



**St. James Church**

Where Strangers Become Family

## SEASON OF ADVENT

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent \* November 28, 2021 \* 9:30 am Holy Eucharist



**St. James the Apostle, Tempe, AZ**

*Welcome to St. James the Apostle!*

*St. James' is made up of all kinds of people -- we walk, without judgment, with those taking different paths to God so that we may be transformed through Jesus Christ as we serve others.*

*We acknowledge, pay respect, and pray for the Salt River Pima and Maricopa Indigenous Community as the original people of the land and their role as custodians of this land given to them by our one and only Creator God.*

*Following the service please join us for coffee hour.*

*We are so happy you are worshiping with us today.*

**We light a candle and God is there.**  
*The practice of lighting the Advent Wreath*

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth but challenge us to see the needs and hopes of the poor through the eyes of a poor family in Nazareth.

Many of us grow up with the tradition that we light candle the space is filled with God's presence. The biblical understand that Christ is the Light of the world, is rooted very deep in our spirituality. Using the symbolism of light in different seasons of the liturgical calendar is an ancient practice of the church.

The Advent Wreath is a visual symbol marking the progress of the season of Advent.

At St. James this year, we will focus on some of characters of story of Salvation: The Archangel Gabriel, the prophets, Mary mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, and for Christmas season, Jesus Christ.

There will be opportunity for lighting the candles and reflect upon each character, most particularly, the indigenous manifestation of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

I also want to invite you and your family to start this practice at home. All you will need are five candles, that will be lit through Advent to Christmas.

When used in private homes, the Advent Wreath provides a convenient focus for devotions at the time of the evening meal. In family, it creates the opportunity for once a week to gather for prayer, meditation, or thanksgiving. For those families who enjoy a more formal time of prayer with the advent wreath, the short form of An Order of Worship for the Evening, in Book of Common Prayer pages 109-112, is recommended. The *Phos hilaron* is always appropriate but an Advent hymn may be substituted for it.

Make sure to collect the Advent Wreath trifold flyer at the Narthex (entrance of the church), or download from our website. With that resource you can pray at home with your family around the Advent Wreath.

**Making at home:**

Informal Advent Wreath: four blue (or purple) candles, and one central white candle.

More Formal Version: You make the wreath using evergreens. The choices vary depending on your intention: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

Then three blue (or purple) candles, a rose color one for the third Sunday/week of Advent, and a central white one for Christmas.

You may add a red ribbon to represent the movement of the Holy Spirit on the story of the Incarnation. Little bells or other adorns may be added to represent expectation or waiting in hope.

Fr. Sam Dessórdi Leite

**PRELUDE** - *Come Blessed One Come*

*David Paxton*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** - *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hymn 66)*

*Charles Wesley, STUTTGART*

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art:  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
*People* **and shall call his name Immanuel.**

*(Isaiah 7.14)*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

*Presider:* 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.**

**RITUAL FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Reader:* A Reading from the book of Luke 1:26-38.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But

she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?\*' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born\* will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

### COMMENTARY FOR THE DAY

*Reader:* The angels in the Bible are God's court; they surround the Holy Trinity. Their function is worship. They are the glory of God and they glorify God.

Their mission is to preserve, to defend and guard whatever belongs to God. They are the messengers that communicate the gifts of God and announce God's will.

Gabriel is the archangel who announces God's plans. Through Gabriel the prophet Daniel heard about the mysteries of Christ. He appeared to Zachariah in the Temple, and in the same way to Mary, mother of Jesus in Nazareth.

Angelic apparitions in the Bible are a sign of the powerful action of God in people's lives, changing events miraculously.

And this is the sign from the Archangel Gabriel in the Annunciation: *"God is fulfilling the promises of liberation and salvation in Christ."*

### MUSIC FOR LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah/TIF IN VELDELE

Wayne L. Wold

*(Choir sing one verse, and the congregation may join in, if desired)*



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
 He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

**KYRIE ELEISON** (*Translation: Lord, have mercy*)

*Richard Cootes*

E A B7 E E A B7 E  
Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son;  
#m G#m A B7 C#m G#m A B7  
Chris - te e - le - i - son! Chris - te e - le - i - son!  
E A C#m B7 E A C#m B7 E  
Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son! Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son!

*The congregation sings:*

Kyrie eleison; Kyrie eleison.  
Christie eleison; Christie eleison;  
Kyrie eleison; Kyrie eleison.

**A SELECTED COLLECT FOR THIS ADVENT SUNDAY**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**

*Reader:* A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

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. 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. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 25:1-9

Officiant: Let us read the psalm responsively by half-verse.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
**for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Reader:* A Reading from first letter to the Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## SEQUENCE HYMN - Signs of Endings All Around Us (Hymn 721 v.1,2)

*Dean Nelson*

1. Signs of endings all around us  
darkness, death, and winter days  
Shroud our lives in fear and sadness,  
Numbing mouths that long to praise.  
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!

Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Give us hope and faith and gladness.  
Show us what there yet can.

2. Can it be that from our endings,  
New beginnings you create?  
Life from death, and from our endings,  
Realms of wholeness generate?  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them  
Into hopes for life anew:  
Fading light and dying season  
Sing their Glorias to you.

### **THE GOSPEL**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**AFTER GOSPEL** - Signs of Endings All Around Us (Hymn 721 v.1,2)

*Dean Nelson*

3. Let your promised realm of justice  
Blossom now throughout the earth;  
Your dominion bring now near us;  
We await the saving birth.

## **THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Jana Sundin, Canon for Children and Youth ministry*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Said by all,*

**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,  
begotten, 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 Virgin 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 giver 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 apostolic Church.  
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.**



## BLESSING OVER THE PRESIDER'S CHAIR

*The Presider of the Eucharist standing by the chair says,*

*Presider:* Round the heavenly throne were twenty-four other thrones,

*All:*       **on which were seated twenty-four elders.**

*Officiant:* The Lord has set his throne in heaven:

*All:*       **and his kingship has dominion over all.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O Lord God Almighty, you disclosed in a vision the elders seated around your throne: Accept this chair for the use of those called to preside over your sacraments in this earthly sanctuary, and grant that those who serve you here may do so with reverence and love, to your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The choir will lead the following response after each intercession.*

Cantor: Lord, hear our cry;

The musical score is written for a choir in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a whole note G3 in the bass clef. The response 'ALL: LIS-TEN TO OUR PRAYER.' is written below the vocal line, with 'LIS-TEN' on a quarter note G4, 'TO' on a quarter note A4, 'OUR' on a quarter note Bb4, and 'PRAYER.' on a whole note C5. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Officiant:* Come, O King of kings and Lord of lords.

Be present in your church, especially The Episcopal Church. Strength Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Primate of the Episcopal Church, Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop, and all other ministers of your church, that filled by the Holy Spirit, they will strive for justice and peace. We pray for our companion diocese, **The Diocese of Western Mexico.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, and in our own Diocese for Trinity Church in Kingsman.

***Refrain.***

*Officiant:* Come Lord to your world as King of nations. We pray for our nation, its leaders, and the American people. Before thee the leaders of the nations shall be silent and know you are God.

***Refrain.***

*Officiant:* Come, Lord, Morning Star. Enlighten all ministries and programs of our parish, so we console those who suffer and those in need, may we pray and visit the sick and announce the word of Life and Salvation.

***Refrain.***

*Officiant:* Come to your people with a message of peace and victory.

We pray for the needs of our community: for harmony, fellowship, and hope. Gives us victory over jealousy, temptation and evil.

***Refrain.***

*Officiant:* Come to us as Savior and Comforter.

We pray for the persecuted, oppressed, the immigrant and those who are disabled, who are in depression, grief, illness, and for all who suffer, to be comforted and protected.

In particular, we pray for Janey, Gerry, Dana, Kristy, Carrie, Simon, Patti, the Muller family, the Spence family, Sandra, Robert, the Hollis family, the Huls family, Luke, Rob, Jeff, Chris, the Papaccio family, Eileen, Susan, Ruby, Nancy, Jim, Denise, Damien, Meghan, Quillan, Kathy, Debbi and Isaiah, our siblings & families in Navajoland, those affected by COVID-19 and our front line medical providers, Becki, Tessa, Pat, Ashley, Damien, Donald and Lynn.

Deliver us from troubles and make us free to serve you.

***Refrain.***

*Officiant:* Come, O Prince of Peace.

We pray for peace in the world, so that the spirit of respect and consideration would increase between nations.

***Refrain.***

*Other intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

Visit us from on high with power and great glory, and raise us to receive you, with all your saints, especially with Archangel Michael, Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii, the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and Saint James, the Greater, our patron, that we may live with you this Advent and always.

***Refrain.***

### Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

#### **Birthday**

*\* Invite anyone from the Sanctuary*

*\* Said by all:*

**O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Anniversary**

*\* Invite anyone from the Sanctuary*

*\* Said by all:*

**Lord God, constant in mercy, great in faithfulness, with high praise we remember your acts of unfailing love. We bless you for the joy which your servants have found in each**

**other. We pray that you will bless them with power and patience, affection and understanding, courage and love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world, that they may continue together in mutual growth according to your will in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*The Presider says the following concluding prayer.*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon:* 'The axe is laid at the root of the trees;  
every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down.'  
Confident in God's mercy let us confess our sins.

*cf Matthew 3.10*

***All:* 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.**

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – *Can be found on a separate sheet.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*During the next hymn, ushers will pass the offertory collection plates. This helps to resource the ministry of this church, and also provides us an opportunity to symbolize the offering of ourselves by the offering of money. Many members arrange their giving via standing orders and online donation, so may not be putting anything in the plate.*

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

*Romans 12:1*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** - Soon and Very Soon (v1,2,4)

*Andrae Crouch*

1. Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

2. No more cryin' there—we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there—we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there—we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

4. Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

*(Please Join)*

4. Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon—we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King

*\* Here, the Gifts of Bread, Wine and offertory plates are presented.*

**DOXOLOGY** - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Thomas Ken, Louis Bourgeois*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise  
him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



*Presider:* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all Creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James the Apostle, our patron, Archangel Michael, with Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*\* The congregation will say the Lord's Prayer in various languages.*

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

**All - 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 Presider of the Eucharist breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Presider - Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People - Therefore let us keep the feast!**

AGNUS DEI - O Lamb of God

*David Hurd*

*All sing:* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

**COMMUNION HYMN - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Hymn 490 v1,3)**

*Kathleen Thomerson*

1. I want to walk as child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

### REFRAIN

***In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

2. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

**REFRAIN**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*People:* **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**FINAL BLESSING**

*Presider:* May the God of peace,  
make you perfect and holy,  
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN - Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Hymn 616 v1,2,4)**

*James Montgomery*

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free; To take away transgression, And rule in equity.	2. He comes with succor speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in his sight.	3. Kings shall bow down before him, And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing; To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend; His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
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**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love, and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE - O Come Little Children**

*Mark Hayes*

**Note about the Inclusive and Expansive Language:** The 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopted a Resolution that allows all congregations in the Episcopal Church to use optional, expansive-language versions of three Rite II Eucharistic prayers in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. This is a trial period to experience experimentation and creation of alternative liturgical texts under the bishops' supervision. The General Convention expects that liturgical experimentation will utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity, and will incorporate understanding, appreciation and care of God's creation.