

Christ Church



Parish Church

The First Sunday of Advent (Advent Sunday)

NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Year A | November 30, 2025

Holy Eucharist (Choral)

8:00 A.M.

**Fellowship (Name-Tag) Sunday at
Christ Church Parish Church**

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As all the baptised may receive the Blessed Sacrament, please note the following:

- **Baptized infants and children under the age of 3** are allowed to receive the host [consecrated bread] or a fraction of the host only from their parents.
- **Baptized children, ages 3-15, who regularly attend worship as members of the church,** may receive communion in both kinds [consecrated bread and consecrated wine] through intinction - after the parents or guardians of those children have met with the priest and given their consent for both kinds to be administered.
- **All baptized persons, ages 16 and older, whether confirmed or not, may receive communion without permission from others.**

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My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts
of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living
God. Psalm 84: 1,2 ~*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

We wish to thank those who make donations to the flower fund, as well as the Altar & Flower Guild, for the beautiful arrangements.

The flowers for Advent Sunday are offered in thanksgiving for Barbados' 59th year of independence and its fourth year as a republic.

To God be the Glory!

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THE PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand for the Opening Prayer by the Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Entrance of Choir and Liturgical Ministers.

HYMN: INTROIT

CPWIH 53

Thy kingdom come, O God

Thy kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with Thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is Thy reign of peace,
And purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime
Shall flee Thy Face before?

We pray Thee, Lord, arise,
And come in Thy great might;

Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for Thy sight.

Men scorn Thy sacred Name,
And wolves devour Thy fold;
By many deeds of shame
We learn that love grows cold.

O'er heathen lands afar
Thick darkness broodeth yet
Arise, O morning Star,
Arise, and never set

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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Jesus says, surely I am coming soon! Amen. Come,
Lord Jesus! *Revelation 22:20.*

THE GREETING

BCP, PAGE 101

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

ALL:

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE PRAYER OF INTENTION

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ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE

BCP, PAGE 102

PRESIDENT: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRESIDENT: Christ, have mercy.
ALL: Christ, have mercy.

PRESIDENT: Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BCP, PAGE 102

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

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Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 2:1-5

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Isaiah, chapter 2, beginning to read from verse 1:

2:1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2:2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

2:3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

2:4 He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

2:5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122 BCP, PAGE 641

1. I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
2. Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
4. To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the
Lord.
5. For there are the thrones of judgement, *
the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
7. Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
8. For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
9. Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the
Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now * and
ever shall be forever. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 13:11-14

*A reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle
of Paul to the Romans, chapter 13, beginning to read
from verse 11:*

13:11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

13:12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

13:13 let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

13:14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: GRADUAL

CPWIH 40

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 24:36-44

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew, the twenty-
fourth chapter, beginning at the
thirty-sixth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

24:36 "But about that day and hour no one knows,
neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only
the Father.

24:37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the
coming of the Son of Man.

24:38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,

24:39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man.

24:40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

24:41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left.

24:42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

24:43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

24:44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

GOSPELLER: (This is) The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON THE REV. CANON MARK D. HAREWOOD
Rector, Christ Church Parish Church

ALL:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfillment of 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS / INTERCESSIONS

Form G.....BCP, Page 118

LEADER:

**Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for God's people
throughout the world; for our Bishop Michael; for this
gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.**

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among and within nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison and for the victims of crime and violence.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of Him.

Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for the departed (Especially _____)

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for _____.

Brothers and Sisters I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honoured (especially _____ whom we remember today). Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The President adds a concluding Collect.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

BCP, PAGE 123

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

BCP, Page 123

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Form B

BCP, Page 124

ALL:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

BCP, PAGES 124-125

One of the following forms shall be said:

FORM A

PRESIDENT: We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

FORM B

PRESIDENT: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

ALL: Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

FORM C

PRESIDENT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace,
and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: They who thus serve Christ are
acceptable to God and approved by
others.**

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMNS OF PEACE

Bind Us Together, Lord

*Bind us together, Lord
bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken
bind us together, Lord
bind us together
O Bind us together in Love*

There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.

Refrain:

Made for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Son
born with the right to be clean
for Jesus the victory has won.

Refrain:

You are the family of God
you are the promise divine
you are God's chosen desire
you are the glorious new wine.

Refrain:

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it is the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we know that we'll have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive,
'Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY & NOTICES

The Welcome Song

Welcome friend on this day,
Yes, we're glad you have joined us.
Take your place fill your hearts
With Christ's love which surrounds us.
Glory to God may you live and grow,
In His love forever.
Welcome friend on this day,
Know we're glad you have joined us.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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HYMN: OFFERTORY

CPWIH 41

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
Pray that all may be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
And the world is wrapped in fear,
With his mercy he may shield us,
And with words of love draw near.
Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS BCP, PAGE 126

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

BCP, Page 126

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Preface: Advent

BCP, Page 127

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Rite A-E (as announced) BCP, Page 133-144

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, PAGE 144

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, PAGE 145

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

**ALL: Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one
bread.**

Form B

PRESIDENT: God of promise, You have prepared a
Banquet for us

**ALL: Happy are those who are called to
the supper of the Lamb.**

Form C

PRESIDENT: This is the true bread which comes
from heaven

**ALL: Whoever eats this bread will live
forever.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

Form B

PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL:

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

Form C

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

**HYMNS: COMMUNION, BLESSINGS
43, 34, 50 & 657**

CPWIH 626,

CPWIH 626 – We hail thy presence glorious

We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great High Priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:

as thou art interceding
for us in heaven above,
thy church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
offering one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one body with one Head.

*O living bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
for us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread its hallowed token
we break in thy dear name.

*O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,

we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.

May we thy word believing
thee through thy gifts receive,
that, thou within us living,
we all to God may live;
draw us from earth to heaven
till sin and sorrow cease,
forgiving and forgiven,
in love and joy and peace.

CPWIH 43 – Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Yea through life, death, through sorrow and
through sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed: Christ
is the end, for Christ was the beginning, Christ the
beginning, for the end is Christ.

CPWIH 34 – Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

CPWIH 50 – Rejoice, rejoice, believers

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation!
At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning;
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
and ever be with thee!

CPWIH 657 – Lord, I would own thy tender care

Lord, I would own thy tender care,
and all thy love to me;
the food I eat, the clothes I wear,
are all bestowed by thee.

'Tis thou preservest me from death
and dangers every hour;
I cannot draw another breath
unless thou give me power.

Kind angels guard me every night,
as round my bed they stay:
nor am I absent from thy sight
in darkness or by day.

My health, and friends, and parents dear
to me by God are given;
I have not any blessing here
but what is sent from heaven.

Such goodness, Lord, and constant care
I never can repay;
but may it be my daily prayer,
to love thee and obey.

THE DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, PAGES 147-149

One of the following prayers shall be said:

First Prayer

Almighty Father,

**we thank you for feeding us with the Body
and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**May we who share His Body live His risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Prayer

Eternal God and Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and
grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with
gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Third Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of
Christ our Lord.
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

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Advent

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and
scatter the darkness from before your path; ...

or

The Son of Righteousness shine upon you, gladden
your hearts, and scatter the darkness from before
you ...

and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

DAY BY DAY

Day by day,
Dear lord, of these three things, I pray,
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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Will your anchor hold in the storms of life

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

Refrain

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;*

*fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

Refrain

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
While your anchor holds, within the veil.

Refrain

Will your eyes behold through the morning light,
the city of gold and the harbor bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life's storms are past for evermore?

Refrain

RECESSION AND ORGAN POSTLUDE