

***“People of Christ  
Making a  
Difference”***

**Wednesday Eucharist**

**December 22, 2021**

**12:30 PM**

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We Stand)

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord, during this advent season, with expectant waiting, we anticipate your coming. Come, Alpha and Omega, Come, Son of Joseph and Son of Mary, Come, Morning Star, Come, Lord of Life and Prince of Peace. Come, Dayspring and Rising Sun. Come, Beloved Son of God, who knows the heart of God. Come, Son of Man, who knows the hearts of God's people. Come, Wonderful Counsellor. Come Emmanuel, God with us; Come close to us, Lord, come very close.

**Amen.**

(We Sit)

## SCRIPTURES

Hebrews 10:5-10

## HOMILY

"Not a Religion"

(We Stand)

### **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(We Sit)

### **OFFERING**

At this time in the service we pause to reflect on all the gifts that God has given us. God calls us to be generous stewards of those gifts for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by putting your offering in the offering plate, mailing your offering to the church, giving online ([www.sslc.org](http://www.sslc.org)) or through the Givelify app. If you would like more details on direct deposit giving please contact our Parish Administrator, Mrs. Tonya Reynolds, at (803) 359-6562.

### **ANTHEM**

*"O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild"*  
text by Valentin Thilo; setting by J. S. Bach

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild, for sinners you became a child. You came from heaven to fulfill your Father's just and holy will, O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild.

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild, with God we now are reconciled. You have for all the ransom paid, your Father's righteous anger stayed, O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild.

O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild, joy fills the world which sin defiled. Whate'er we have belongs to you, O keep us faithful, strong, and true, O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild.

(We Stand)

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

### RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ welcomes you to this Holy Meal of the Baptized! We receive communion this afternoon at the head of the aisle. Children who commune should be assisted by adults near them. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured of our Lord's presence in, with and under each element alone. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

(We Stand)

### BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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