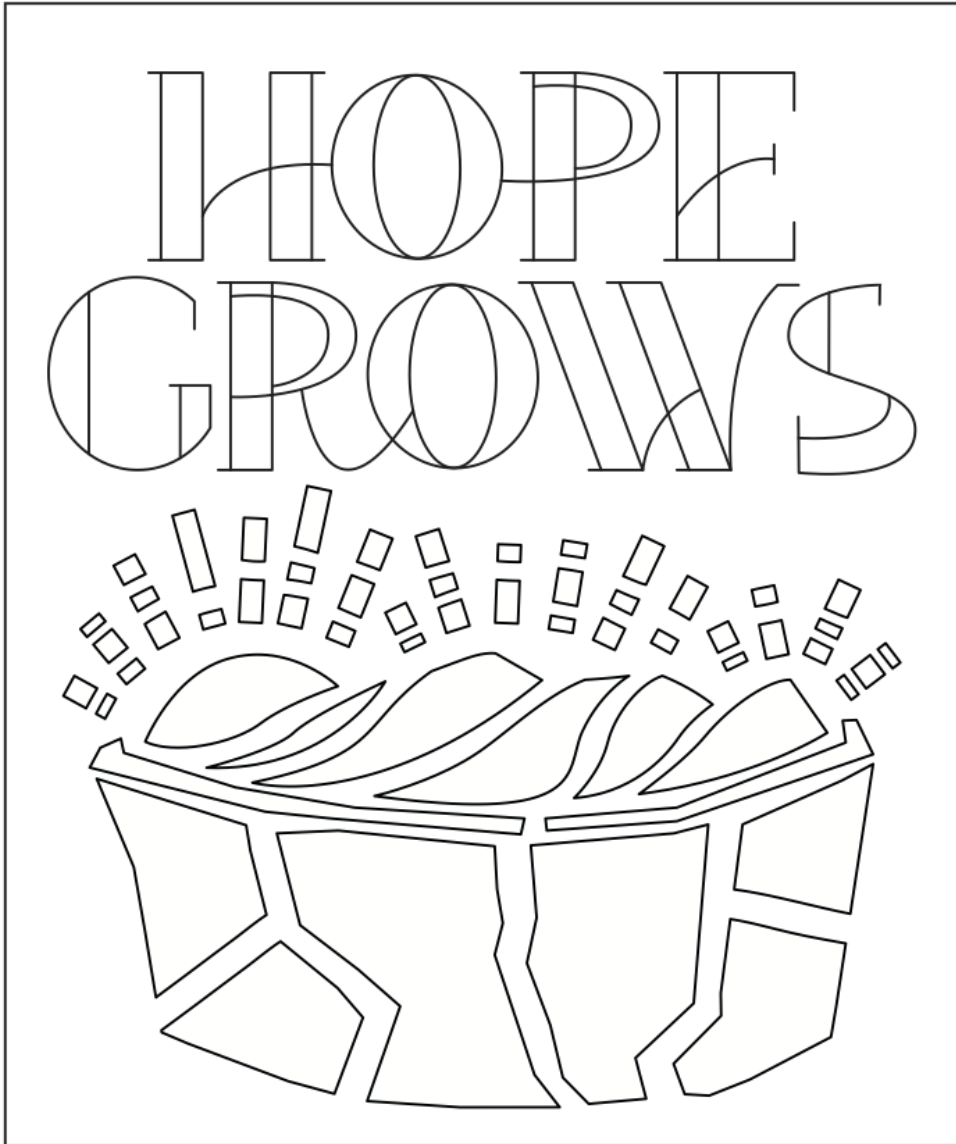


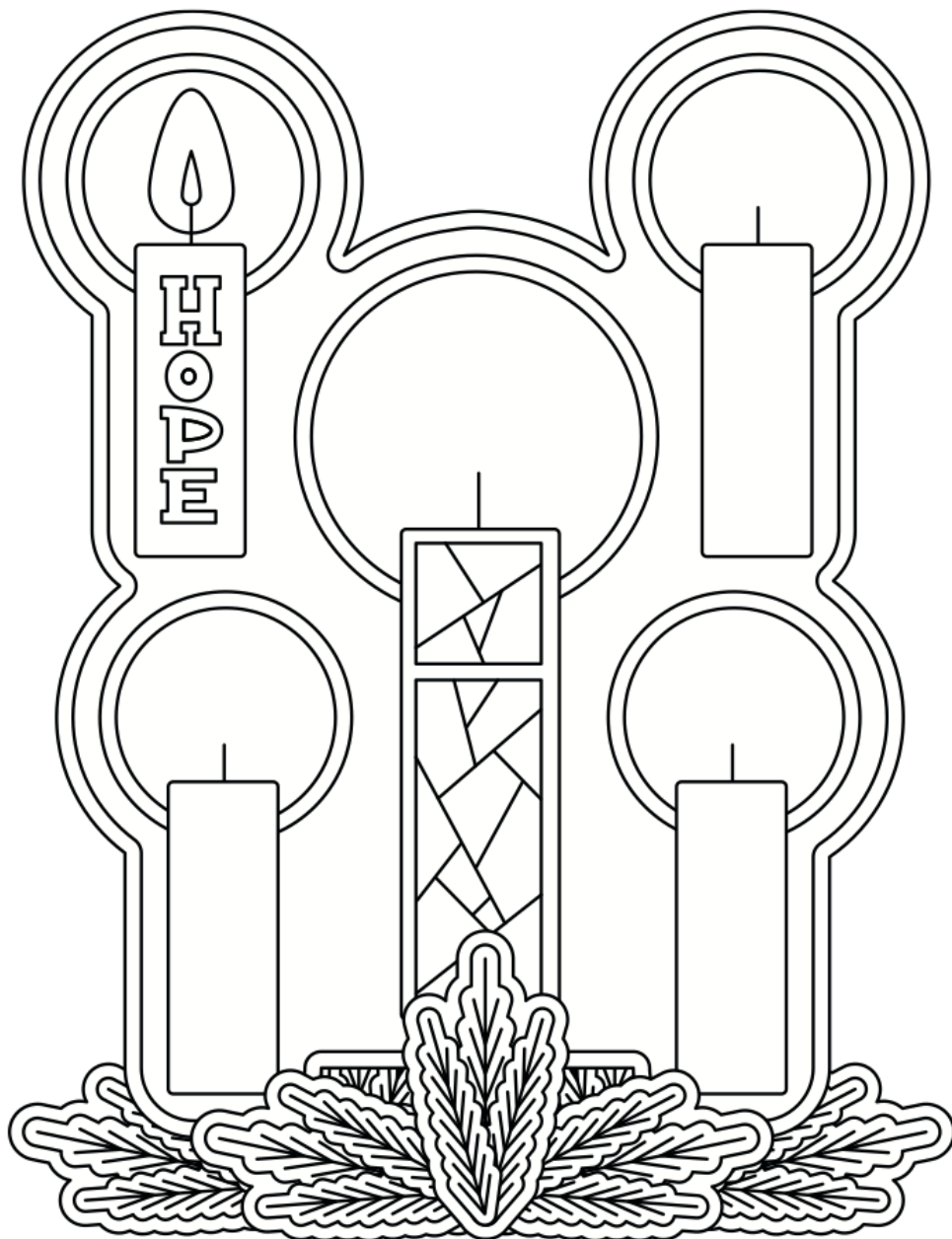
ADVENT ONE

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR ALL AGES



COLOR the CANDLES

We mark each week of Advent by lighting a candle. Color the Advent candle we lit today.





ST. CATHERINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

Welcome to St. Catherine's

We are glad that you have joined us for worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be found on the back of the chair in front of you. Completed cards may be given to a greeter or placed in the collection plate.

“BCP” before a page number refers to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. “H” before a page number refers to the blue hymnal. Both are in the pew. You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian Church. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.

Serving Today

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce, *Deacon*

Chris Stricklin, *LEM/Crucifer*

Jamie Johnson, *Lector*

Kayelyn Dominguez &

James Johnson, *Torchbearers*

Donald Bruce, *Technology*

Sasha Johns, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Lynne Dominguez, *Intercessor*

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Sasha Johns, *Money Counters*

Jane Keeton, *Altar Guild*

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Please stand.*

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

THE KYRIE *S 86*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING

A Reading from 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." *Ezekiel 36:24-28*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole 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

SECOND READING

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able. Cantor sings Alleluia; Congregation repeats Alleluia; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Alleluia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Fine*

Cantor: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow

A period of silence follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form II

BCP 385

CONCLUDING COLLECT, No. 7

BCP 395

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE *The Peace is now exchanged.*

BCP 360

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY HYMN

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As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung:

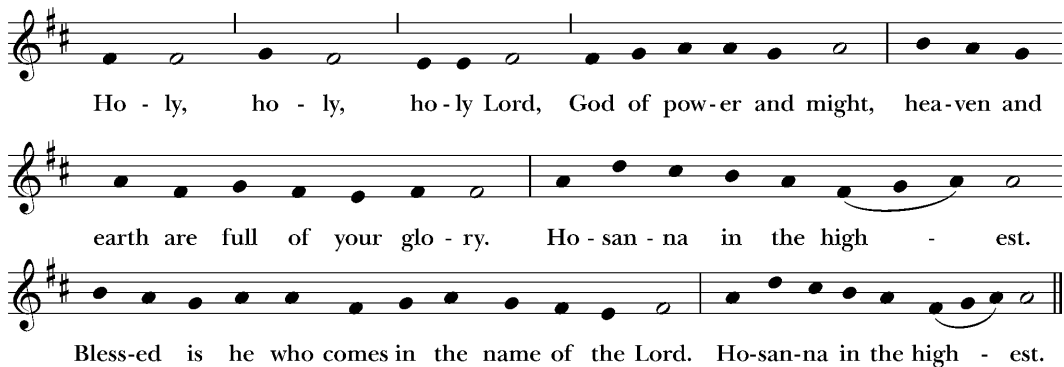
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS S 124

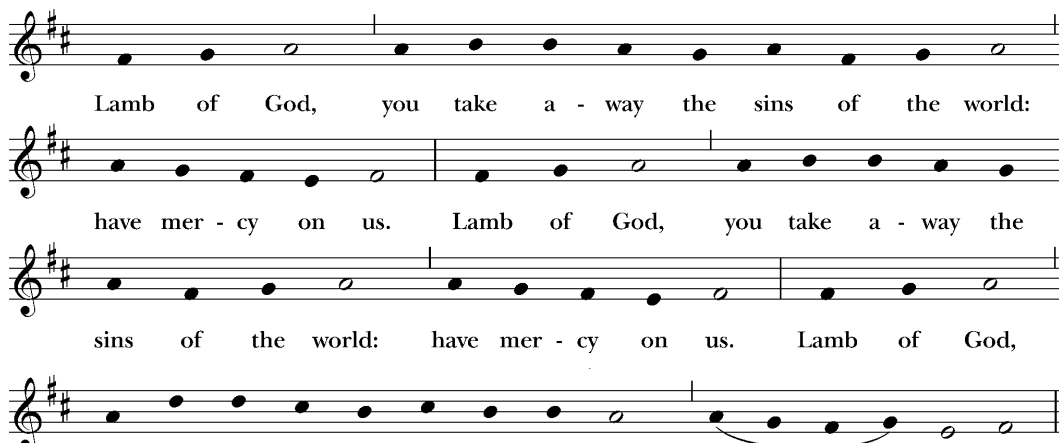


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM *S 161*



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.

INVITATION

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COMMUNION HYMN

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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To seek, love, and serve God through worship, education, and service and to share the redeeming love of Christ with the world.

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Prayers of the Community

Those on our parish prayer list: Nita, Clydene, Steven, Heather, Dorrie, Wendy, Angel, Mary Lynn, Marti, Tommie, Paige, Joseph, Tracy, Cathy, Jim, Dave, Carol, John, and Tristan.

Those who serve in the military, especially John Morris.

For those that celebrate birthdays this week, especially Alex Lewis, Hayden Molloy and Ava Traylor. May they grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Announcements

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered at the Turkey Trot. Our

event was a huge success because of those who showed up and helped everything run so smoothly. Our profits are predicted to be over \$2,000 this year.

Dec. 15, 11:45 am – Vestry Meeting

Dec. 22 – Greening of the Church following the service.

Dec. 24, 6 pm – Christmas Eve Service.

Children and Youth are invited to join the choir for our Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals are at 9:30 am in the choir room on December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Join us after the service in the parish hall for Birthday coffee hour and conversation.

Altar Flowers sponsored by Wanda and Bill Wheeler.

SKETCH and GUESS

What is something in the sanctuary which makes you think of food or hope? Here's your chance to draw it! This activity requires two players. The first player will look around the space and find something to draw. Player 1 will begin to draw whatever they have chosen in the box provided below. Once the drawing is complete, they will pass it to Player 2 who will write their guess on the line provided below the image.

SKETCH

GUESS _____

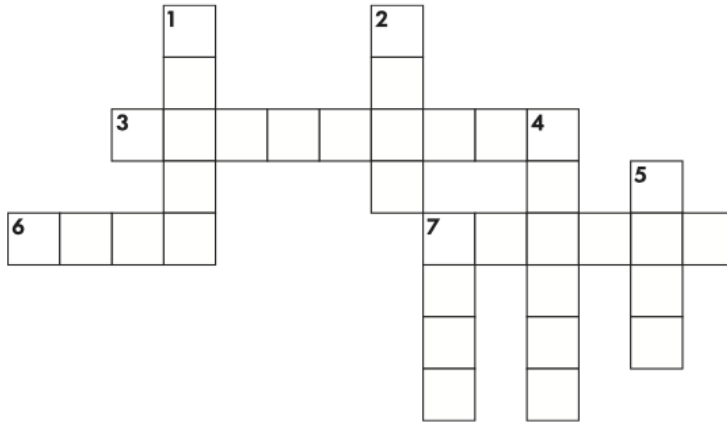
HOW MANY WORDS?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, whose name means "House of Bread." Here's your chance to come up with as many words as you can find within it (for example: **bed** or **road**). Write down and share your discoveries with your fellow players.

HOUSE OF BREAD

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Jesus was born to provide hope and food is foundational to that hope! Read the clues below to solve the crossword puzzle connecting food and the hope Jesus brought. If you get stuck, feel free to ask a neighbor!



ACROSS

3. "House of Bread"
6. Nutritious substance our bodies depend on
7. An empty, hollow feeling in our bellies

DOWN

1. Starchy food that can be used for sandwiches
2. Opposite of want
4. Where animals find their food
5. Multiple food items consumed at once
7. Believing things can get better with compassion and imagination

WORDS to CARRY

Write down three words from today's service on **hope** that you will carry with you this week.



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