

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 worshiping with us this evening.*

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

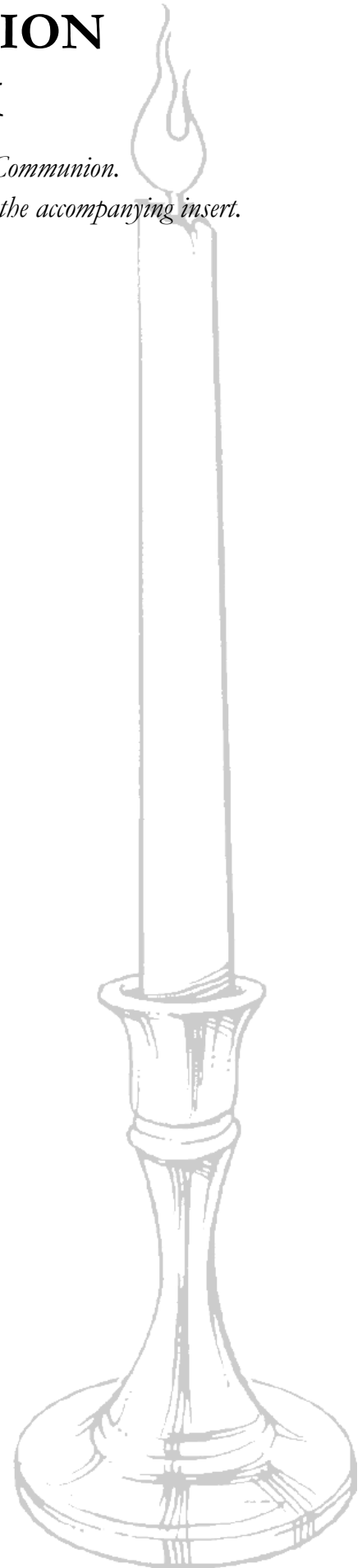
OPENING SENTENCES

Thou mothering earth
Hast received the live seed
Into the dark
Good shelter of soil.
The mantle of night
Thrown wide over us,
And the sun as it goes
Its swift and short journey,
Speak to our hearts
In warning and promise.
Thou Earth hast borne up
The footsteps of Mary
Journeying patiently
Southwards to Bethlehem;
And the Earth bears us
Today in our travail,
That we may bring forth
Christ in our spirit.
So may we await Him
Sent by the Father
Healer and bringer
Into our being
Of the true gold.

- "Advent Meditation" by Adam Bittleston

PRAYER BELL

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

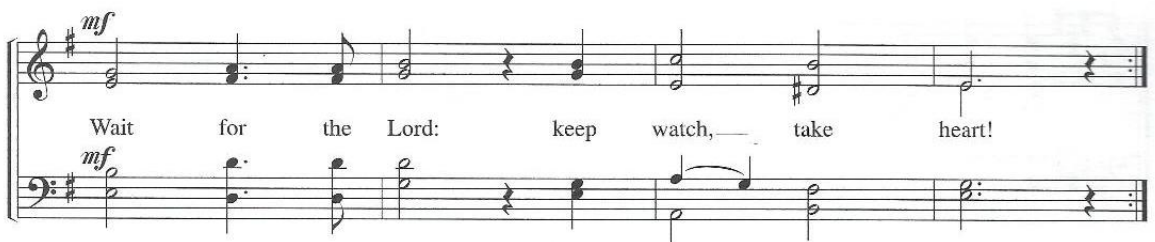


ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **You came to your people and set them free.**

All sing.



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:

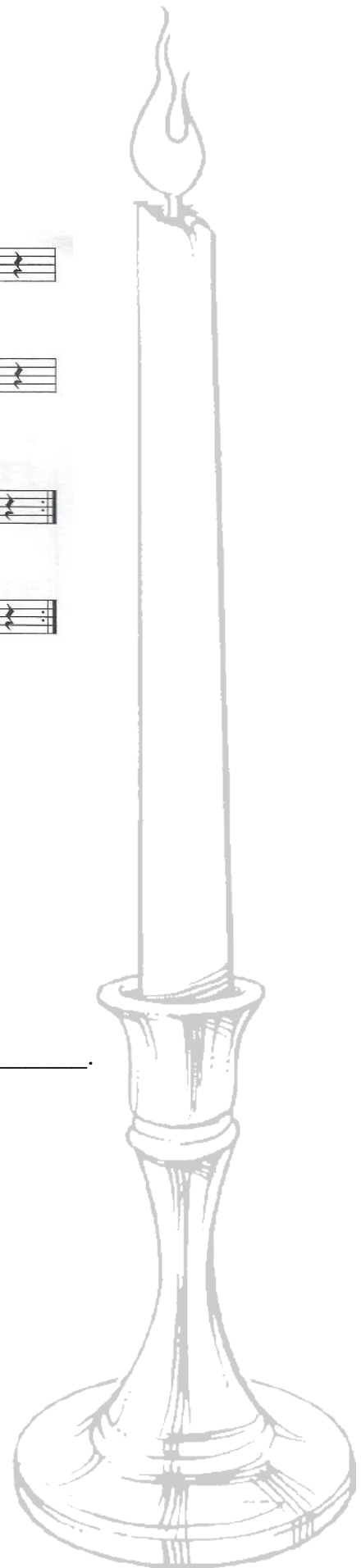
Celebrant The Good News of God in Christ.

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

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

A period of silence follows the reflection.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

Leader O God, you are the potter, and we are the clay, the work of your hand. We pray for the church, that you might form us and mold us into the church you would have us be. Come Lord Jesus,

People **and hear our prayer.**

Leader In your time, O Lord, the valleys shall be lifted up, the mountains and hills shall be made low, and the rough places will become a plain. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come Lord Jesus,

People **and hear our prayer.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring unending comfort; you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather the lambs into your arms. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially those on our parish prayer list; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come Lord Jesus,

People **and hear our prayer.**

Leader Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who have cause for rejoicing; that you would shield their joy and bring them gladness, and that sorrow and sighing might flee away. Come Lord Jesus,

People **and hear our prayer.**

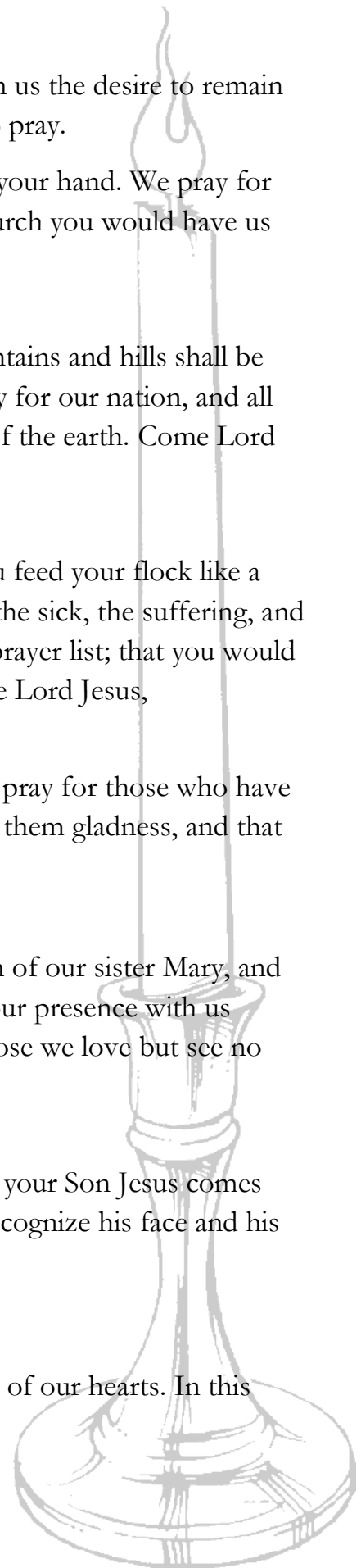
Leader In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son to be born of our sister Mary, and his name was Emmanuel: God with us. We thank you for your presence with us today, and we pray that you might be always present with those we love but see no longer. Come Lord Jesus,

People **and hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice and come to adore him. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Celebrant Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In this light, let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.



All **Almighty God,
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Celebrant In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The peace of Christ 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

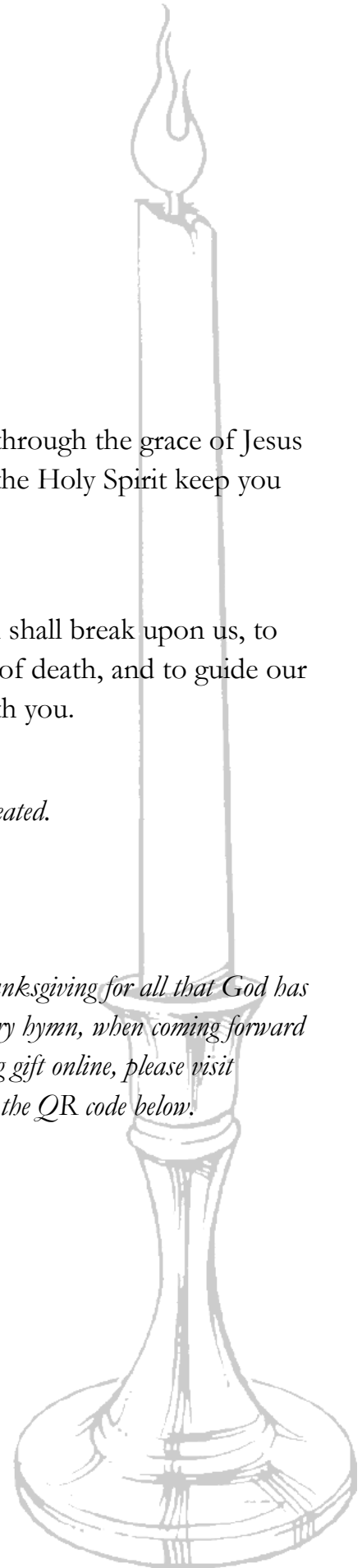
We invite your offering for the support of the Church's mission in the world, and in thanksgiving for all that God has provided. You may place your offering in the stationary offering plate during the offertory hymn, when coming forward for Communion, or when departing the service. To make a one time or recurring gift online, please visit churchoftheincarnation.org/donate, text "Madison209" to 73256, or scan the QR code below.



Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN *(see insert)*

HOLY EUCHARIST *All stand.*

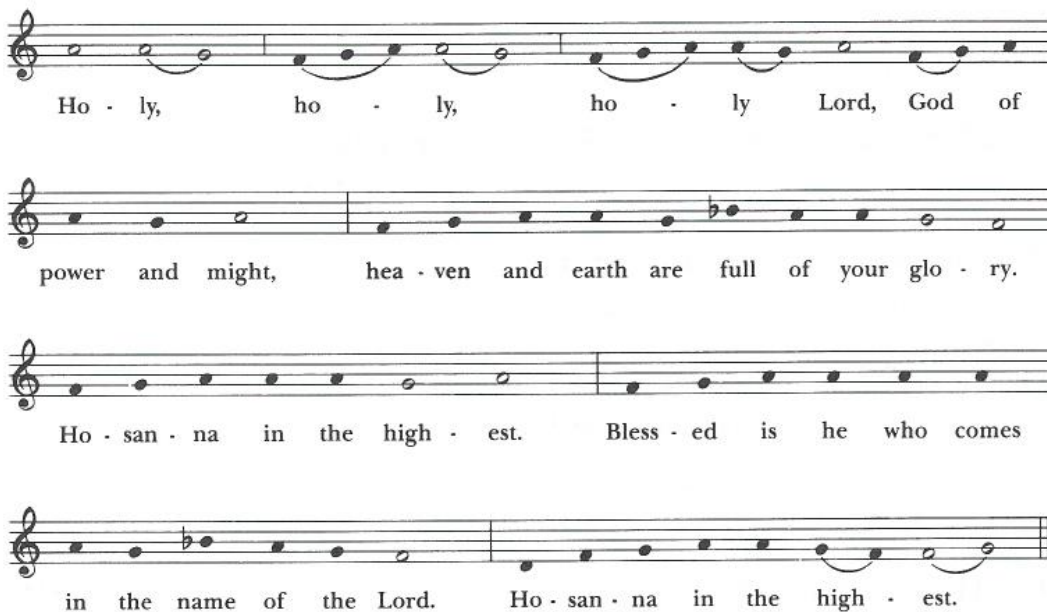


Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
 Almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.
 For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
 he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
 to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day
 when Christ our Lord will come again. And so we join our voices with
 angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim
 your glory, for ever praising you and saying:

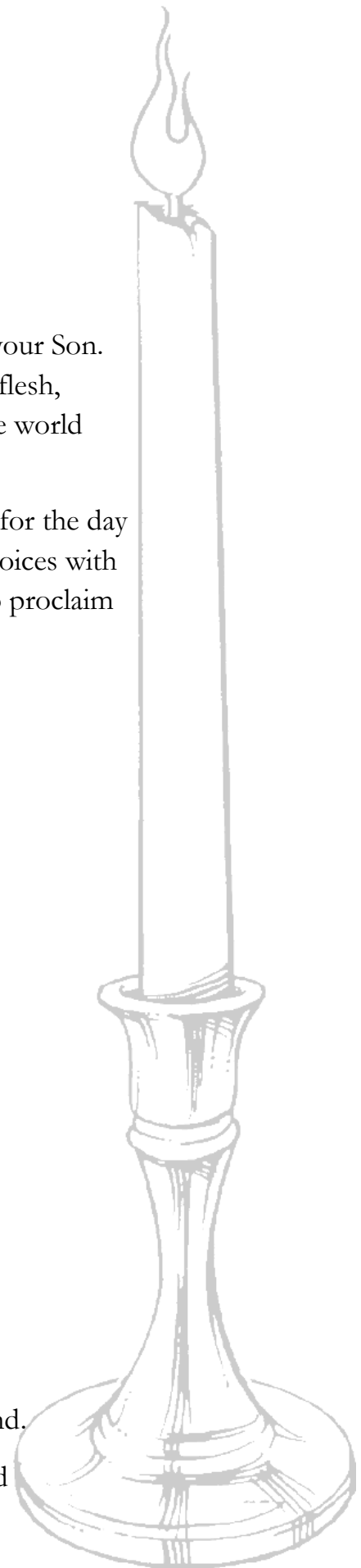
SANCTUS *All sing.*



Setting: Plainsong; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

The people kneel or remain standing as the Celebrant continues.

Celebrant Accept our praises, Holy God, through your Son our Savior
 Jesus Christ, as we follow his example and obey his command.
 For on the same night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread



and gave you thanks; He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper He took the cup, gave you thanks; and gave it to his friends, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

We remember your offering of yourself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim your mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Accept through Christ, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood. As we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you on earth and in heaven, we worship you, O Lord of all. **AMEN.**

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray.

All

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name.

thy kingdom come,

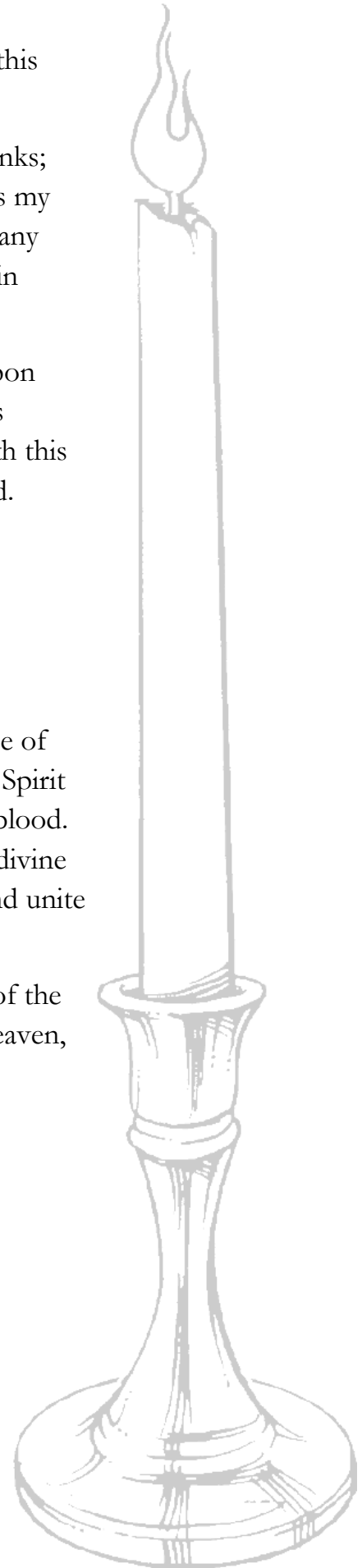
thy will be done,

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.



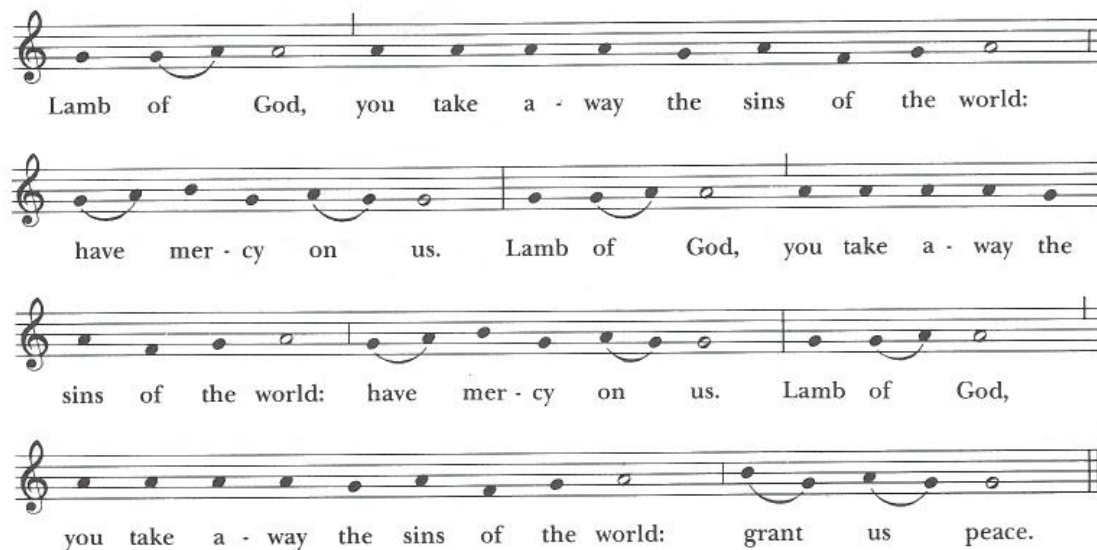
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI *All sing.*



Setting: Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

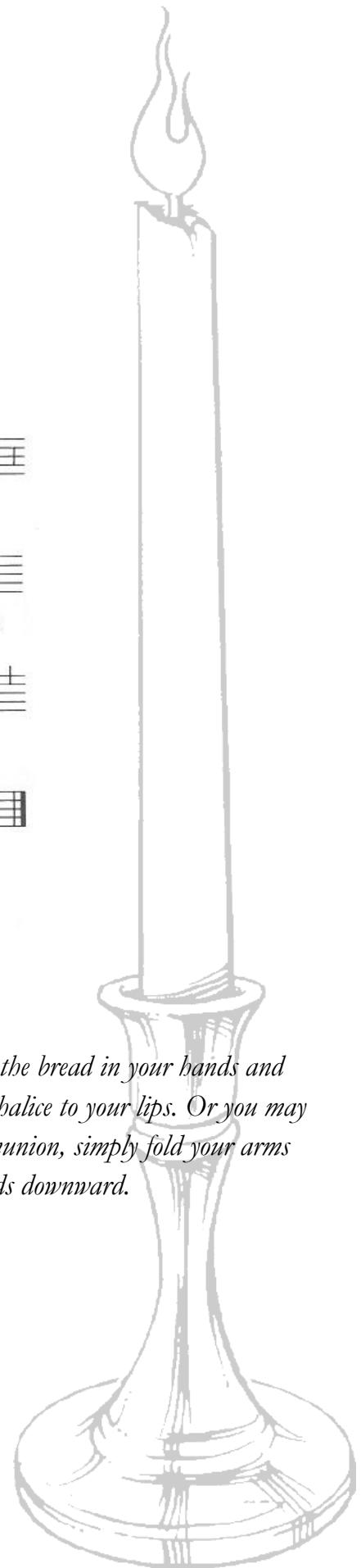
Please stand in a semi-circle around the altar to receive Communion. You may take the bread in your hands and then take a sip of wine from the chalice, guiding the chalice bearer's hand to bring the chalice to your lips. Or you may intinct (dip the wafer into the wine). If you wish to receive a blessing 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 Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off



you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be set free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Rector*
The Rev. Canon Deacon Denise LaVetty, *Deacon*
The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt, *Honorary Assistant*
The Rev. J. Gregory Morgan, *Honorary Assistant*
Dr. Thomas M. Reefer, *Director of Music*
Melissa Fogarty, *Candlelight Communion Cantor*
Ameer Abdul-Maajid, *Sexton*

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 if you would like to learn more about serving in one of these roles at Candlelight Communion.

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