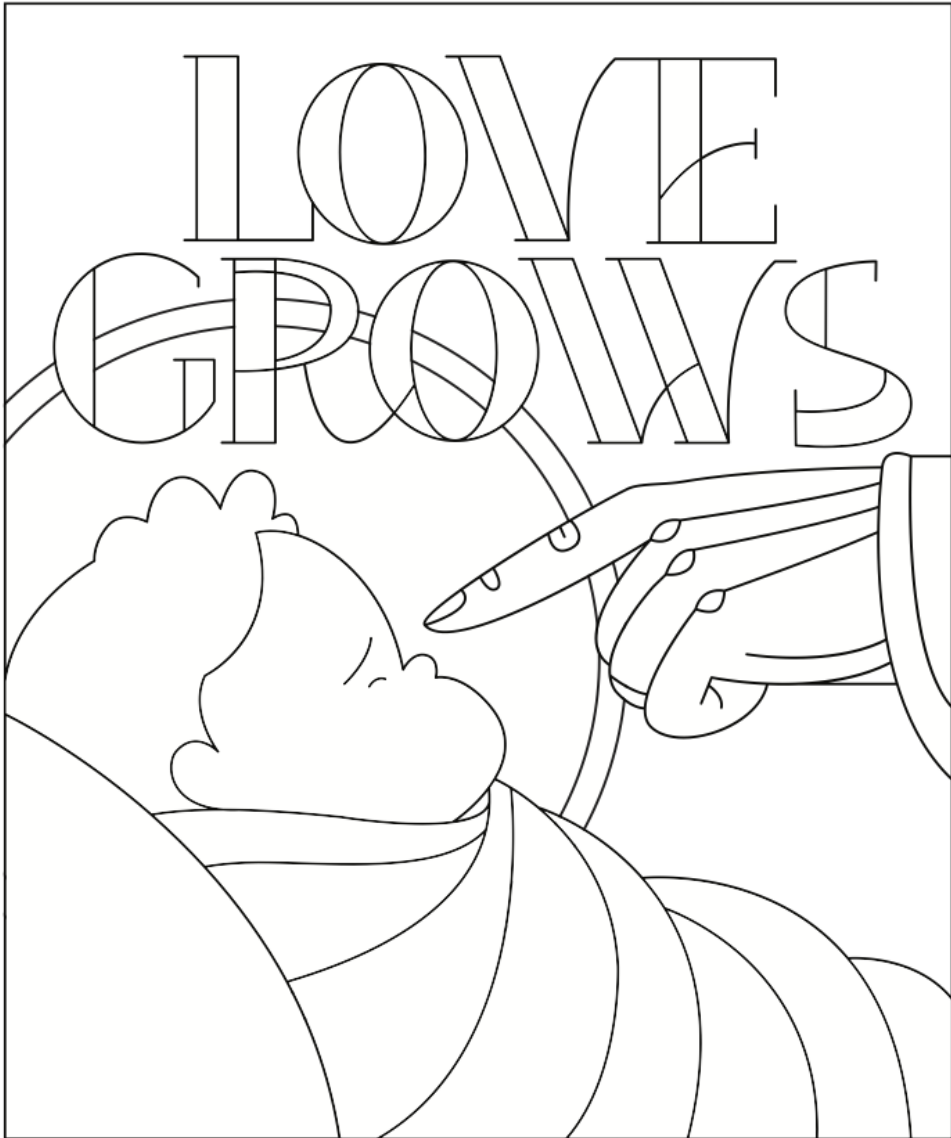


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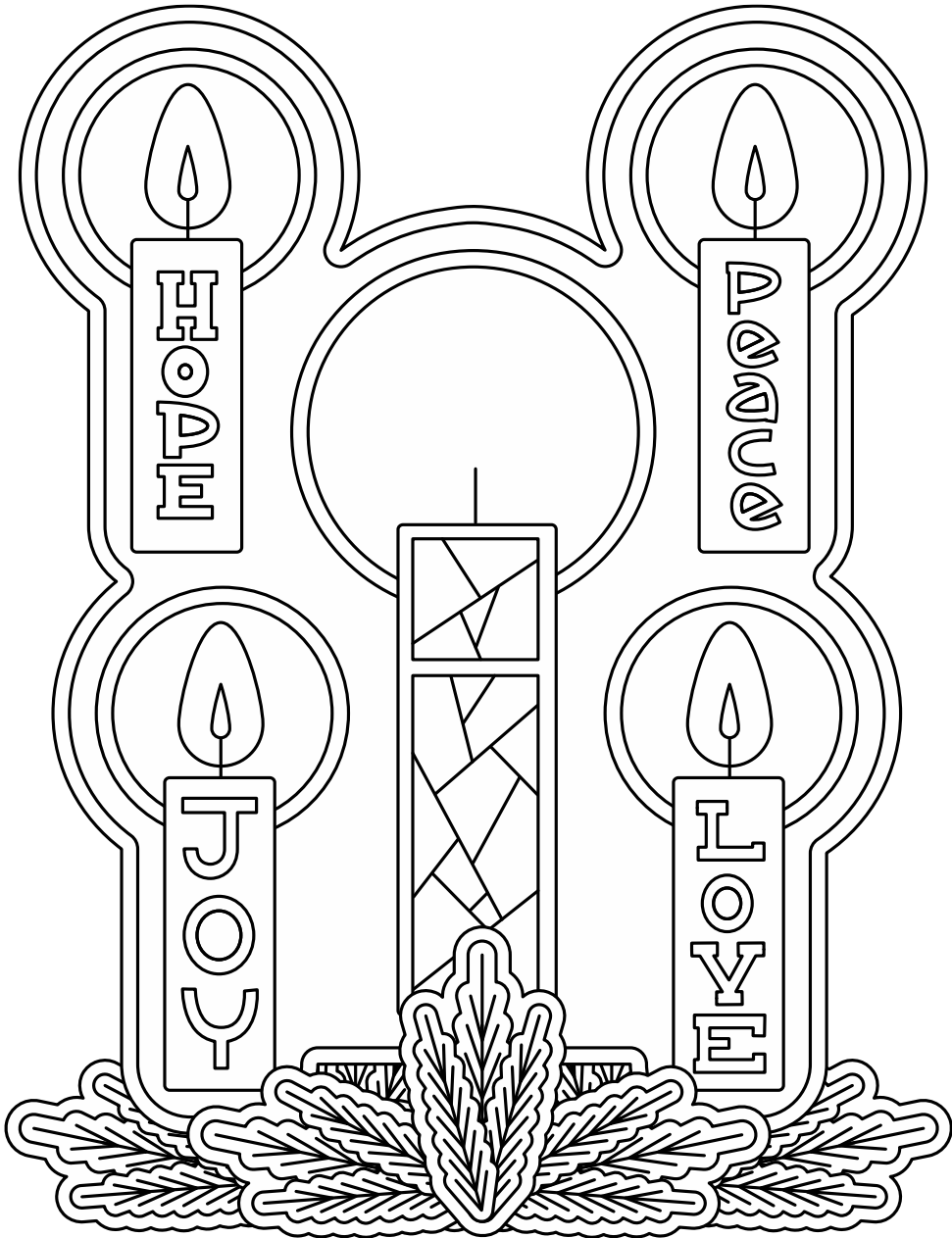
INTERACTIVE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR ALL AGES



FROM THE
MANGER 

COLOR the CANDLES

We mark each week of Advent by lighting a candle. Color the number of Advent candles that were lit today.





ST. CATHERINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 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*
Olivia Kennedy & Brody Dominguez,
Torchbearers

Laura Chambless, *Lector*
Teresa McLarty, *Intercessor*
Julie Kennedy, *Greeter*

Scott Reimer, *Vestry Person of the Day*
Scott Reimer & Connie Meloun,
Counters

Julie Kennedy, *Altar Guild*
Scott Reimer, *Technology*

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Please stand.*

H 56, Vv. 1-2, 7-8

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING

A Reading from the prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Micah 5:2-5a

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 15 *Luke 1:46-55*

The Canticle will be read responsively by whole verse.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *Hebrews 10:5-10*

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.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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 NICENCE CREED *Please stand.*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form II

BCP 385

CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE *The Peace is now exchanged*

BCP 360

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ave Maria* by Charles Gounod Mackey Atkinson, Tenor

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

BCP 361

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.

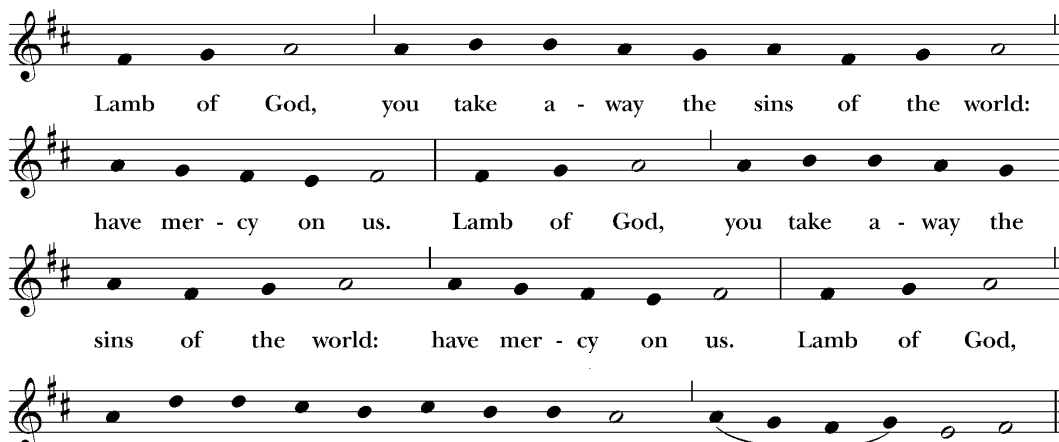
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

H 66

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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Our Mission

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

Our Vision

St. Catherine's, the Episcopal Church in Chelsea, is a welcoming and inclusive family called by Christ to receive and share God's love.

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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 _____

Announcements

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

Dec. 24, 4:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service.

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

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WORD SEARCH

Today's Advent worship is all about love—how love connects us, feeds us, and saves us. Find as many words about love and the story of Jesus and Simeon as you can in this word search!

G K E D T X P R O M I S E T K
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S F T J S Q F Z K I G U O E M
P N C A V Y T I S D M I H R O
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E N M I R B S U L A Z L O C E
R L M A S E E D V F T O X N E
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LOVE

LIGHT

JESUS

SIMEON

GOD

SALVATION

PROMISE

CARE

CONNECT

FREEDOM

FEED

COMPASSION

SHARE

ACTION

COMMUNITY

FAITH

CELEBRATE

INCLUDE

LOVE BINGO

There are many ways we express and share LOVE as a gathered faith family! In this interactive bingo/LOVE game, you get to mark an “X” on each form of love you share during today’s worship service. You can get a “LOVE” across, up/down, or diagonal.

L O V E			
Say “Hi” to someone you know	Wave to someone you don’t know	Sing a song or hymn	FREE SPACE 
Say “Amen!”	Shake someone’s hand	Look up today’s Scripture passage	Smile at the pastor during the sermon :)
Spot the Communion Table or Baptismal Font	Join in the Prayers of the People	Say “God loves you” to someone	Take three big belly breaths
Write down a prayer for someone sitting near you	Give a high-five to one of the musicians	Do a full body stretch while you sing	Draw a picture about <i>love</i> to give someone

WORDS to CARRY

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

