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### Glorify Thy Name Donna Adkins (Ps. 86:12)

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1. Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.

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Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

## 2. Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

## 3. Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.



### Words of Welcome



### **Gathering Words**

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

As we light the two candles on this wreath, open our hearts to your will, that with changed lives we may welcome you with humility.

Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to receive a new Creation in the Spirit of Christ.

Kindle within us the gift of peace through Christ the Beloved, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

#### O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

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WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982 (Is. 11:6-7)

### 1. O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,

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guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.

## May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,

### till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;

## as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.

## Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;

### the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.



### Good Shepherd in Ministry



### Praising God with Our Gifts

#### I Know You Came to Rescue Me

# Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, **Holy Spirit!** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

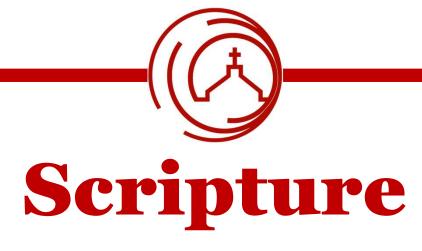




### Prayer of Understanding

The world is busy! We are in a hurry! Our lives are cluttered! God of peace, break into our chaos. Prepare a way among our desires.

Clear a path straight to our hearts. Grant us grace to make room for your coming. Speak, for we are listening. Amen.



Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3: 1-12

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### Message

#### Call To Advent



### Pastoral Prayer

### -Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### -Prayer of Confession-

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness,

but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you,

as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### - Words of Assurance

Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things. The most wondrous of all is God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ,

"not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." "Those who believe in him are not condemned". Thanks be to God!



### Passing of the Peace

### -The Great Thanksgiving-

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our delight to give you thanks and praise, God of love, for you create us in your image, call us as your people, and make Covenant to be our God. When we are oppressed and enslaved you condemn the forces of injustice and set us free. When we wander in despairing wilderness and live in lonely exile you bring us home.

When we betray your image in us you call us to repent and become again the people you create us to be. As you promised, you came to be with us in Jesus.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

### Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

### Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ. He taught and healed with love and called us to repentance and faith. He gave us his love, love that defies empires and defeats death.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you." Do this in remembrance of me. When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

### Memorial Acclamation

### Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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### Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ.

Transformed by your grace, may we repent and bear the fruit of your love, for the sake of the world, in the name and Spirit of Christ. All glory and honor is yours, mighty and merciful God, now and forever.

### **Great Amen**

## Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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And now with the confidence of children of God, let us boldly pray:

### 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. Amen.



## The Giving of Bread and Cup



### Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. You have fed us with the banquet of your peace.

You have given us gifts that make us your children. Send us into the world to do justice, to love mercy, and to follow the leading of your

Holy Child, as we await your coming. We pray in the name of the Holy Child who is coming, and who is yet within us. Amen.

#### Let There Be Peace on Earth

**WORDS: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson** 

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

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# With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
let this be
the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be
my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.



### Benediction

### Allegro



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