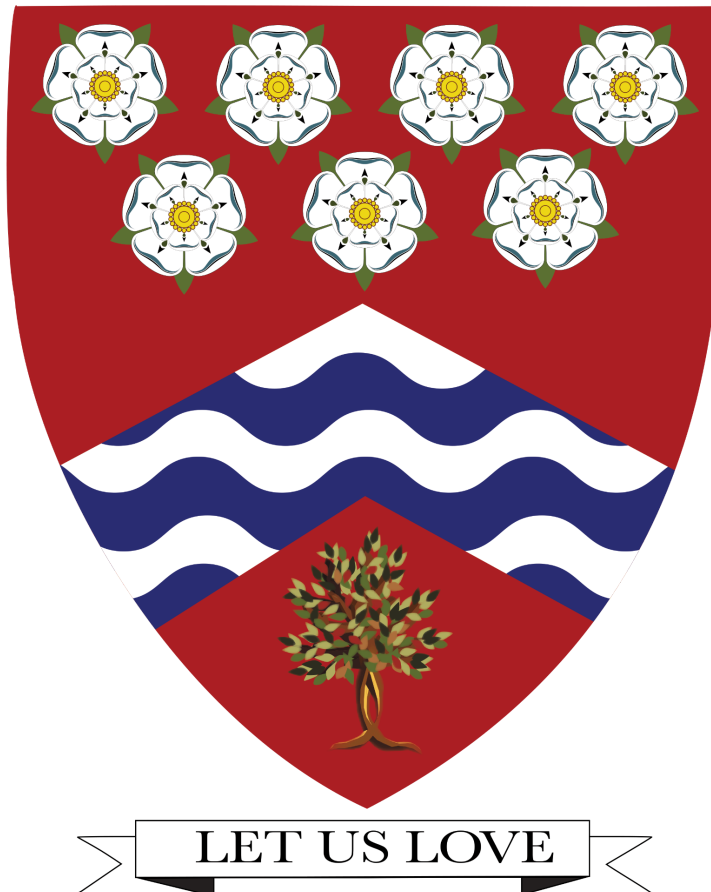


Church of the Little Flower
Berkeley Heights, NJ



First Sunday of Advent
November 30-December 1, 2025

Advent Wreath Lighting

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT/SÉ NUESTRA LUZ

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain/Estribillo



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
¡Sé nues - tra luz, Cris - to Se - ñor, en las ti - nie - blas!

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Entrance Hymn

EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

Refrain



Come, come, Em-man - u-el! Son of God, ap-pear. Heav-en and
earth, re-joyce! 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 - joyce! Em - man - u - el
Re - joyce! 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)

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First Reading
Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills.

All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."

For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples.

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (1)

Sarah Hart

RESPONSE (♩ = ca. 78)

Capo 3: (A7sus4) C 7sus4 (D) F (D/F#) F/A (G) Bb (D) F

Melody

Tenor (8vb)

Alto Harmony

Let us go re-joic - ing to the house of the Lord, — re -

joic - ing to the house of the Lord. —

Responsorial Psalm - (Cont'd)

NOVEMBER 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, cont. (2)

VERSES

(G)
B $\flat$

(D)
F

1. I re - joiced because they said to me, "We will go
 2. Je - rusalem, built as a city with
 3. Ac - cording to the de - cree for Israel, to give
 4. Pray for the peace of Je - rusalem! May
 5. Be - cause of my broth - ers and friends I will

(A)
C

(G)
B $\flat$

(D)
F

(G)
B $\flat$

(F $\sharp$ /A $\sharp$)
A/C $\sharp$

1. up to the house of the LORD." And now we have set
 2. compact u - ni - ty. To it the tribes go
 3. thanks to the name of the LORD. In it are set up judg - ment
 4. those who love you pros - per! May peace be with - in your
 5. say, "Peace be with - in you!" Because of the house of the LORD, our

(B $\flat$ m)
D $\flat$ m

(E)
G
(a tempo)

(G $\flat$ m)
B $\flat$ m

D.C.

1. foot with - in your gates, O Je - ru - salem.
 2. up, the tribes of the LORD.
 3. seats, seats for the house of Da - vid.
 4. walls, pros - per - i - ty in your build - ings.
 5. God, I will pray for your good.

Second Reading
Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters:

You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.

For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed;
the night is advanced, the day is at hand.

Let us then throw off the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light;
let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day,
not in orgies and drunkenness,
not in promiscuity and lust,
not in rivalry and jealousy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

NOVEMBER 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, cont. (3)

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Psalm 85:8

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INTRO Joyous (♩. = ca. 58)

Capo 3: (D) F (D/E) F/G (D/F#) F/A (Gmaj7) Bbmaj7

ACCLAMATION

(D) F (Em7) Gm7 (D/F#) F/A (G) Bb

Melody

Tenor (8vb)

Alto Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

(D) F (Em7) Gm7 (G add9) Bbadd9 (G/A) Bb/C

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

Gospel
Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As it was in the days of Noah,
so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

In those days before the flood,
they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage,
up to the day that Noah entered the ark.

They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.

So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two men will be out in the field;
one will be taken, and one will be left.

Two women will be grinding at the mill;
one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house
had known the hour of night when the thief was coming,
he would have stayed awake
and not let his house be broken into.

So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Nicene 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,

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.

Preparation of the Gifts

Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

by Bob Hurd

Your light will come, Jerusalem;
for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,
and all nations will walk in your light,
alleluia, alleluia.

Christ the light of the world,
a light dispelling the darkness.

May we, his body,
reflect that holy light.

Your light will come, Jerusalem;
for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,
and all nations will walk in your light,
alleluia, alleluia.

His light is mercy and peace,
a peace surpassing all telling.

May we, his body,
be instruments of peace.

Your light will come, Jerusalem;
for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,
and all nations will walk in your light,
alleluia, alleluia.

His light is justice and truth,
and love which casts out all hatred.

May we, his body,
prepare the reign of God.

Your light will come, Jerusalem;
for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,
and all nations will walk in your light,
alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY

Mass of St. Mary Magdalene
Sarah Hart

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The musical score for 'HOLY' is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a similar note value structure. The third staff begins with a repeat sign and continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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SAVE US, SAVIOR

Mass of St. Mary Magdalene
Sarah Hart

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur -
rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical score for 'SAVE US, SAVIOR' is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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AMEN

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A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Communion

BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

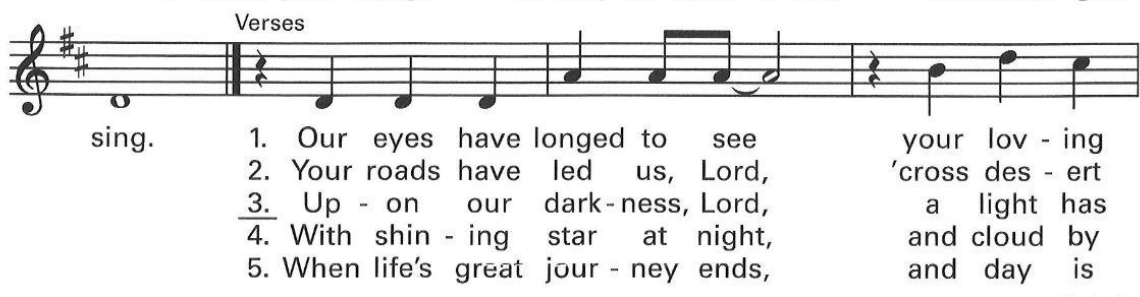
Dan Schutte

Refrain



Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our
hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home
be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels

Verses



sing.

1. Our eyes have longed to see	your lov - ing
2. Your roads have led us, Lord,	'cross des - ert
3. Up - on our dark-ness, Lord,	a light has
4. With shin - ing star at night,	and cloud by
5. When life's great jour - ney ends,	and day is

to Refrain



1. face,	to live with - in your courts	for all our days.
2. sand.	We place our hopes and dreams	with - in your hand.
3. shone.	You chose to dwell with us	in flesh and bone.
4. day,	you brought us here to see	your love's dis - play.
5. done,	then may our eyes be - hold	your Ho - ly One.

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CHRIST, CIRCLE ROUND US

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. Come, O Ra - diant Dawn, splen - dor of the morn - ing
 2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's
 3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know - ledge from on
 4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav - en's
 5. Come, O Might - y Lord, mas - ter of the stars of
 6. Come, Em - man - u - el, cher - ished hope of Is - ra -
 7. Come, Lord Je - sus Christ, long a - wait - ed Prince of

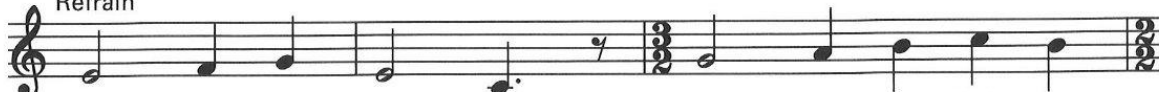


1. light. Come, Sun of Jus - tice,
 2. tree. Come, Bough of Bless - ing,
 3. high. Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom,
 4. throne. Come, Key of Da - vid,
 5. night. Come, Strength of Pil - grims,
 6. el. Come, live a - mong us,
 7. Peace. Come, Hope of Na - tions,



1. turn a - way the pow'r of night.
 2. bloom for all the world to see.
 3. be our faith - ful friend and guide.
 4. o - pen wide the path - way home.
 5. keep us in your lov - ing sight.
 6. ev - er in our hearts to dwell.
 7. ev - er make our love in - crease.

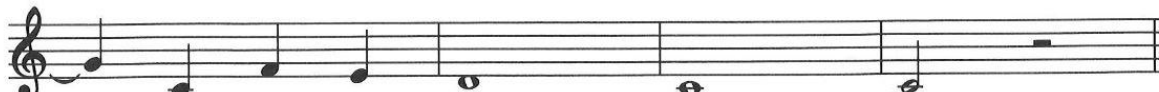
Refrain



Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur -



round us. Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts



with great thanks - giv - ing.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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Recessional

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and
3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly



1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's
3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man



1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.

Refrain



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O



come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits the day when



hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877.
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