



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 19, 2021

Parish Information: December 19, 2021

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This is the first step in planning their wedding and needs to be done one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: To arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held at 7PM (Date will be given when you call). Please call the office to register.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM—3PM

The Office is closed from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by Monday at 12 noon, 6 days prior to the publication of the bulletin. Holidays require earlier dates. Please call office to check.

Flyer **inserts** need to be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH

50 Emerald Ave., Westmont

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Live streamed)

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM— in sign language

ST. JOHN CHURCH

809 Park Ave., Collingswood

Sunday: 9:30 AM (Live streamed) 11:00AM

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Thursdays: Holy Saviour from 10AM to 8PM

Benediction & recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet:

First Fridays: St. John Church at 3PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church

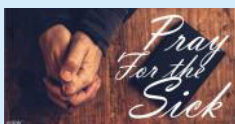
BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to arrange.

RCIA: Mondays at 7PM in Faith Formation Center

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Prayer Requests

Those serving in the military:

Colin Bakey, USN, Eric Bakey, USA,
Alex Coutinho, US Space Force, Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class
US Army, Johnny A. Santiago, USA,
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaletti, RN, USAF, Salena
Silvaria, NAC/AW, Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp
Ens. Patrick McKernan, USN

Those who are sick: Baby Rowan Anderson, Baby Archer Reynolds, Nancy Barone, Denise Bell, Esther Benson, Jacob Bocchicchio, Ashley Boland, Bernadette Burke, Barbara Carrozza, Edward L. Charlton, Theresa Charlton, Marilyn Cipolone, Anthony Corrado, Baby Declan Costello, Todd Delany, Dean Dickel, Regina Gagne, Anne Flamer, Victoria Gilbert, Jamie Hankins, Cherie Hansen, Violet Harden, Brian Hart, Kathleen Hartnett, Bill Hower, Rosario Huarijara, Rick Jermyn, Teresa Jermyn, Chet Kasprzak, Rachel Kellmaier, Ali Kite, Wally Kimovich, William Kinee, June Kuntz, Nina Lopes, Nicholas Matyas, Matthew McCann, Mari Alice McVey, Terry Meloche, Colin Murray, Christopher Pronio, Martha Shaw, Richard Shoenborn, Frank Tiefenthaler, Michael Travis, Lyibov Ukhanska, Dominick Venafrá, Marie Vesper, Barbara Vollrath, Marie Wann, Wear Family, Myra Worrell

Dear Lord, we ask you to turn their weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for all those listed here. Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your healing touch. As you heal and renew your servants, Lord, may they be blessed and praise you. This we ask especially for our parishioners and our friends.

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister.



Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle will be burned this week in memory of:

Holy Saviour: Sean Campe r/b the Campe Family

St. John: Mary Van Note r/b her Husband & Family



Saturday, December 18

4:00 Juliette Barbato r/b Margaret Way
Katherine A. Baird r/b John McIntyre, Jr.

Sunday, December 19

8:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:30 Mary VanNote r/b her Husband and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Connell r/b Ellie Connell
Linda Pucci-Rucci r/b Dominic Pucci and Denise
11:00 Brendan T. Murphy r/b Richard Smith
Monica Whitehead r/b Francisca Ferrante
Dolores F. Latta r/b the McCormick Family
Celebration of the wedding of Zachary and Ingrid Kennedy

Monday, December 20

9:00 Wallace & Joseph Families r/b the Family
Rosemarie Barbato r/b Margaret Way

Tuesday, December 21

9:00 Fr. C. J. Devasia (Sebastian) r/b Rosemary Fearon

Wednesday, December 22

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Thursday, December 23

9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Friday, December 24

No morning mass

4:00 PM (SJ) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
4:10 PM (G.S. Caf.) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
5:00 PM (HS) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
5:10 PM (McDaid Hall) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
6:00 PM (SJ) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
12:00 Midnight (SJ) Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Saturday, December 25

8:00 AM (HS) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
10:00 AM (SJ) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
10:00 AM (HS) Deaf Community

Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM Jeanne Gierak r/b her Daughter
9:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Iacovino r/b Ellie Connell
Frank J. Nardi, Sr. r/b Dominic Pucci & Denise
Cynthia Sutton r/b Dominic Pucci & Denise
11:00 Jasmin M. Diaz r/b Francisca Ferrante
Dan McCormick r/b his Family
Celebration of the baptism of Lainey Elizabeth Czajka

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

We have come to the conclusion of the Advent Season with the Sunday of Peace. During these past Sundays we have been reflecting on preparing the way of the Lord. We are still at the very beginning of the gospel of Luke. There were two Annunciation stories: first to Zechariah for the birth of John the Baptist; then to Mary for the birth of Jesus. Here is this story that we commonly call the "Visitation." It all sounds more like a family story, but make no mistake; in fact, Luke is writing an eminent theological work. We must certainly give full attention to the central theme of this text: "Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out with a loud voice, 'And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'" This means that it is the Holy Spirit himself announcing the great news of the entire Gospel of Luke: that the one who has just been conceived is the 'Lord'.

And what are the words that the Spirit inspires in Elizabeth? "You are blessed" ... "the fruit of your womb is blessed." This means God acts in you and through you and God acts in your Son and through your Son. As always, the Holy Spirit is the one who allows us to discover in our lives and in the lives of others the traces of the work of God.

Luke is also certainly aware that Elizabeth's phrase "Blessed are you among all women, and the fruit of your womb is blessed" partially echoes a phrase from the Old Testament. It is in the book of Judith (Jdt. 13:18-19) when Judith returns from the expedition to the enemy camp, where she beheaded General Holofernes. She is greeted in her camp by Uzziah who says to her, "Blessed are you, my daughter, by the most high God, more than all the women of the earth; and blessed be the Lord God."

Mary is therefore compared to Judith, and the comparison between these two sentences suggests that Mary is the victorious woman who assures humanity the final victory over evil. Clearly, this story from Luke is not just anecdotal!

By the way, we can't help but compare Elizabeth's strength in speaking to Zechariah's silence! Because she is filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth has the strength to speak; while, you will remember, Zechariah could not speak after the passage of the angel because he had doubted the words which announced the birth of his son-John the Baptist to him.

As for the future, John the Baptist too manifests his joy. Elizabeth tells us that he "trembles with joy" in his mother's womb as soon as he hears the voice of Mary. It must be said that he too is filled with the Holy Spirit. Remember the angel's words to Zechariah, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your supplication has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to a son and you will name him John. You will be in joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb."

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord in our lives, let us ponder on the words of Elizabeth to Mary, "Who am I that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" In recalling to mind the story of the Ark of the Covenant, Luke gives us a reason to contemplate in Mary the new Ark of the Covenant. Now the Ark of the Covenant was the place of the Presence of God. Mary therefore carries within her mysteriously this Presence of God; God dwells in our humanity. "The Word became flesh and dwelled among us."

May our Blessed Mother continue to bless us with her "Fiat." May Jesus continue to bring us closer to Him. May He continue to be born in our lives and in the lives of our church.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and may Jesus bless you all.

Fr. Yvans Jazon, Pastor





*Participate in Electronic Giving.
It's Simple ... Safe ... Convenient.*

- Log onto www.parishgiving.org.
- Click "SIGN UP NOW: follow the prompts.

December 12: \$10,210.00

Collection for Retired Religious: \$2,619.00

Electronic Givers: October: \$17,838.58/ 141 givers

NEW WAY TO GIVE!

**Scan this QR code with your smartphone
for easy, secure
on-line giving.**



*Thank you for your continued support of our
parish! May God bless you and those you love!*



November Donations

Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
made the following donation to the

Joseph House in November: 12 Casseroles, 18 packs
of cookies, 2 dozen homemade pumpkin spice cook-
ies, 20 lbs. of sugar, 7 lbs. of powder creamer, 3
bottles hot sauce, 108 packets of snacks, 2 cases of
water, 9.5 lbs. of coffee, 5 packs of wipes, 79 protein
bars, and 3 cans of Lysol.

*Thank you for your continued support
of the homeless among us.*



Roses for Life

Members of the Knights of Columbus will
be selling Roses for Life after all Masses this
weekend. Funds collected are used for the
bus to the March for Life in Washington DC each
year and for donations to Pro-Life causes.

*Proudly wear your rose to show that you have said
"Yes" to life!*

A Christmas Blessing for Our Parish Family

*May you be filled with ...
The wonder of Mary,
The obedience of Joseph,
The joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the shepherds,
The determination of the maji,
And the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you now and forever.*

*Happy and blessed Christmas from
Fr. Yvans and all the Parish Staff!*



In case you missed it ...

The prayer service and presentation
by **Dr. Bethany Welch on the Lauda-
to Si Action Platform** that was
held on November 29th has been
recorded and is available on Face-
book to be viewed at your conven-
ience. To access this event on Facebook, type
"**Teresa Calcutta video**" and scroll down to find
the **Laudato Si Action Platform** dated
11/29/2021.

You are encouraged to become informed about
this global faith journey of prayer, education and
action as our Church moves forward towards
ecological conversion and sustainability.

Parish Ministries

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Intention for the Week of December 19-25

December 19-25: For coaches and participants in our Youth Sports program: that God will bless the coaches for giving their time to our youth and that their example and dedication may be an inspiration to the young people involved in sports, let us pray to the Lord. **Youth Sports**



Adoration Schedule

ALL ARE INVITED:

- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church 10AM - 8PM
- Silent Adoration 10AM - 7PM
- Rosary and Benediction 7PM—8PM



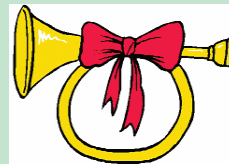
It's Not Too Late!

Please participate in our Special Intention Christmas Tree.

The tree-lighting ceremonies were not the end of our support of each other's intentions in prayer; they were the **beginning**. Not everyone could attend; that's why, at the back of each church, you will find ornaments with hooks inside, slips of paper, and pens. Take a moment to jot down your intention, place the paper inside an ornament, snap it together, and hang it on the tree. While you're at it, pray for everyone else's intentions.

Let's keep this going until after Christmas Day. What better way is there to prepare to celebrate Our Lord's coming than to care for each other? Day or night, when we pass by these trees, we can think of the intentions of all in our parish community, and make them our own.

Special thanks to Fr. Yvans, the Tree-Lighting Committee, the Hospitality Committee, the musicians, choir, and all who participated and helped make this such a joyful parish community experience and a prayerful event.



Parish Office Schedule for Christmas/New Years

Thursday, December 23: Close at 12 noon

Friday, December 24: Closed

Saturday—Sunday: Closed

Mon.—Wed. : Dec. 27– Dec. 29: 9 to 4

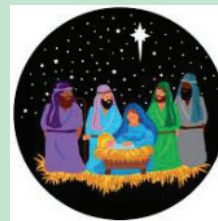
Thursday, December 30: Close at 12 noon

Friday, December 31: Closed

Saturday, January 1: Closed

Sunday, January 2: Closed

Monday, January 3: Open at 9AM



RCIA

Our parish RCIA meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center. Please see page 7 of this bulletin for additional information.

Christmas/New Year Mass Schedules

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24

4 PM: St. John Church
 4:10 PM: Good Shepherd Cafeteria
 5 PM: Holy Saviour Church
 5:10 PM: McDaid Hall
 6 PM: St. John Church
 Midnight: St. John Church

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25

8 AM: Holy Saviour Church
 10 AM: St. John Church

New Year's Eve: Friday December 31

9 AM: St. John: **Regular Friday Mass**
 5 PM: Holy Saviour Church (**Vigil for Jan. 1**)

New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1

9 AM: St. John Church **For Jan. 1**
 4 PM: Holy Saviour (**Vigil for Jan. 2**)

December 26

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
See Christmas/New Years schedule for December 24-25 masses.			
8:00	J. Reed	D. Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	R. Kopp	D. Leo	M. Mercer
11:00	J. Ely	T. Sunkett	T. Howitz



Thank you!

Thank you to Anne Remetz for her dedicated work on the Giving Tree project as well as on the Coat Drive and Plants for the Homebound. May God bless her and her helpers!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

One of the primary missions of our St. Vincent DePaul Society is to assist people in times of emergency. We respond to calls for help on our parish number [856-858-1444](tel:856-858-1444). Often people are reluctant to ask for help, but should you know of anyone in our community in need of urgent assistance, please refer them to our number and let them know we are there to help.



Sandwich Making

Make at home and drop off only until further notice.

Please bring your already made sandwiches to Good Shepherd cafeteria on **Monday, December 20 at 7PM**. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches.

Sandwiches made in Oct.: 750 for Cath. Kitchen & Joseph House

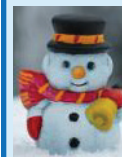
Discussion Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, December 21 at 7PM: Faith Formation Center. Thank you for continuing to help the needy.



Dinners to Doorsteps

We provide meals for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. If you need help, please call Michelle. Everything is strictly confidential. **Delivery persons are desperately needed. More Info.:**

Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or email her at grandmarose73@yahoo.com.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

**Mon. & Wed.:
10AM to 12 PM**

**Staples put into
each bag:**

Breakfast:

Oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, condensed milk, cereal boxes

Lunch:

PB and jelly, tuna, mac & cheese, spam, chunky/regular soups

Dinner:

Pasta sauce, pasta, vegetables & beef stew, instant rice/potatoes, canned fruit

Gift cards from food stores, especially Aldi, are also appreciated.

*Thank you so much for your
continued support!*

LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith At Every Age

*I want a laity, ... who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity — I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism...***Cardinal John Henry Newman**



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming people who want to be full members of the Catholic faith community. This includes those who have never been baptized, those baptized in other Christian denominations, and

baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is not a "class" but rather a journey of faith. In the company of a group of faith-filled parishioners who serve as the RCIA team and with other people inquiring about the Church, and through experiences of prayer, faith-sharing, instruction, and discussion, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God as you discover how your faith could be nurtured with the Catholic tradition. If you would like to learn more about RCIA please call Father Yvans.

Youth Choir Practice

Our Youth Choir is open to anyone from grades 1 through high school. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument we would love to have you participate. We will be singing at the Family Mass on December 12 and the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 4PM. The next practice is December 22 at 7PM in Good Shepherd Caf.

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve

The 4PM mass on Christmas Eve will be our Children's mass. Youth of the parish will sing in the choir, be our lectors, and help Fr. Yvans proclaim the Gospel as actors in the nativity story. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pat Lipperini (plipperini@stteresaoofcalcuttanj.org).



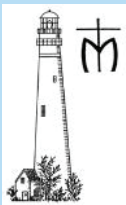
Faith Formation Schedule

Sunday 9:30-10:45, Grades K-7
Dec 19, January 9, 16

Tuesday 3:30-4:45, Grades 1-6
Dec 21, January 11, 18

Confirmation Prep
(In St. John Church)
Sunday December 19, 6:30-8:00PM
Sponsors and Candidates attend





Offerings at Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ

- **College Age Retreat**

Dates: January 7-9, 2022

Cost: \$140 per person

More Info./Register: Call (609) 884-3829 or email
www.capemaymarianists.org

- **Young Adult Retreat**

Dates: February 11-13, 2022

Cost: \$140 per person

More Info./Register: Call (609) 884-3829 or email
www.capemaymarianists.org

New Life Charismatic Prayer Meetings Two Times Every Week

**Join us on Sunday evenings in St. Rose of Lima
Lounge**

New Time: 6:30-8:00 (so you can come after Mass)

***Masks are required.**

Join us on Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00 on ZOOM

If interested, email cswheeler45@gmail.com



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-394 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Christ Life Program: Discovering Christ

9 weeks/Zoom/Videos/Discussions

Dates/Times: Thursdays 6:30—8:00 PM

January 6—March 3, 2022

Register: Call 856-429-1330 or email your name
and phone number to:

evelyn@holyeucharistcherryhill.com

Sponsored by Holy Eucharist Parish, Cherry Hill

Christmas Prayer Tree Lighting: 2021





Call to Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 19, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN: Emmanuel

EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

Refrain

Come, come, Em-man - u-el! Son of God, ap-pear. Heav-en and
earth, re-joice! Sal - va-tion is draw-ing near.

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em-man - u - el,
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
To us the path of knowl-edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
5. Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

(to Refrain)

1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
And be for us the King of Peace.
5. shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. *(Fine)*

Text: Refrain, Steve Angrisano; verses based on Advent 'O' Antiphons.
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FIRST READING: Micah 5: 1-4a

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.” These are offered according to the law. Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second. By this “will,” we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”



CREED: 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.

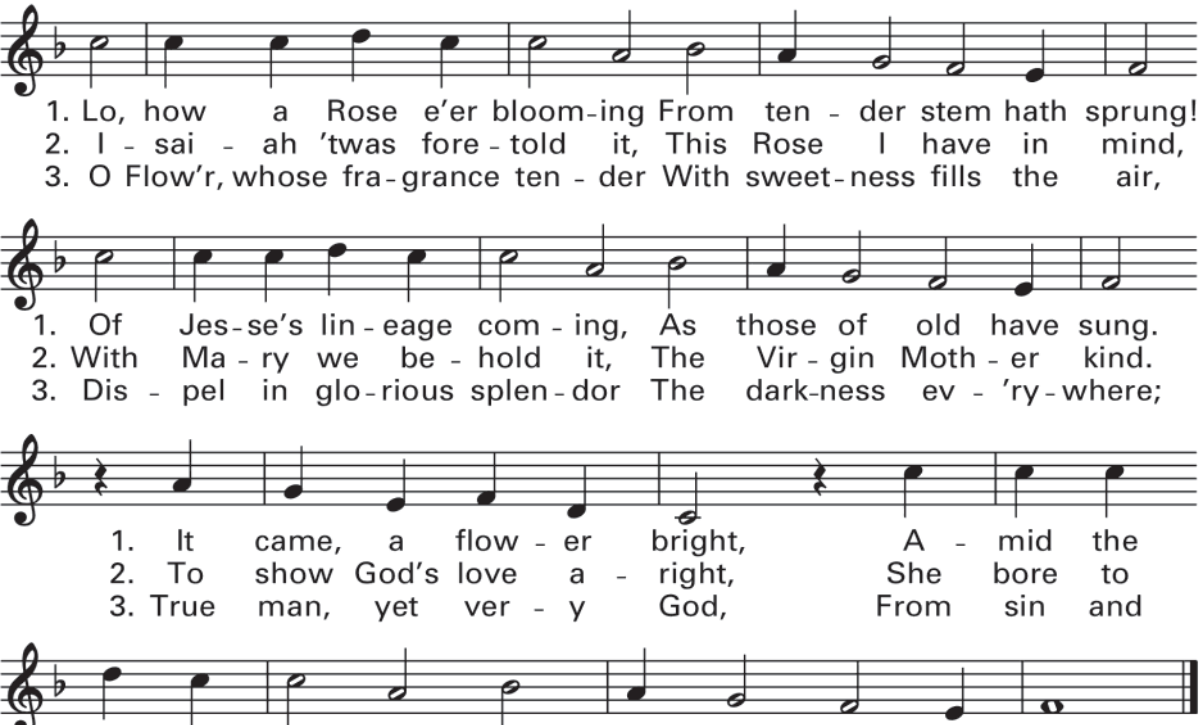
At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man”, all bow.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING
ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,

1. Of Jes-se's lin - eage com - ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
3. Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;

1. It came, a flow - er bright, A - mid the
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and

1. cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.
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COMMUNION HYMN: Night of Silence

Night of Silence

1. Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life, We
 2. Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night, On
 3. Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star, Your

trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night,
 wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light,
 light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far,

Fro - zen in the snow lie ros - es sleep - ing,
 Gen - tle on the ear you whis - per soft - ly,
 Shim - mer in the sky so emp - ty, lone - ly,

Flow - ers that will ech - o the sun - rise,
 Ru - mors of a dawn so em - brac - ing,
 Ris - ing in the warmth of your Son's love,

Fire of hope is our on - ly warmth,
 Breath - less love a - waits dark - ened souls,
 Star un - know - ing of night and day,

Wea - ry, its flame will be dy - ing soon.
 Soon will we know of the morn - ing.
 Spir - it we wait for your lov - ing Son.

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People, Look East

1. People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able.
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.



2. Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there;
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
That in course the flow' may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.



3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

4. Angels, announce on this great feast:
Him who cometh from the East.
Let ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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