

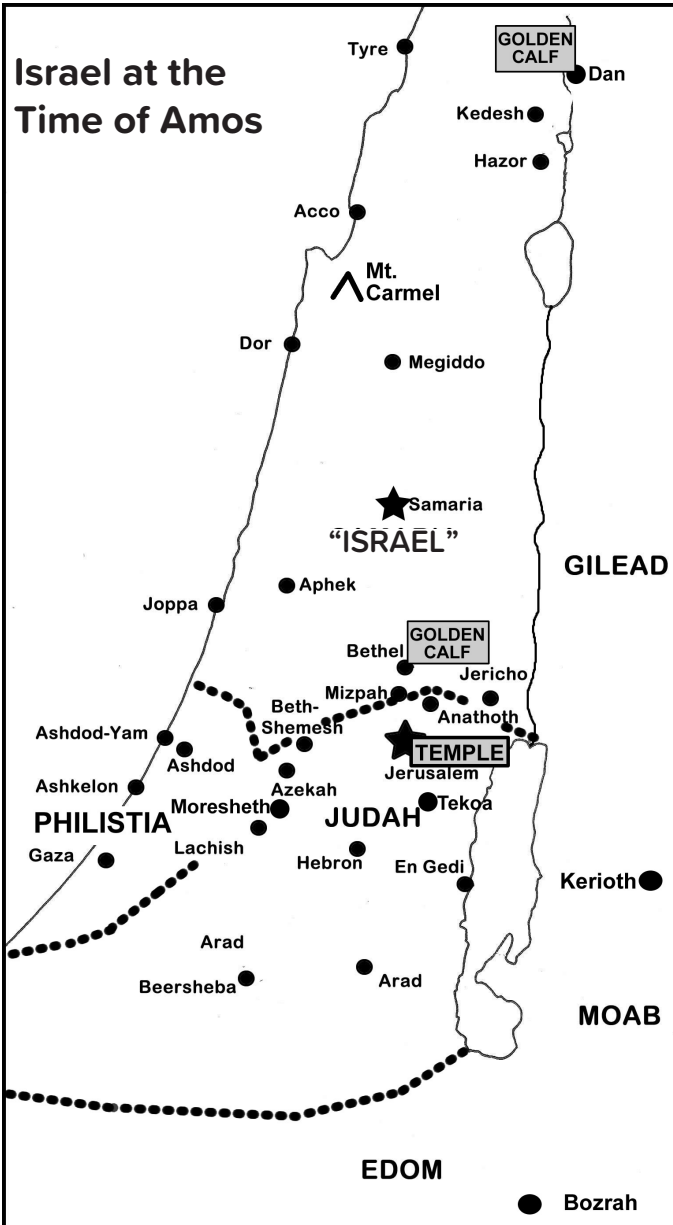
A dramatic scene of a stormy sea with a small boat in the foreground and a figure on a cliff in the background. The sky is dark and cloudy, and the water is turbulent with white-capped waves. A small wooden boat is in the center of the sea. In the background, a large, dark rock formation rises from the water, and a small figure stands on its peak, holding a staff or scepter.

Amos

God in the
Gathering Storm

The Rejected God Speaks

January 5 | 9 & 11 am



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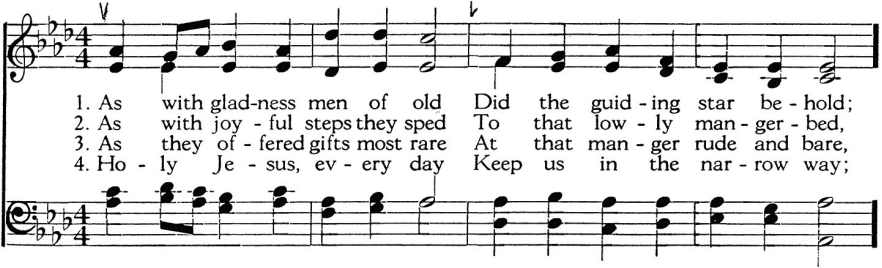
Holy Communion

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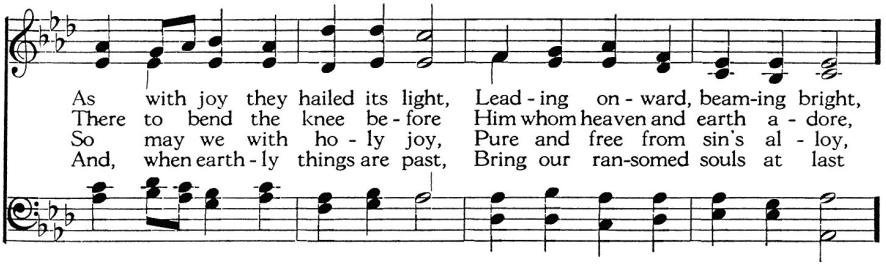
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As with Gladness Men of Old

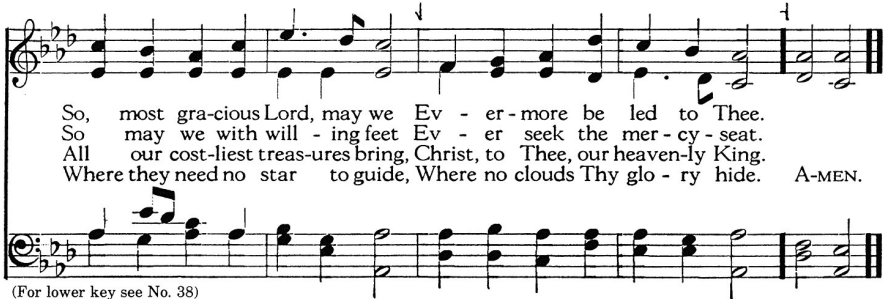
Verses 1-4



1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly man-ger-bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare,
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day Keep us in the nar-row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
There to bend the knee be-fore Him whom heaven and earth a-dore,
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek the mer-cy-seat.
All our cost-liest treas-ures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav-en-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide. **A-MEN.**

(For lower key see No. 38)

The Acclamation for Christmastide

For unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given.

The Collect for Purity

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 Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Christmas

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

[Please be seated.]

The Lesson.....Amos 1: 1-2

Pew Bible pg. 764

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm.....46: 6-10

- 6 The nations are in an uproar, and the kingdoms are moved, *
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come and behold the works of the Lord, *
what devastations he has brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 “Be still then and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted
in the earth.”

[Please stand.]

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Reading..... Matthew 25: 31-34

Pew Bible pg. 831

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon..... The Rev. Alex Shuttleworth

[Please stand.]

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
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.**

**We 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 worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

[Please sit or kneel.]

The Prayers of the People

If you would like us to name someone aloud in prayer in the service next week, please notify the office during the week.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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 neighbors as ourselves.
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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Comfortable Words

The minister may say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ
the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours
only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

[Please stand.]

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
*Amen.***

The Sursum Corda

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give
thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[On occasion the minister may add a proper preface.]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing
this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty
Who was and is, and is to come,
Lift up His name with the sound of singing,**

**Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.
Holy. Holy.**

[Please be seated.]

The Prayer of Consecration

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one offering of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

**By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Fraction

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized believers are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
We offer different cups for those who wish to drink the wine or dip their bread.
Hold onto your bread if you prefer to dip.

Parents of baptized children are welcome to decide whether you would like
your children to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

To receive a blessing instead of communion,
simply keep your hands by your side or folded.

If you require a gluten-free or alcohol-free cup, please ask the minister.

Living Hope

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How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus: Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory

Jesus is Lord

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Jesus is Lord

The cry that echoes through creation
Resplendent pow'r eternal Word our Rock
The Son of God
The King whose glory fills the heavens
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread

Jesus is Lord

Whose voice sustains the stars and planets
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown
Jesus the man
Who washed our feet who bore our suffering
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan

Jesus is Lord

The tomb is gloriously empty
Not even death could crush this King of love
The price is paid
The chains are loosed and we're forgiven
And we can run into the arms of God

Jesus is Lord

A shout of joy a cry of anguish
As He returns and every knee bows low
Then every eye
And every heart will see His glory
The judge of all will take His children home

How Deep the Father's Love

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How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

The Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

On occasion the minister may invite the congregation to join in the Post Communion Prayer below.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

**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 honor and glory, now and for ever.
*Amen.***

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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