

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
EAST GREENBUSH – NEW YORK



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

Order of Service

ENTRANCE HYMN: AWAKE! AWAKE AND GREET THE NEW MORN

1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, For
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, When

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing; His hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, As morn - ing light so

soon* he is born, Be - hold the Child of our long - ing!
qui - et and near, Yet fills the earth with its ring - ing.
qui - et and free, So warm and gen - tle and car - ing.

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, To bring all hearts to -
Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul And hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in

geth - er, He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door And
kind - ness, The thun - der of his an - thems roll To
won - der, The weak be raised a - bove the strong, And

lives now in - side us for ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950

Tune: REJOICE, REJOICE, 9 8 9 8 8 7 8 9; Marty Haugen, b.1950

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel..

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus

Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.. The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1:18-24

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said

through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." The gospel of the Lord.

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✠ **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ **UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN: SING OUT EARTH AND SKY

Verses



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Come, O God of all the earth: | Come to us, O |
| 2. Come, O God of wind and flame: | Fill the earth with |
| 3. Come, O God of flash - ing light: | Twin - kling star and |
| 4. Come, O God of snow and rain: | Show - er down up - |
| 5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: | Come and shape our |



Right - eous One;	Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness;	Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun;	God of day and God of night:
on the earth;	Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new;	Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry	of your Son.
May our lives	your love con - fess.
In your light	we all are one.
God of sor - row,	God of mirth.
Bring us all	to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



Dance to the life a - round you!

✠ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

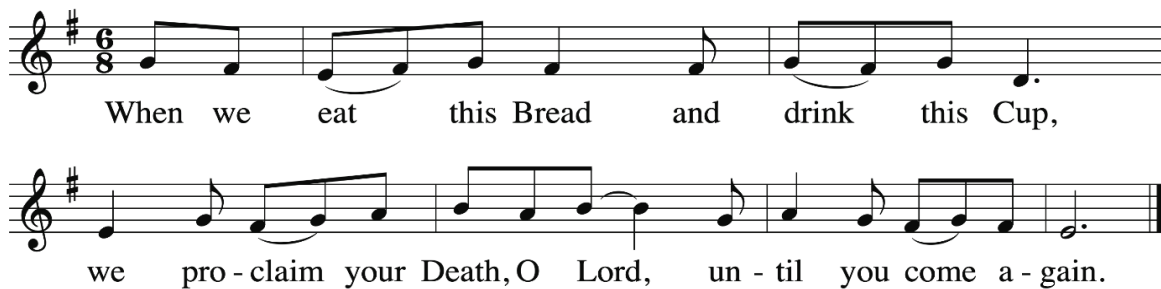
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✠ MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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✠ GREAT AMEN

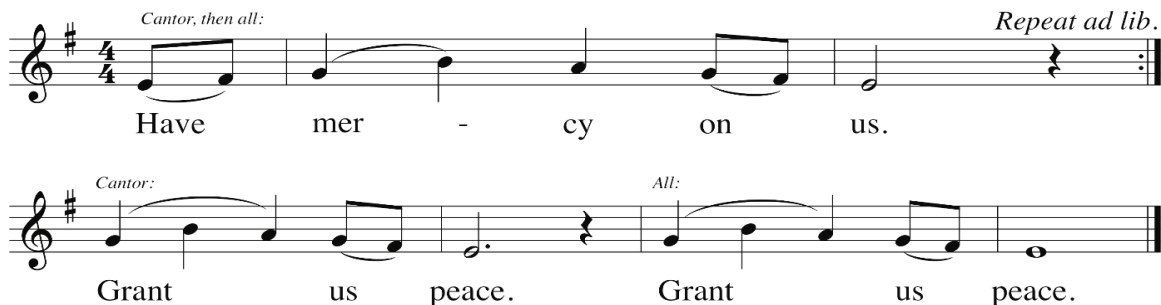


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✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ LAMB OF GOD



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COMMUNION HYMN: LUKE 1:36-55--MAGNIFICAT

Refrain

Pro - claim the great-ness of God; re - jice in God, my
Sav - ior! Re - jice in God, my Sav - ior!

Verses

1. For he has favored his lowly one, and all shall call me blessed.
The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
2. He favors those who fear his name, in ev'ry generation.
He has shown the might and strength of his arm,
and scattered the proud of heart.
3. He has cast the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with all good gifts, and sent the rich away.
4. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy.
He promised his mercy to Abraham and his children for evermore.

Text: Luke 1:46-55; James J. Chepponis
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✠ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

O Sac - ra - ment most Ho - ly, O Sac - ra - ment di -
vine All praise and all Thanks gi - ving, be ev - ry mo - ment thine.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: : O COME DIVINE MESSIAH



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence
 2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et
 3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And
 long fore - told. Come break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -
 cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a - way.
 deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to
 shall your God - head see.



earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face, And bid us



hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine Mes -



si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When



hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: *Venez, divin Messie*; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by Sr. Mary of St. Philip, SND, 1825–1904, alt.

Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE, 7 8 7 6 with refrain; French Noël, 16th C.; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880–1968

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PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL



St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do
thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the
power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil
spirits, who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls. Amen.

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