

Intercessor As you were in the ebb and flow, as the beginning becomes the ending, and the ending a new beginning, be with us, ever-present God. And I invite you to name whatever people, sorts or conditions, are on your hearts this day, either silently or aloud.

The People make their prayers known. The Presider concludes with the following Collect.

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

As a sign of our union with Christ and one another in baptism, the Presider asperges the people.

Hymn During Asperges

King of glory, King of peace

Hymnal 382

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

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thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

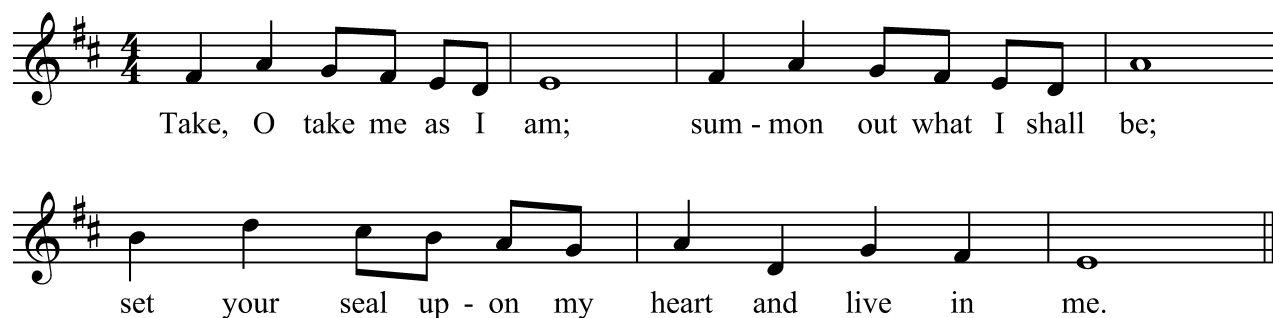
The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn & Procession *Take, O take me as I am* Advocate Songbook 109

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. All are invited to join the procession to the altar to make your offering.



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Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

All stand, as able. Children in the congregation are welcome to come forward.

Presider *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider prays a Proper Preface, then continues.

Presider Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice & Sing II, #255

Ho ly ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of
hosts Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord of the Lord Ho - san na in the high -
est ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider recalls God's work in creation and Christ's Last Supper.

The Presider and People pray the Memorial Acclamation:

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. When the Eucharistic Prayer is concluded, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, featuring a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The score is divided into five systems, each with a soprano and bass line. The lyrics are: "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."

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

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.

Communion Hymn

The Servant Song

Lutheran Book of Worship 659



2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow, 'til we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

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.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.
All **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

The Liturgy of Leavetaking

The Senior Warden comes forward.

Rector Beloved in Christ, on the 27th of October, the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, in the year of our Lord 2024, I was welcomed into the Church of the Advocate as your second Rector, for Time-Certain. I have, with God's help, and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

Holy Scripture teaches us that to everything there is a season. Through prayer and discernment, and after nearly two years of common mission and ministry together, it is time for this season to come to a close, and I publicly state that my tenure as Rector of the Church of the Advocate ends this day.

Sr. Warden Do you, the people of the Church of the Advocate, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People **We do!**

The Senior Warden comes forward. The Rector hands the Sr. Warden the keys to the church property and any other objects.

Rector Senior Warden, receive these signs and symbols of the office of my ministry in this place.

Sr. Warden They are received.

Rector With your fellow vestry members, will you care for the people of this congregation during this transition and abide with one another in the ministry of Christ Jesus?

Sr. Warden I will, with God's help.

Sr. Warden The Lord be with you.

Rector And also with you.

Sr. Warden Together, let us pray.

All **God of beginnings and endings, you have bound us together for a time as Priest and People to work for the advancement of your Kingdom in this place. We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared. Be with us as we go our separate ways to live and speak your praise in the world, always bound together by the Holy Spirit and the communion of your saints. This we pray in the loving, liberating, and life-giving name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

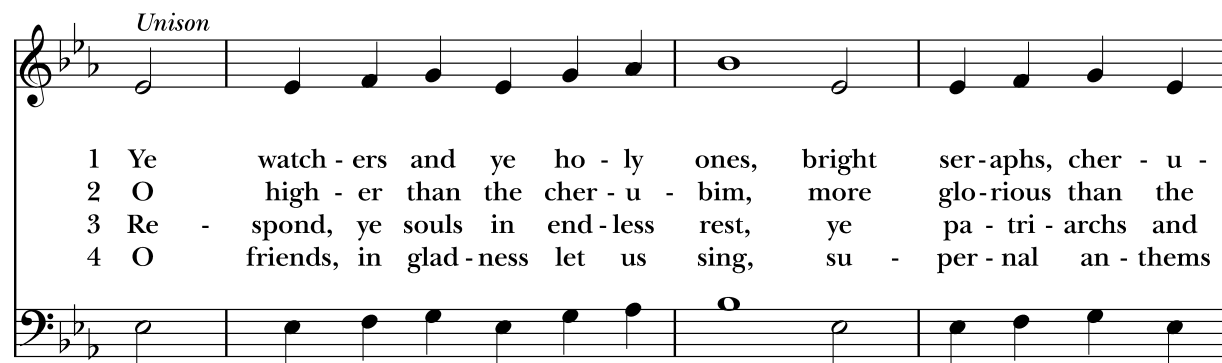
The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Going-Forth Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

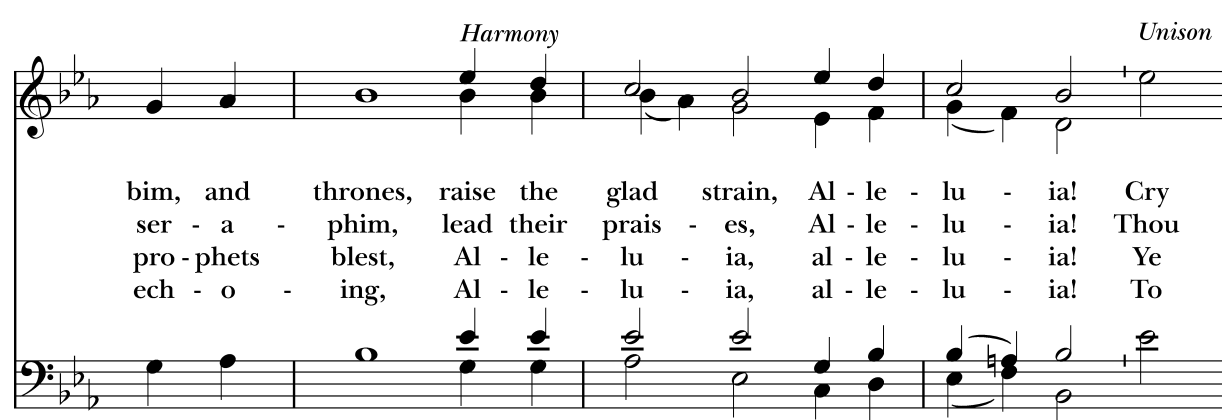
Hymnal 618

Unison

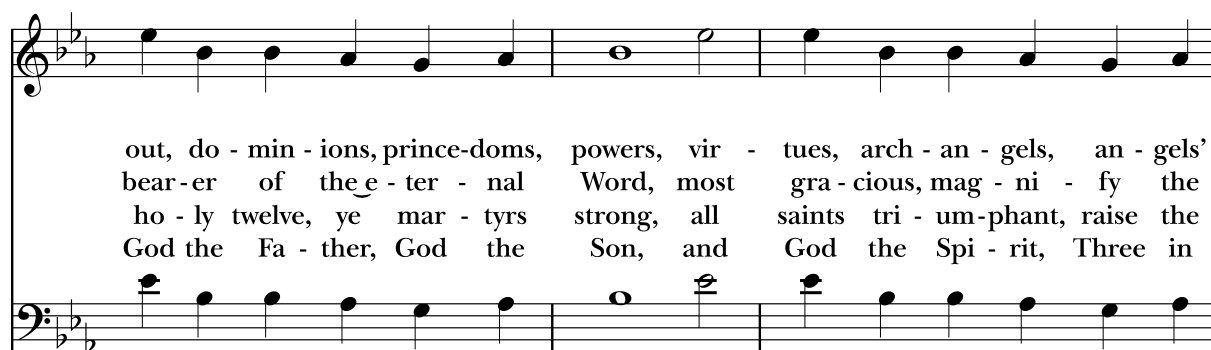


1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



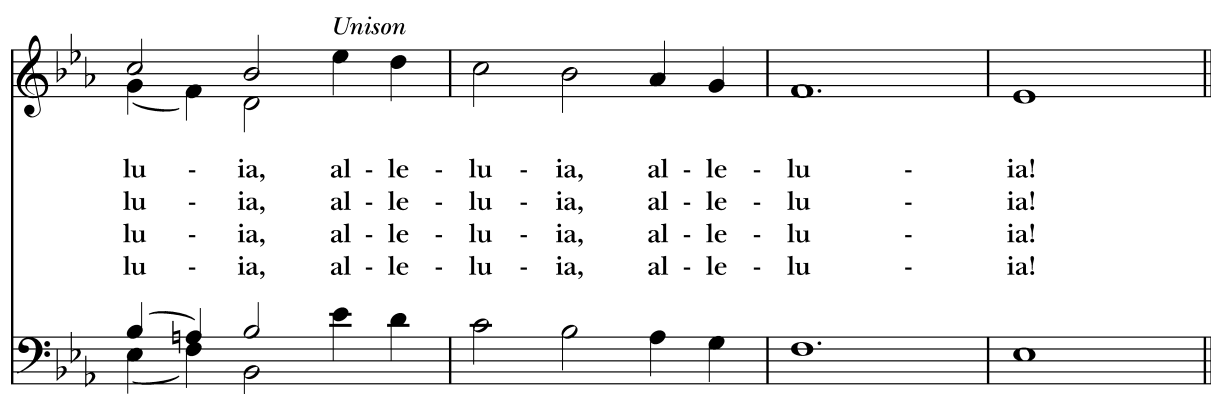
out, do - min - ions, prince-doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 bear-er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um-phant, raise the
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond 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 'work,' 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.



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email list**

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.



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