ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

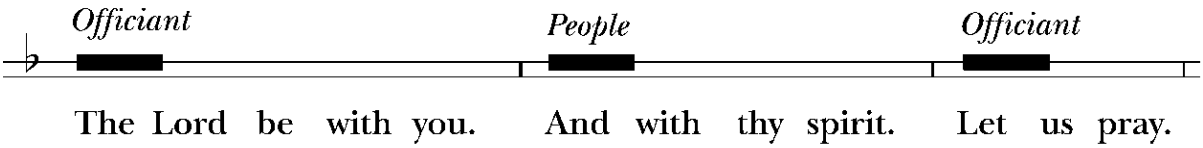
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

The First Sunday in Advent

The Great Litany (BCP p.148), (1982 S67 for chant)

Please kneel as you are able. The Great Litany will be chanted or spoken in full .

The Collect of the Day (BCP p. 325)



Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson – Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence–

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil–

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

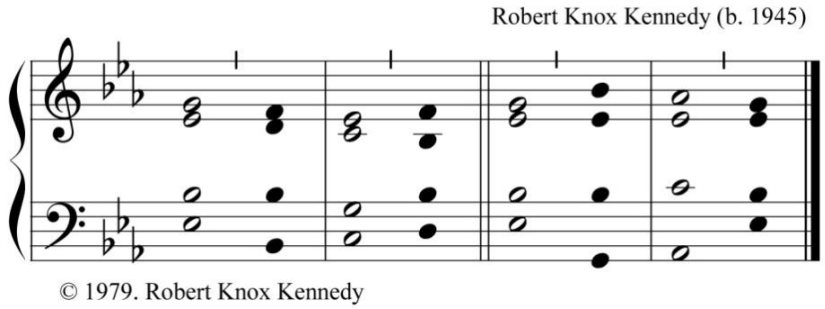
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1-7



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma**nasseh**, *
stir up your strength and come to **help us**.

3 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.

4 O Lord God of **hosts**, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your **people**?

5 You have fed them with the bread of **tears**; *
you have given them bowls of tears to **drink**.

6 You have made us the derision of our **neighbors**, *
and our enemies laugh us to **scorn**.

7 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.

The Second Lesson— 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind– just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you– so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn – *Sleepers, Wake!* 1982 #61

The Gospel— Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

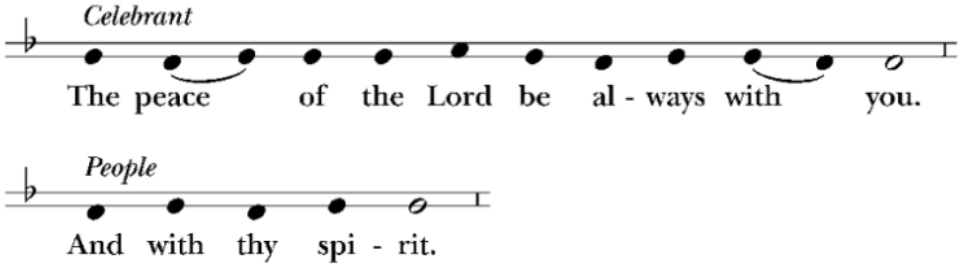
"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon– Fr. David Lucey

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 326)

The Peace



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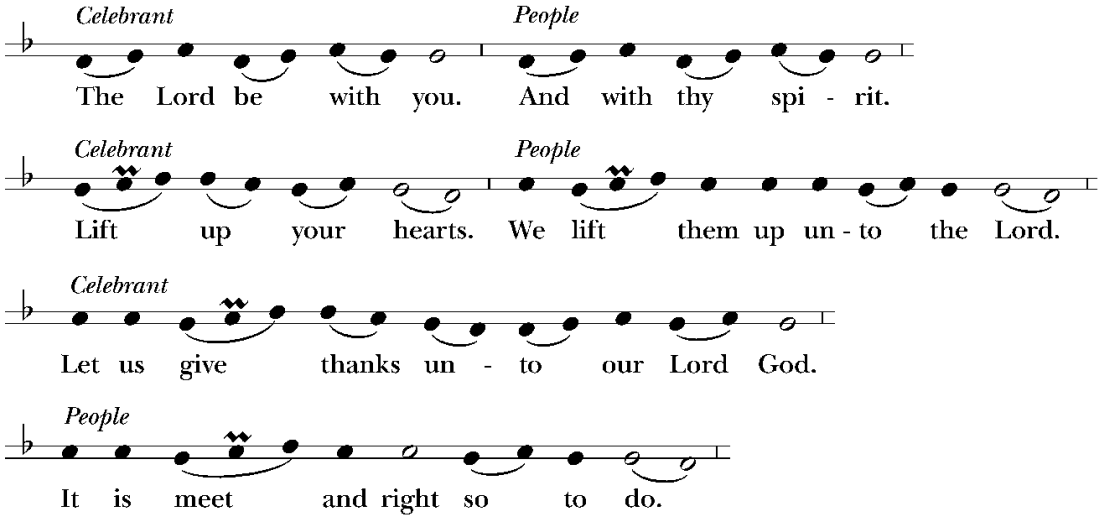
THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving – Rite I, Prayer I (BCP p. 333)



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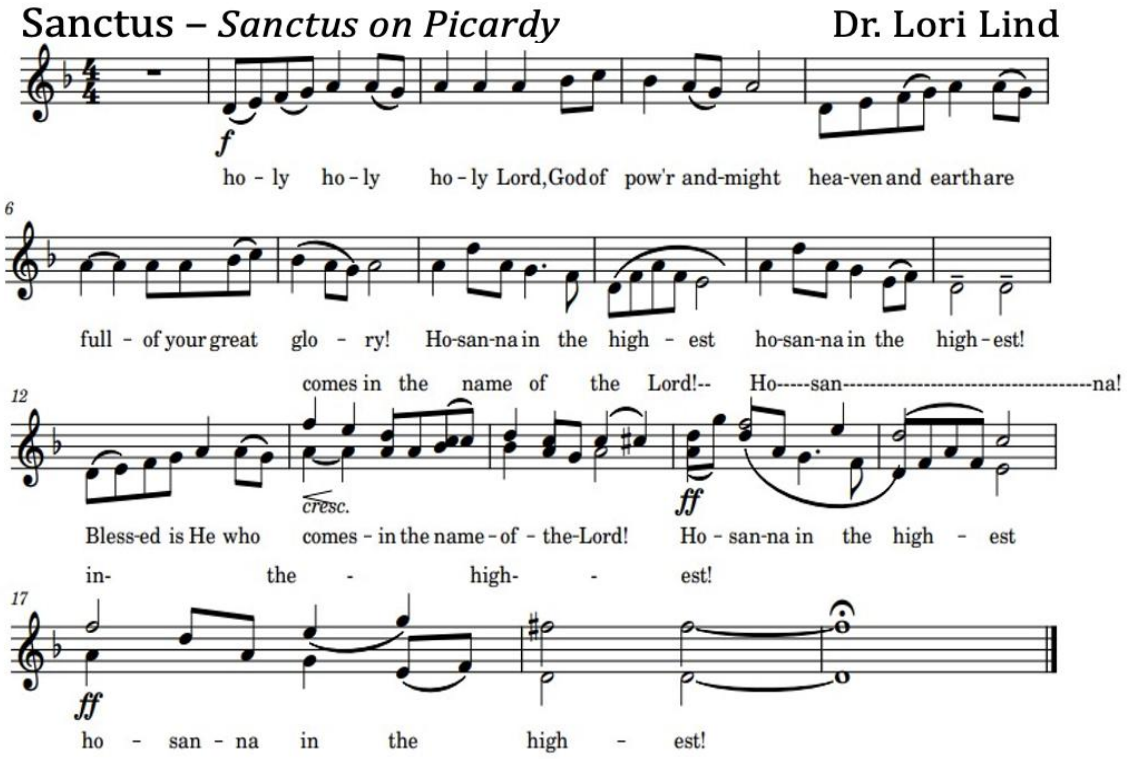
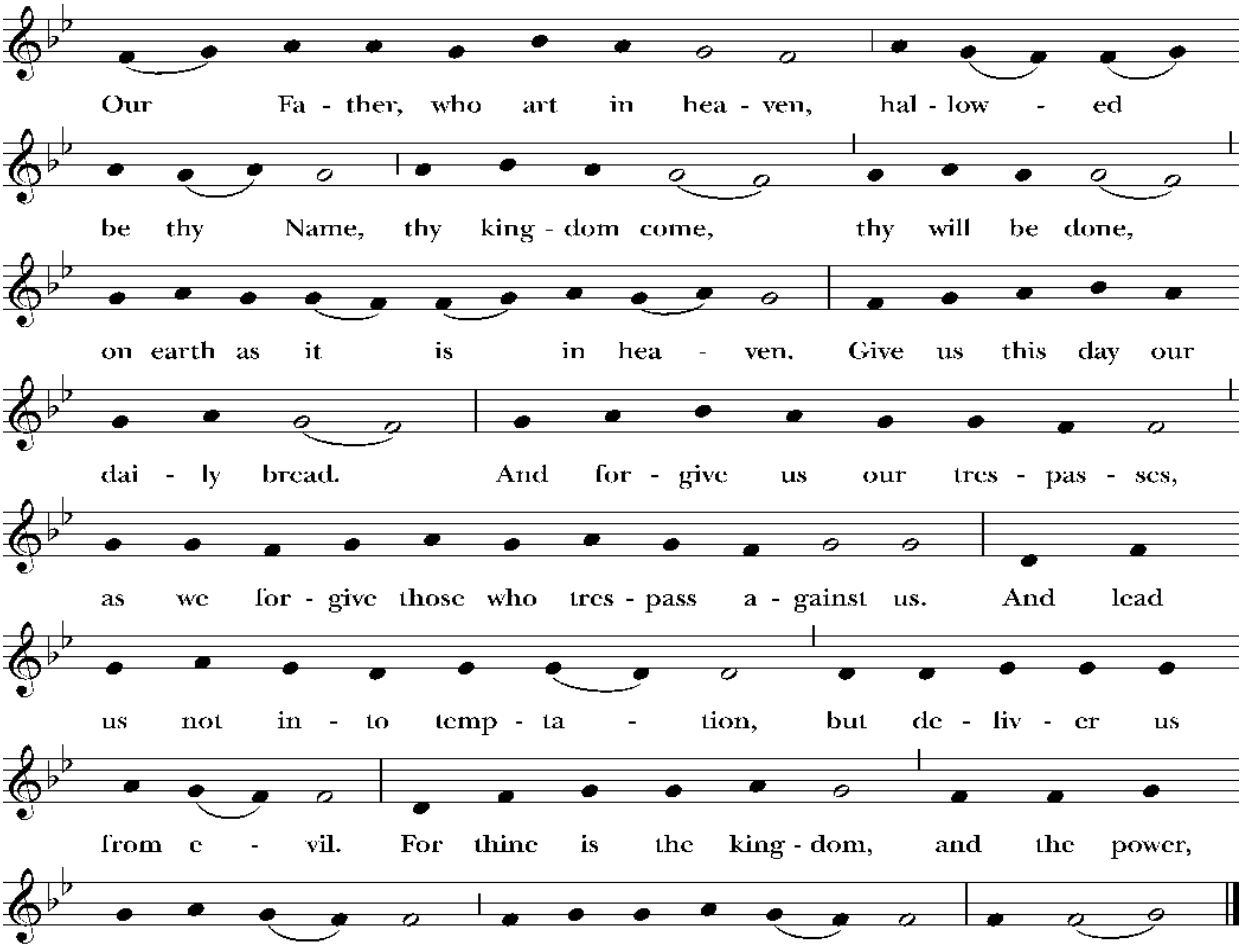


The Lord's Prayer



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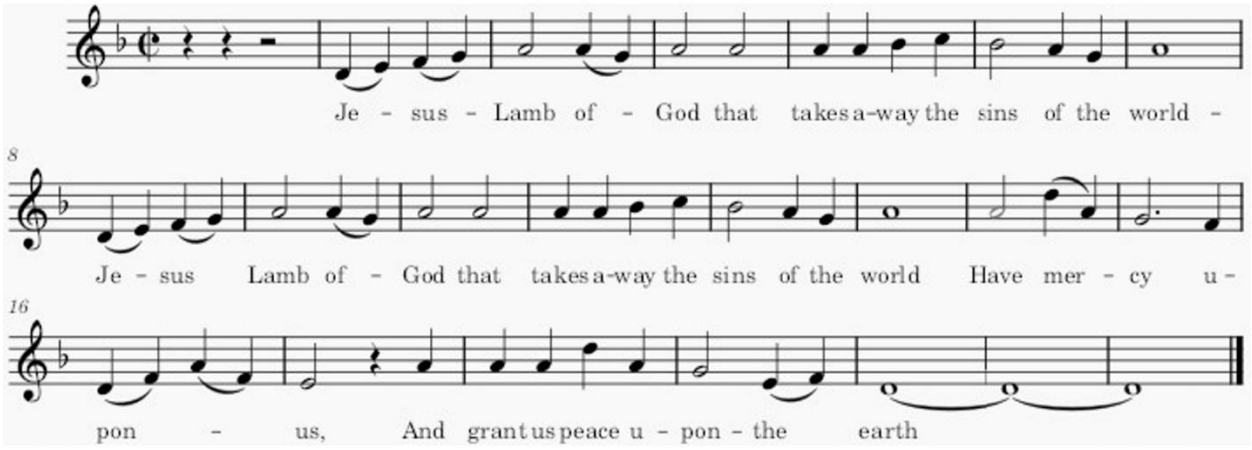


The Prayer of Humble Access (BCP p. 337, said together):

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

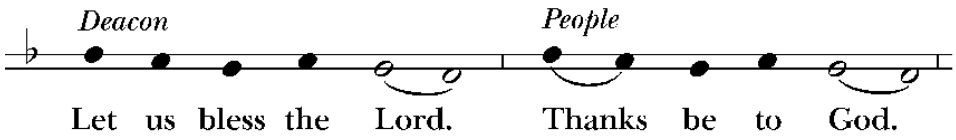
Communion Hymn –

Post-communion Prayer (BCP p. 339)

Blessing

Recessional Hymn –

The Dismissal



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