

Bell Rings

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector 1: Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the prophet Jeremiah:

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."

Lector 2: Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Lector 3: Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

Wreath Lighting Hymn

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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Kyrie

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

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

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

Officiant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Children's Sermon

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel

pause

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and

the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

Lector: Let us read Psalm 100 by whole verse

pause

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector: A reading from Ephesians

pause

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us

who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

pause

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence: Keep Your Lamps

Musical score for the sequence "Keep Your Lamps". The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamp trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh."

Matthew 25:31-46

Officiant: The holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was

thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sequence: Keep Your Lamps

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Keep Your Lamps'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, Keep your lamps trimmed and burn ing, Keep your lamp trimmed and burn - ing, the time is draw-ing nigh...' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Officiant: Lets us stand and reaffirm our faith by reciting the words of the Nicene Creed

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

**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 and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers of the People

Lector: In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, shine upon us Your glorious Light,

that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

I invite you to offer your prayer petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud

You are invited to pray for the world, our nation, the church, Jersey City, the personal needs and joys of friends and family and to offer your own.

Concluding Prayer

Officiant: O Christ, hear our prayers; and when you come among us like the rising of the sun, may we, be ready to meet you and find our home in you. Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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

Officiant: 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

Stewardship Testimony

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: Ride On, King Jesus (Choir video)

HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officiant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: Veni Emmanuel

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,

Heav - en and earth are 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.

Officiant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Officiant: 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 you, O Christ.

People & Officiant:

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

Officiant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

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.

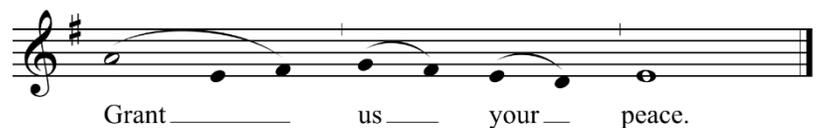
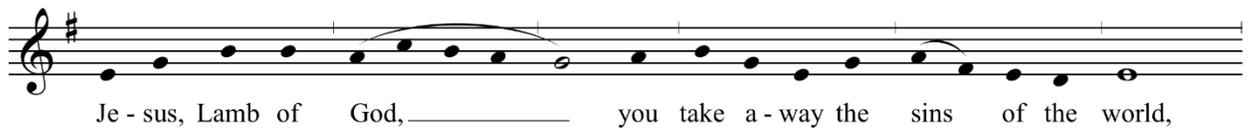
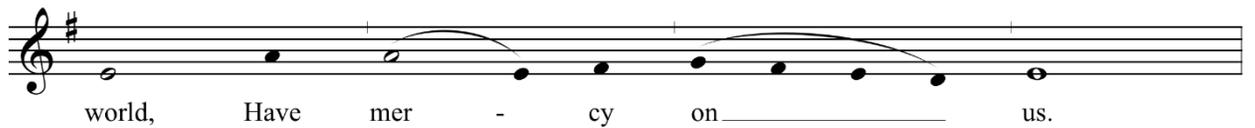
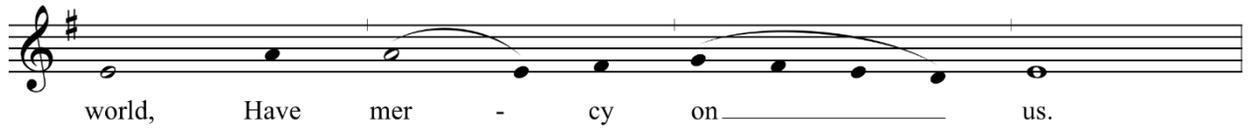
People: Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer (Choir video)

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei



Moment of Reflection Before the Monstrance

Adore and praise the immense love Jesus has for you in this Sacrament of Himself. In order not to leave you a lonely orphan in this land of exile and misery, He comes from heaven for you personally, to offer you companionship and consolation. Thank him therefore, with all your love and all your strength; thank him in union with all the saints!

- Fr. Vincent M. Lucia

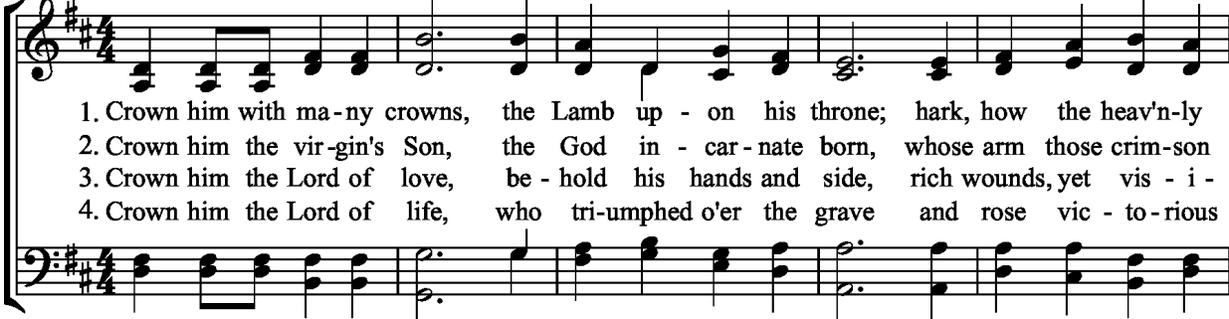
Post Communion Prayer

Officiant and People:

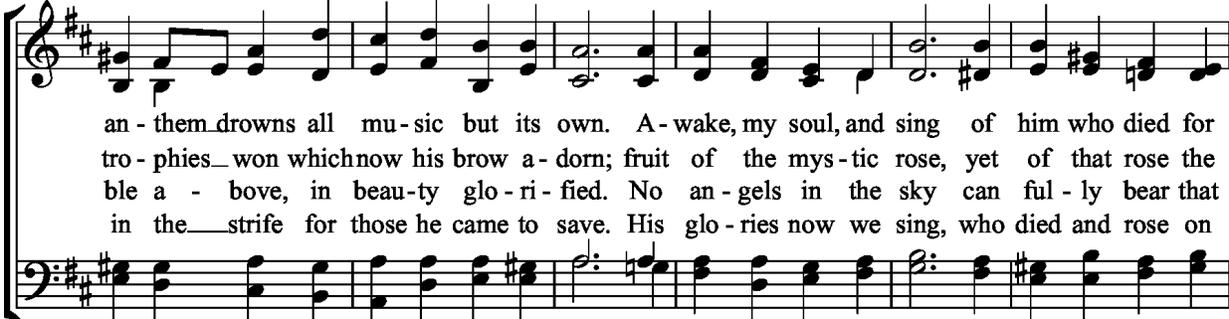
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim

your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

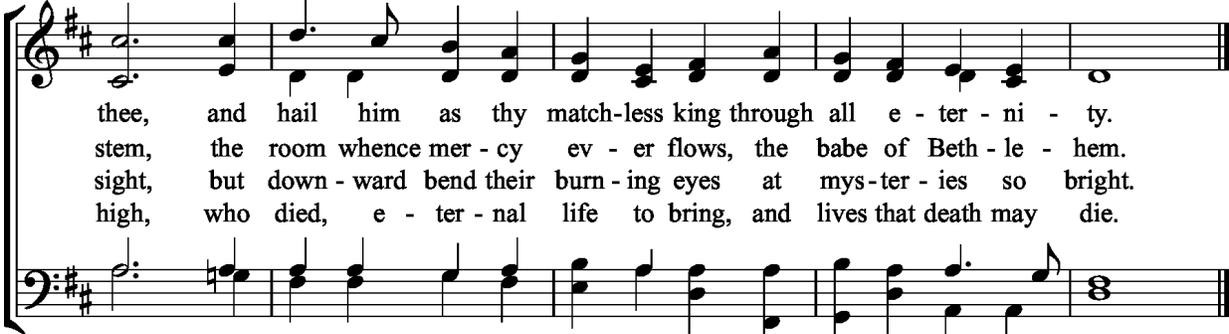
Closing Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns



1. Crown him with ma-ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark, how the heav'n-ly
2. Crown him the vir-gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born, whose arm those crim-son
3. Crown him the Lord of love, be - hold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet vis - i -
4. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave and rose vic - to - rious



an - them_ drowns all mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for
tro - phies_ won which now his brow a - dorn; fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the
ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that
in the_ strife for those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on



thee, and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
stem, the room whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
sight, but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
high, who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.