

# 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

The sky gave me its heart  
because it knew mine was not large enough to care  
for the earth the way it did.  
Why is it we think of God so much?  
Why is there so much talk about love?  
When an animal is wounded  
no one has to tell it, “You need to heal”;  
so naturally it will nurse itself the best it can.  
My eye kept telling me, “Something is missing from all I see.”  
So I went in such of the cure.  
The cure for it was His Beauty.  
The remedy, for me, was to love.

— “The Sky Gave Me Its Heart” by Rabia of Basra

### PRAYER BELL

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

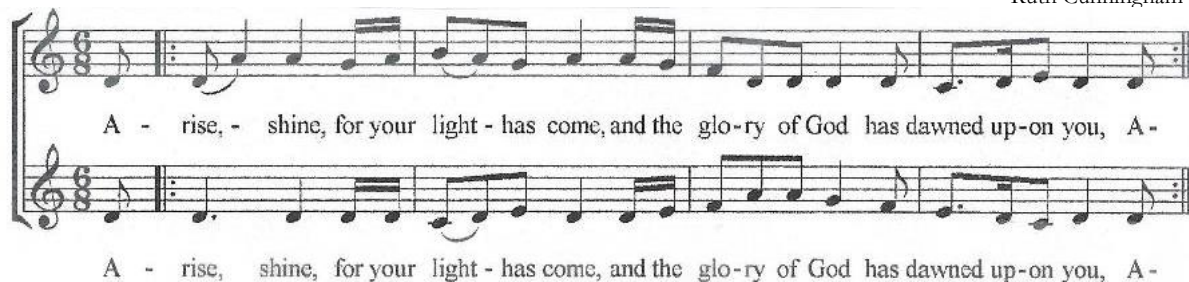
### ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

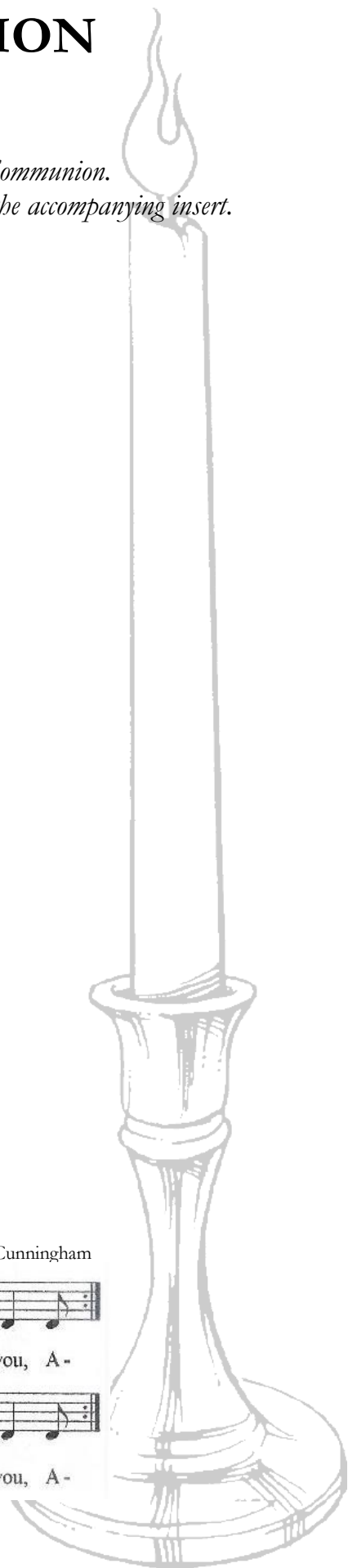
*People* **Let us rejoice and sing God’s praise for ever.**

*All sing.*

Ruth Cunningham



A - rise, - shine, for your light - has come, and the glo-ry of God has dawned up-on you, A -  
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**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 reading:*

*Celebrant* The Good News of God in Christ.

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

**REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE**

*A period of silence follows the reflection.*

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* Let us pray to God, the joy of our salvation.

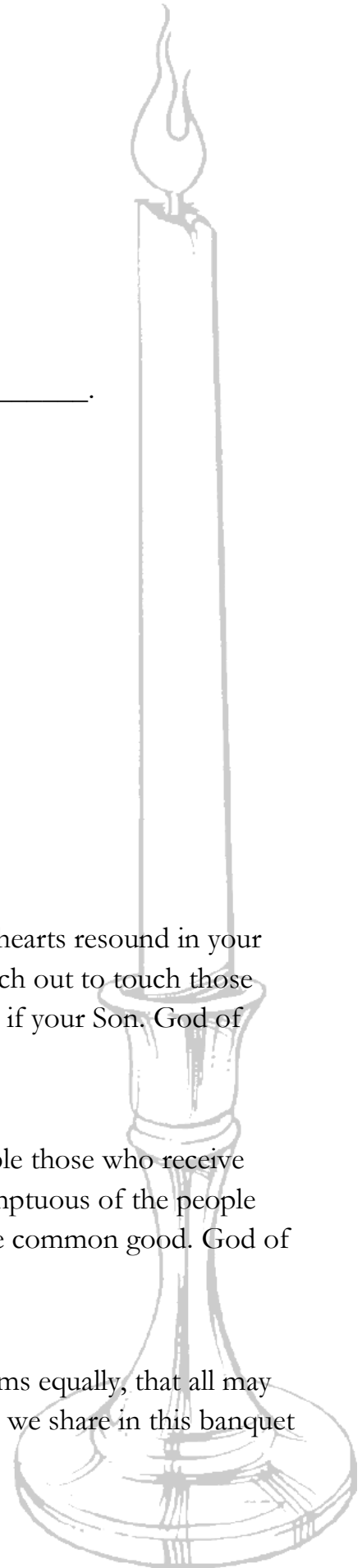
*Leader* Generous God, you draw us deeper into your love, and our hearts resound in your praise. Fill us with your bountiful goodness, that we may reach out to touch those beyond our usual gaze. Make us hospitable, welcoming all as if your Son. God of abiding mercy,

*People* **We will rejoice in you.**

*Leader* Generous God, you exalt those regarded as lowly, and humble those who receive worldly honor. Save all in high office from becoming contemptuous of the people they serve. Train us in humility that respects and furthers the common good. God of abiding mercy,

*People* **We will rejoice in you.**

*Leader* Generous God, you share your bread with sinners and pilgrims equally, that all may grow in the likeness of your Son. We pray for all with whom we share in this banquet



of your grace. Increase the bonds that unite us in your fellowship. God of abiding mercy,

*People* **We will rejoice in you.**

*Leader* Generous God, you promise that you will never forsake your people. Be with those on our parish prayer list, those who feel shrouded in darkness or fear, those anxious about what the future will hold, and those whose suffering brings them close to despair. May your light shine in the dark places. God of abiding mercy,

*People* **We will rejoice in you.**

*Leader* Generous God, we praise and bless you for your eternal mercy. In this faith we remember with love all who have died. May we all come to hear you invite us into your nearer presence. God of abiding mercy,

*People* **We will rejoice in you.**

*Celebrant* Loving and generous God, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; make us open to others in listening, sensitive to others in giving, and always instruments of your healing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *All stand.*

*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.*

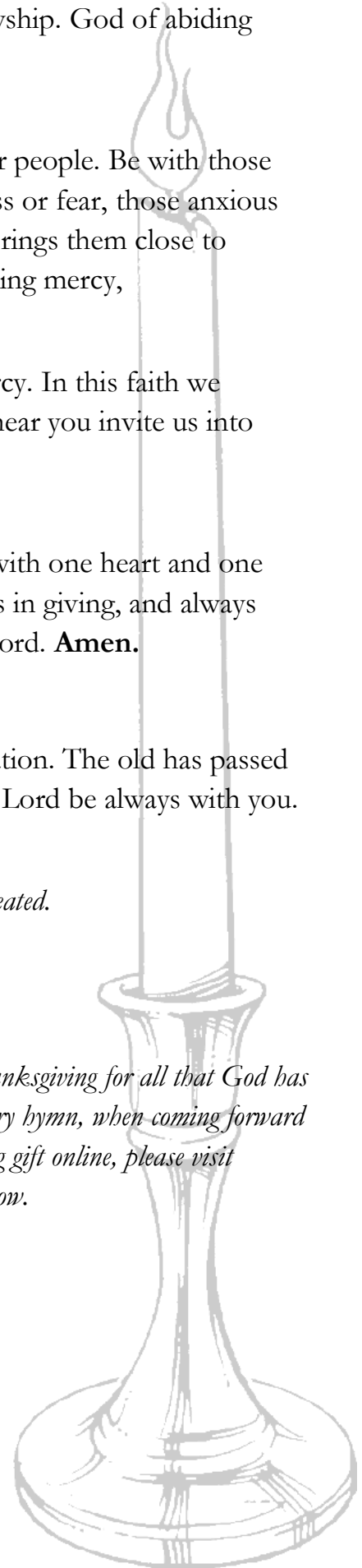
**GREETINGS**

### **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 during the offertory hymn, 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.**

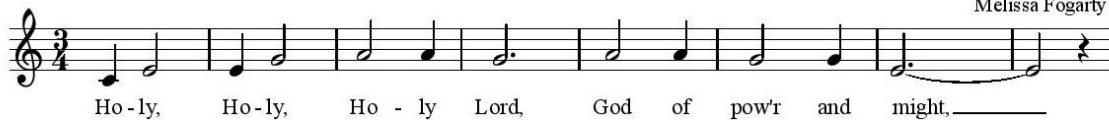
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

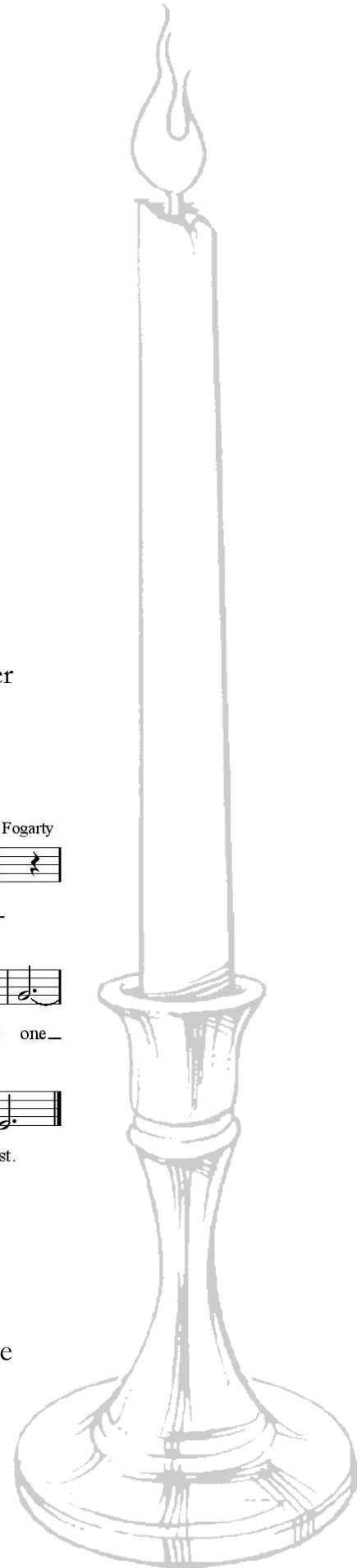
### SANCTUS *All sing.*

Melissa Fogarty



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

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.



For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

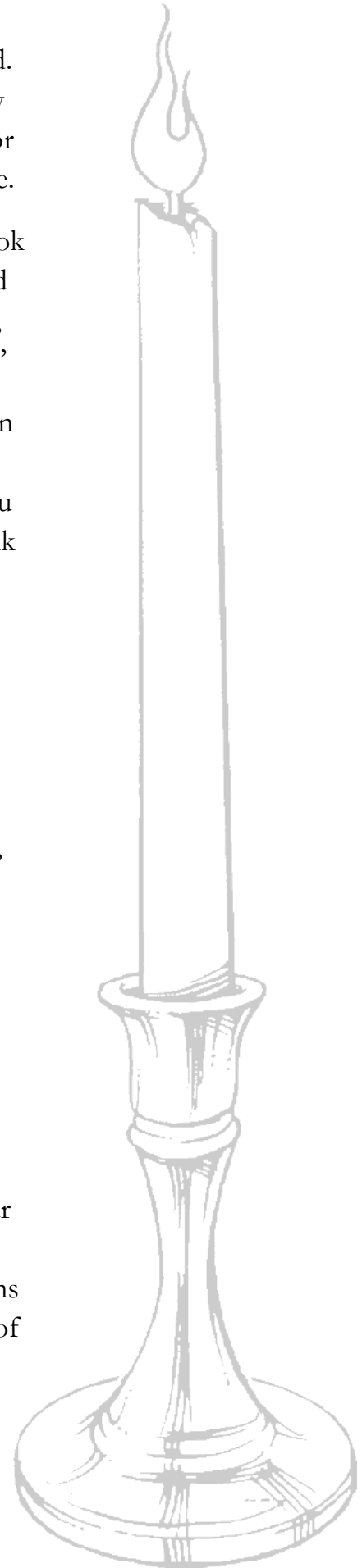
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*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, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silent reflection is observed.*

## **FRACTION ANTHEM** *All sing.*

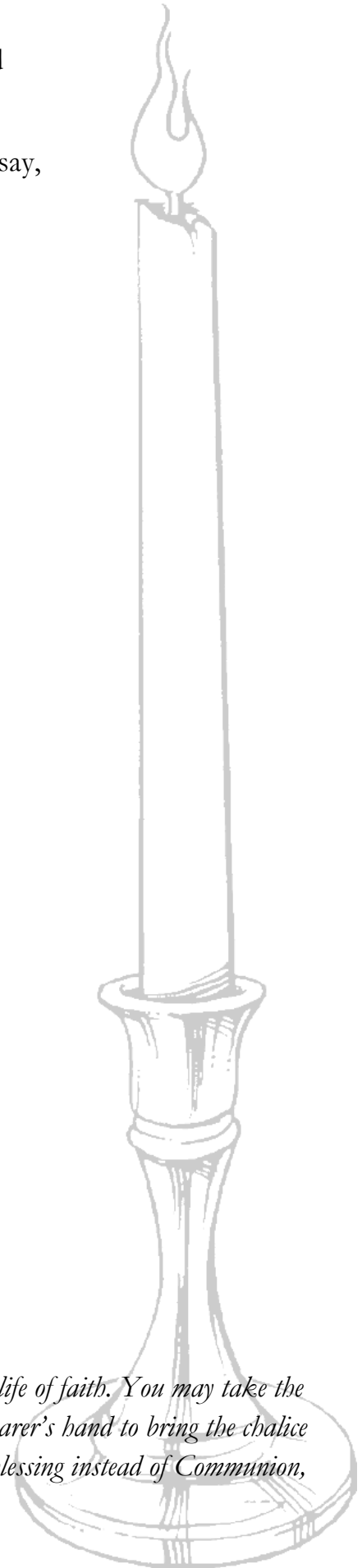
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us:  
There - fore let us keep the feast.

Setting: From *Incarnation Candlelight Mass* by Melissa Fogarty (2007)

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

*The Holy Eucharist is the meal that has traditionally nourished the baptized in their life of faith. 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. Or you may intinct (dip the wafer into the wine). If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion,*



*simply 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* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Life is short and we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those  
traveling the journey with us.  
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

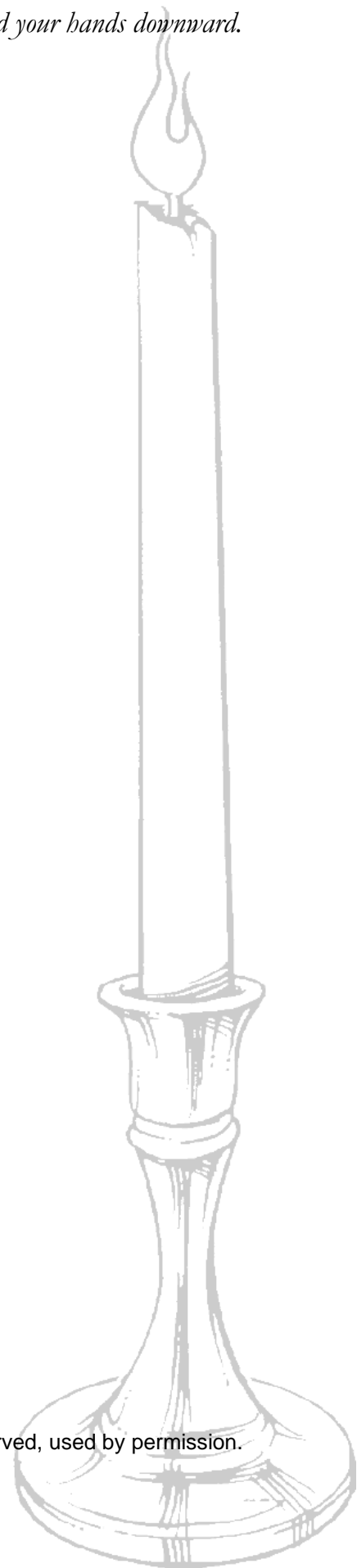
Go in peace.

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

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.*

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**HELP MAKE WORSHIP MEANINGFUL**

We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters, lay readers, 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.

