

# CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

## THURSDAYS @ 6:15 PM

*Welcome to the Church of the Incarnation and this service of Holy Communion.  
Everything you need to participate fully in the service is found in this leaflet and the accompanying insert.  
Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.*

### MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

### OPENING SENTENCES

God speaks to each of us as he makes us,  
then walks with us silently out of the night.  
These are the words we dimly hear:  
You, sent out beyond your recall,  
go to the limits of your longing.  
Embody me.  
Flare up like a flame  
and make big shadows I can move in.  
Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.  
Just keep going. No feeling is final.  
Don't let yourself lose me.  
Nearby is the country they call life.  
You will know it by its seriousness.  
Give me your hand.

—Rainer Maria Rilke

### PRAYER BELL

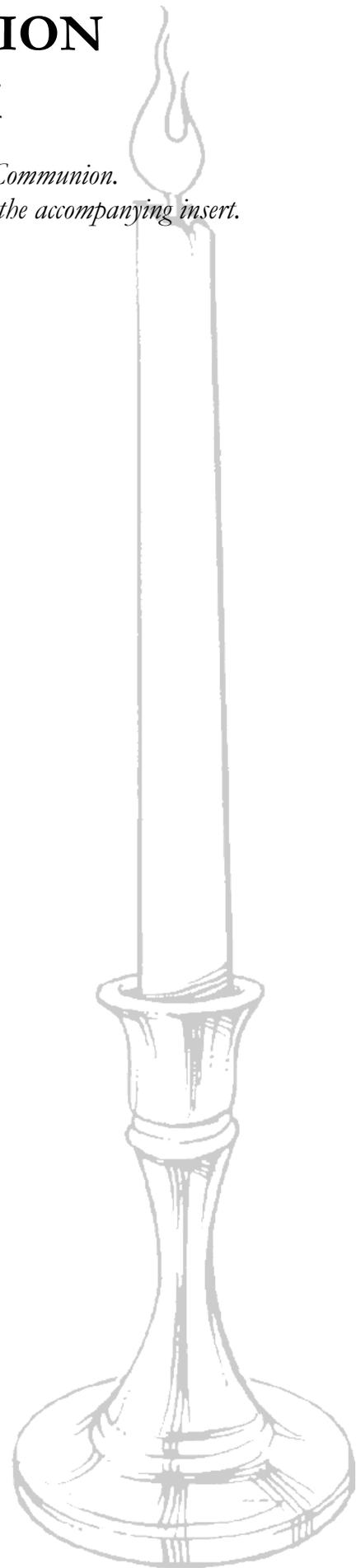
*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

### ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**GLORIA** *All sing.*



Melissa Fogarty

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et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis.

**READING** *All sit.*

*See insert for Scripture readings.*

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence follows the reading.*

**THE GOSPEL** *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

*At the conclusion of the readings:*

*Celebrant* The Good News of God in Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE**

*A period of silence follows the reflection.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*Leader* Blessed are you eternal God,

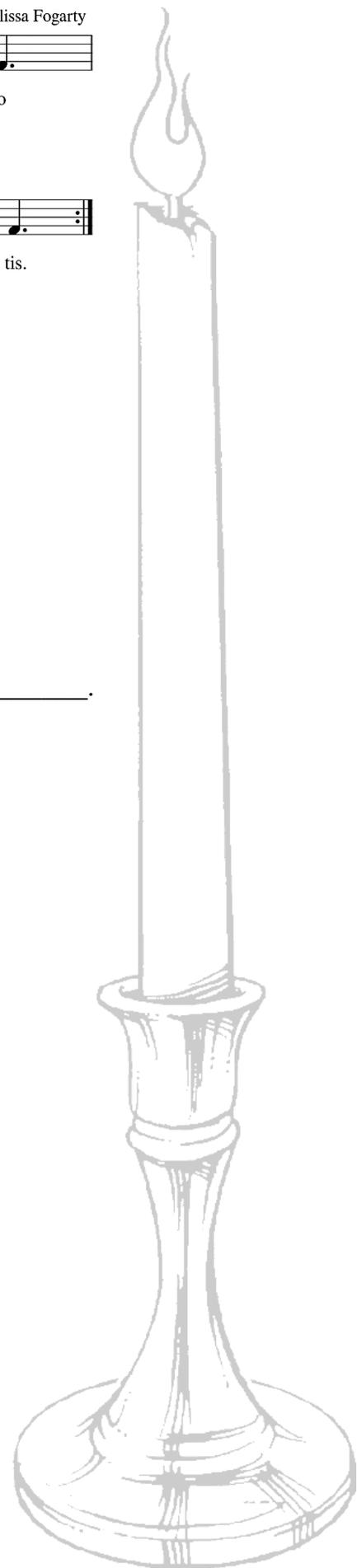
*People* **to be praised and glorified forever.**

*Leader* O Christ, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.

*People* **May we all be one that the world may believe.**

*Leader* Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

*People* **Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**



*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,  
*People* **that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

*Leader* Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.  
*People* **Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

*Leader* Look with your kindness on our homes and families.  
*People* **Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

*Leader* Make us alive to the needs of our community.  
*People* **Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

*Leader* Have compassion on all those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list.  
*People* **In your presence may they find strength.**

*Leader* We commend to your care and all those who have died.  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* We pray in silence for our own needs....  
We repent in silence of our sins....

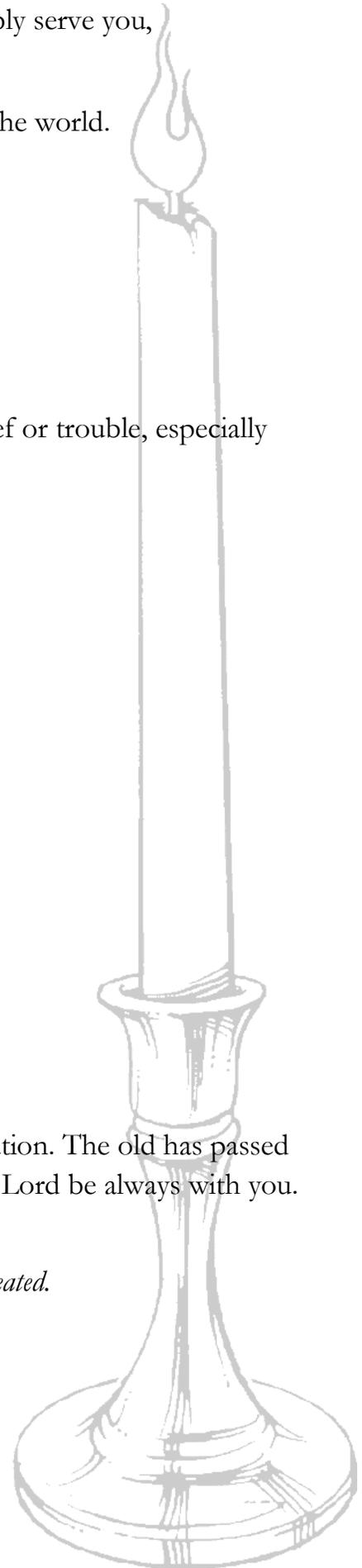
*Celebrant* Praise to you, abundant God,  
*All* **for when we ask, you give;  
when we seek, you show the way.  
When we knock, you answer.  
Praise to you for your unfailing grace.  
Make us your faithful people now and always.  
Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, everything has become new. The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.*

## **GREETINGS**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*We invite your offering for the support of the Church's mission in the world, and in thanksgiving for all that God has provided. You may place your offering in the stationary offering plate when coming forward for Communion or when departing the service. To make a one time or recurring gift online, please visit [churchoftheincarnation.org/donate](http://churchoftheincarnation.org/donate) or scan the QR code below.*



*Thank you for your generosity.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN *(see insert)*

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

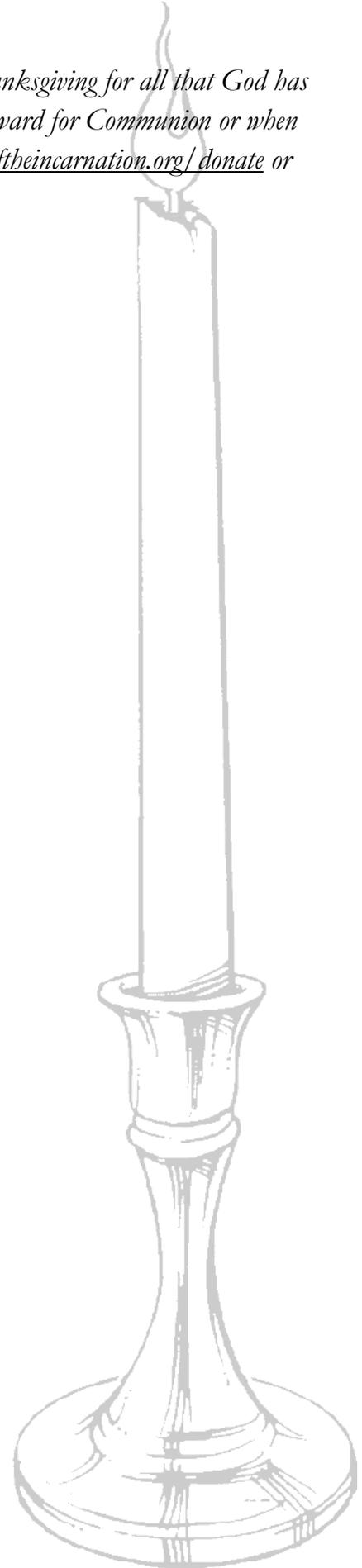
*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all-holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ  
and knit us into one body.

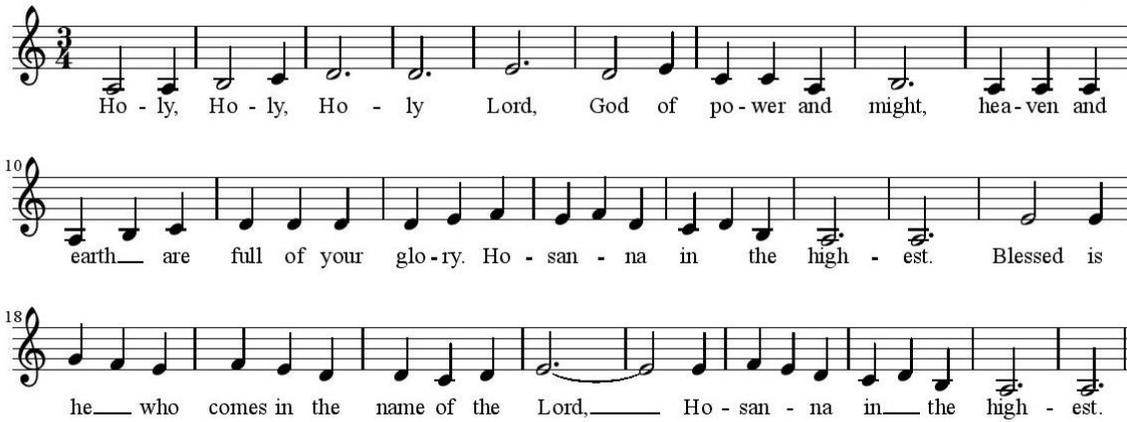
Through your Spirit you replenish us  
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels  
and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### SANCTUS *All sing.*



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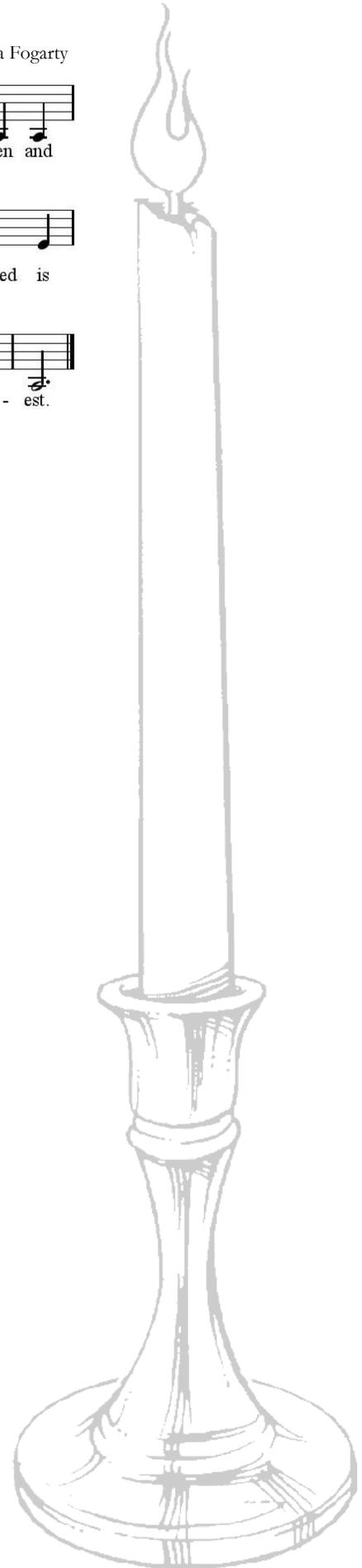
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel or remain standing as the Celebrant continues.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.  
But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another, and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.



Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord of all,

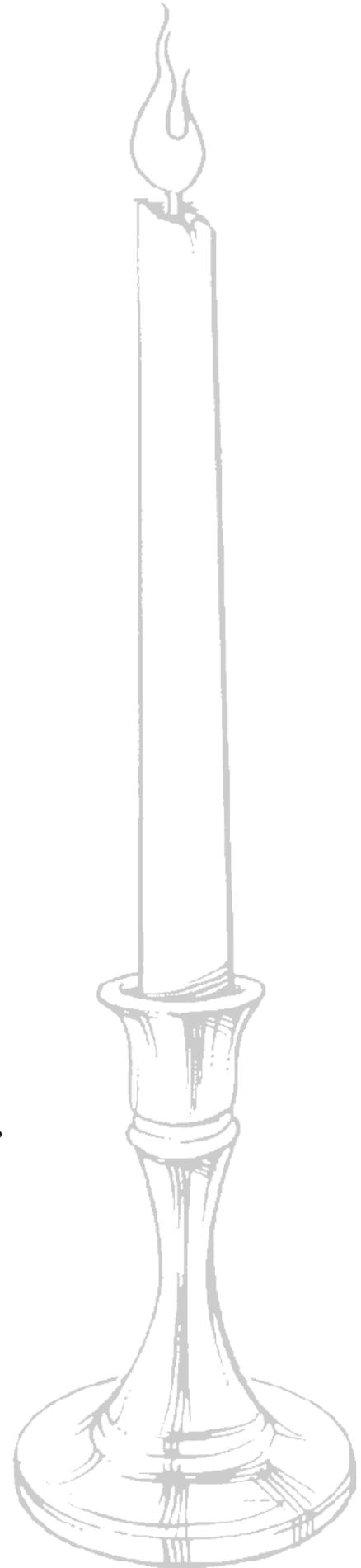
**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
presenting to you, from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.  
Bring us into the everlasting heritage



of your daughters and sons,  
that with all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silent reflection is observed.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM *All sing.*

*Cantor*



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

*All*



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

*Cantor*



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

*All*



keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

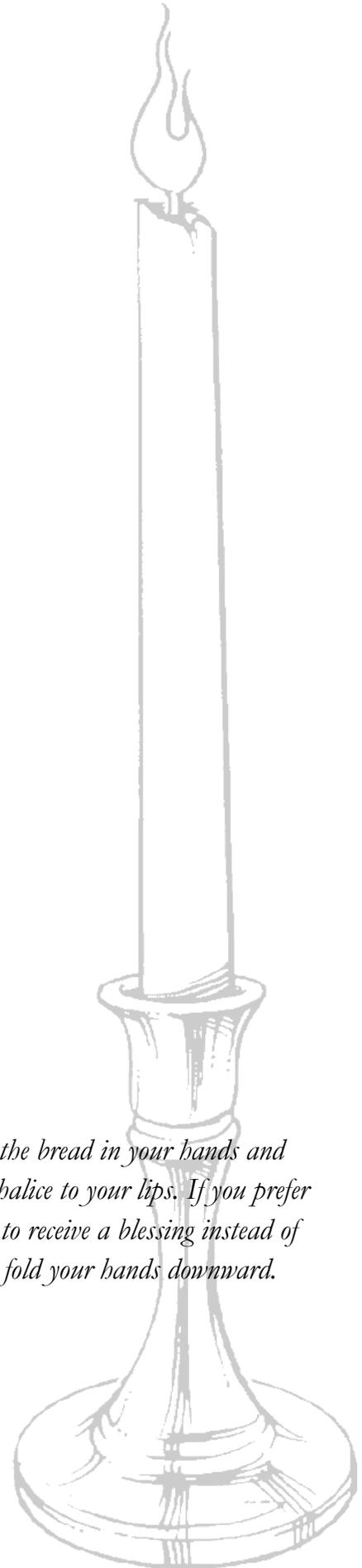
*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please stand in a semi-circle around the altar to receive Communion. You may take the bread in your hands and then take a sip of wine from the chalice, guiding the chalice bearer's hand to bring the chalice to your lips. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply return to your seat after receiving the bread. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, fold your arms across your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, fold your hands downward.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.



*All:*           **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 for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*    May the Spirit of Truth lead you into all truth,  
giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace.

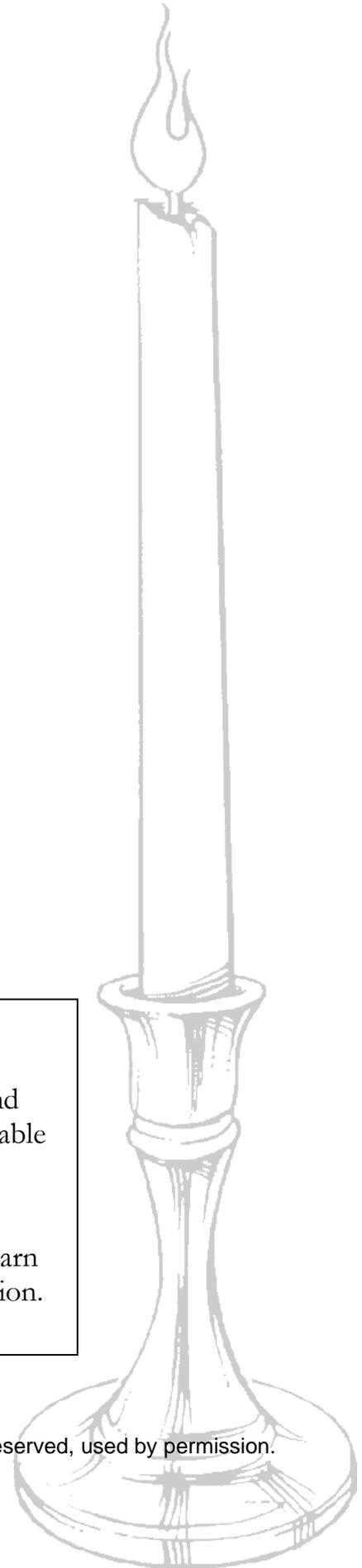
*People*       **Thanks be to God.**

## **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

### **HELP MAKE WORSHIP MEANINGFUL**

We are looking for volunteers to serve as lay readers, ushers, and members of the Altar Guild, who assist in preparing the Lord's Table for services of Holy Communion.

Please contact the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at [adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org](mailto:adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org) if you would like to learn more about serving in one of these roles at Candlelight Communion.



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