Service Of Holy Communion for December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent 11:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P God loves you all the time.
- C All the time God loves you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light the second candle.

P Gracious One,

Thank you for the promise of peace.

Thank you for moments

where we feel it deep in our hearts.

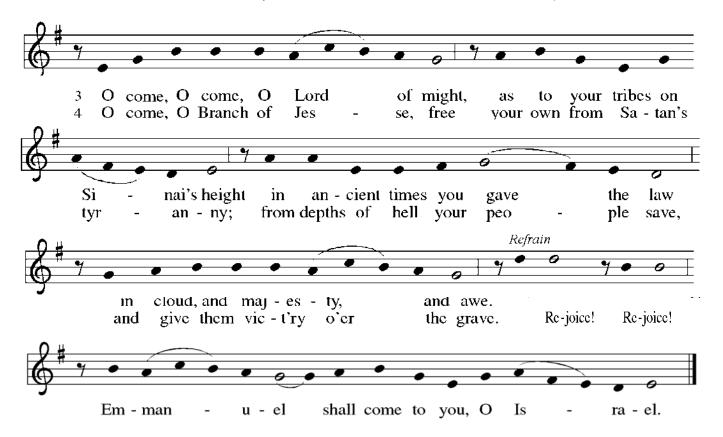
Teach us to make peace

with our words, with our hands

for our own place and all places.

C Amen.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 v 3, 4



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

- C you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace.

 We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.

 We nurture conflict and build barriers.

 We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation.

 Have mercy on us.

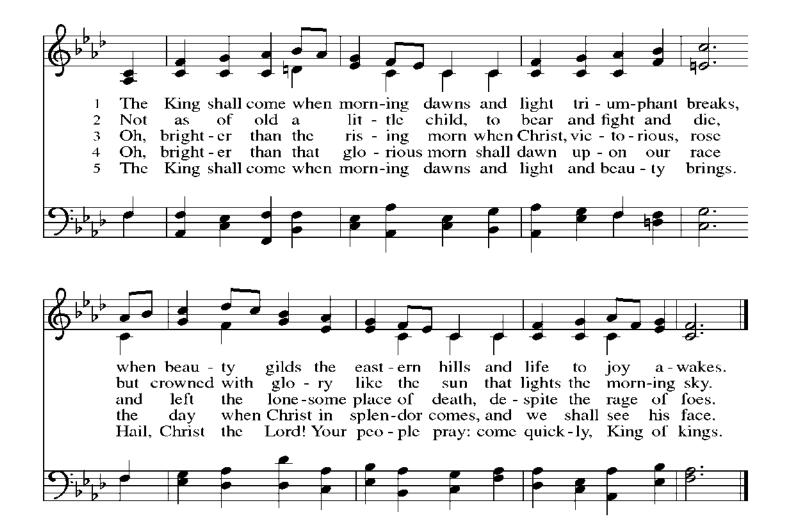
 Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

 Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

 Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

 Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

 Amen.
- P Hear the good news:
 We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
 In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
 Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.
- C Amen.



GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE

- P In the beginning was the Word,
- C and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- P In the Word was life,
- C and the life was the light of all people.
- P The Word became flesh and lived among us,
- C and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P` Let us pray.
- P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
7The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
9They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious

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

PSALM: 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by stead-fastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

¹¹and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

12and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope."

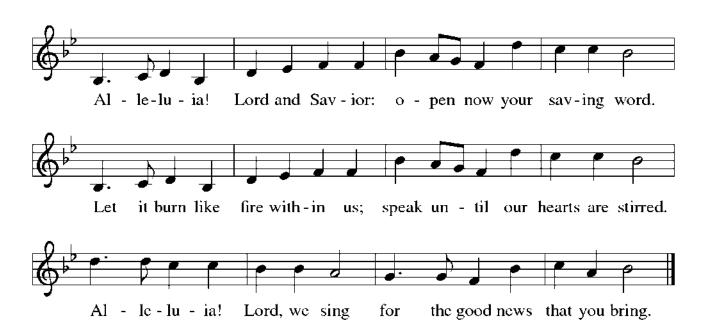
¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel of Matthew the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

T¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight."

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

he Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

Please stand as you are able at the last verse.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians (especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation (*local examples may be named*). We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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ANTHEM

O Come to Us, Emmanuel

Martin Jordan Irazabal, piano

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

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- 1 Ac cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up on your ta ble.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



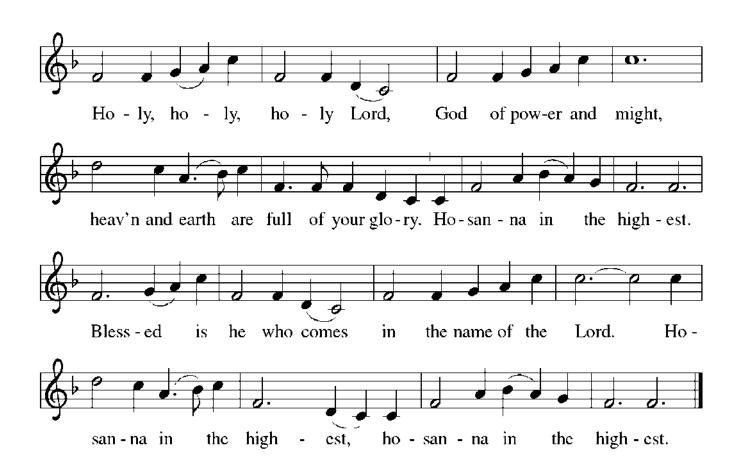
We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.
 - Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
- C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
 - You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new
 - In the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
 - And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



Christ has died.

Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, One God, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.
All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

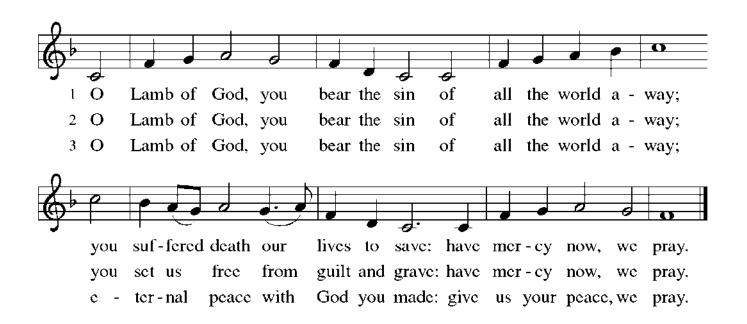
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COMMUNION

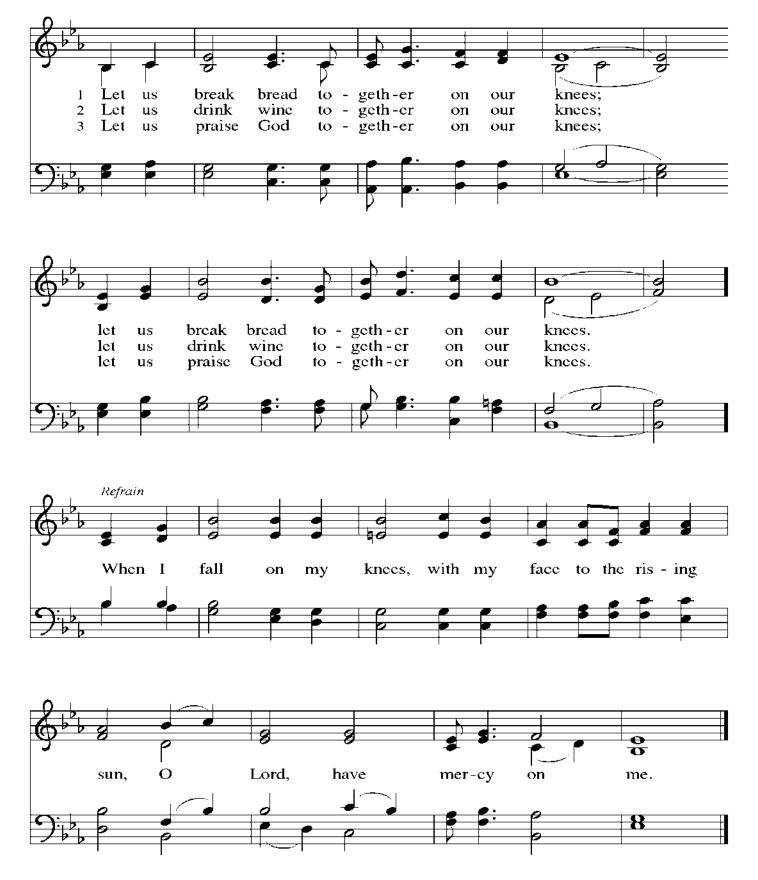
Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to Pastor at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are red wine and white grape juice. Please let Pastor know if you require glutenfree bread.

LAMB OF GOD



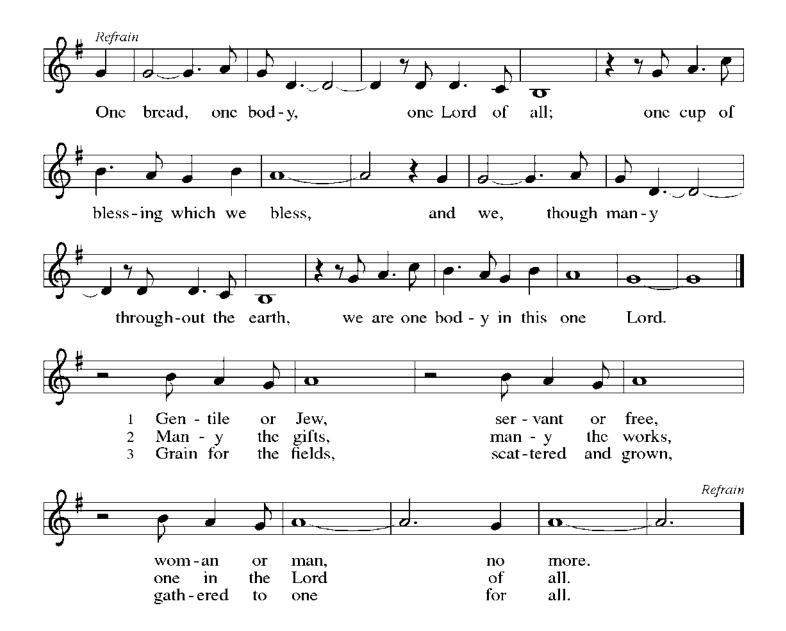
Let Us Break Bread Together

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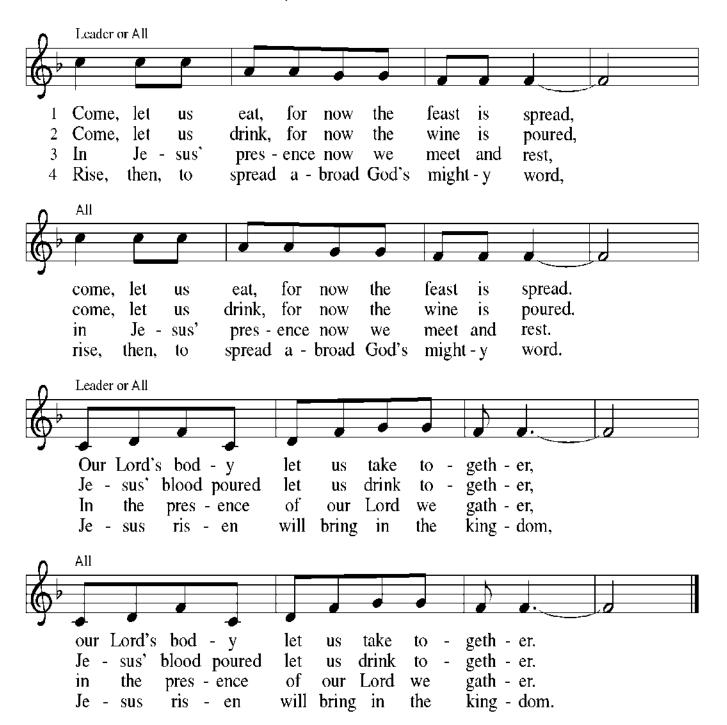
HYMN DURING COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body ELW 496



HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Come, Let Us Eat ELW 491



COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
- in his grace.
- C Amen.

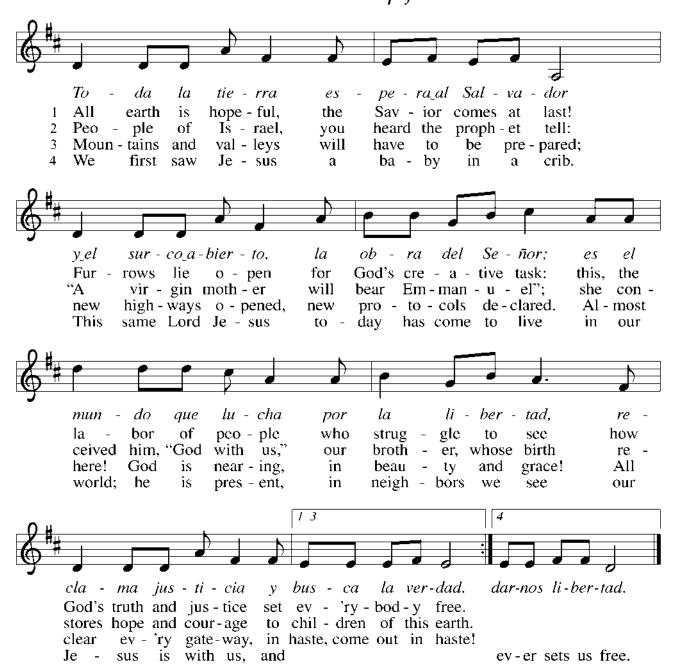
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P God our redeemer,
 you have fed us at this table
 with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
 As you have gathered us in joy,
 send us forth as messengers of your peace.
 Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
 born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P God bless you and keep you,

 H Jesus grant you grace and truth,
 and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
 now and forever.
- C Amen.



- 2 Dice_el profeta al pueblo de_Israel: "De madre virgen ya viene_Emmanuel," será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será, con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
- 3 Montes y valles habrá que preparar; nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar. Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar, y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.
 - 4 En una cueva Jesús apareció, pero_en el mundo está presente hoy. Vive_en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está; y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.





The chancel flowers are presented today to the glory of God by the Day family in honor of Verity Day and Moya Schlegel's birthday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

11:00am

Assisting Minister: Toni Durandetta Greeter/Usher: Merrily Schiavone

Usher: Don Durandetta Reader: Karen Baumbach Sound: Gerry Teig

Nursery: Jane Foskett, Lynda Martinez **Counters:** Gerry Teig, Lynda Martinez

Refreshments: Lynne Luettgen, Merrily Schiavone

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