

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
WALNUT HILLS, OHIO

THE SEASON OF EASTER

2024 | 10am



Welcome to Church of the Advent!

We are an Episcopal community rooted in deep commitment to following Jesus in ways that are curious, creative, honest, and brave. We long to connect the ancient roots of the Christian faith to vibrant expressions of community, art, music, and ongoing service to our neighbors in Walnut Hills, Ohio. Our mission is to restore all people to unity with God, each other and the earth by feeding the body, the mind and the imagination.

The People's responses are in **bold**. Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN *please see your insert*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.**

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly
King, al might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Please see your insert for the words of the opening prayer.

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSONS, PSALM AND THE GOSPEL *please see your insert*

THE SERMON

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and 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,
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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In this holy season of the Resurrection, with Easter joy and enduring hope let us pray to our Creator.

That the Risen Christ may fill the Church with the power of the glorious and life-giving Resurrection,
we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

That we would have eyes to see your power at work in the blossoming earth and learn a proper reverence
for your creation,
we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

That you would give us eyes to see those who lack food, work or shelter and lead us to truly love our neigh-
bors as ourselves,
we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

That war and famine may cease through all the world and that peace and justice would be established
among the nations,
we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

That You would reveal the light of your comforting presence to the sick, the weak and the dying,
we pray to you, God.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to your promises, all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, our sisters and broth-
ers, prophets and martyrs, saints and sinners alike would all be raised in glory on the last day,
we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

We pray also for our own needs and the needs of others, as we journey together through this holy season,

The people are invited to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud.

we pray to you, God.

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is an ancient Christian practice and is offered as a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships in the Christian community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MILESTONES

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION HYMN

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



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

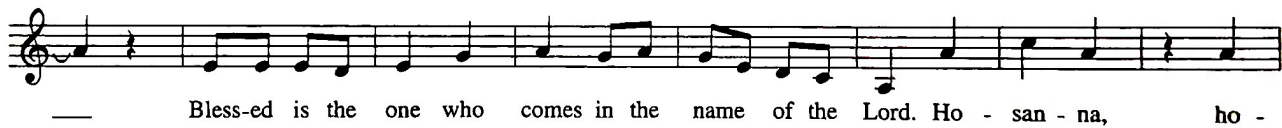
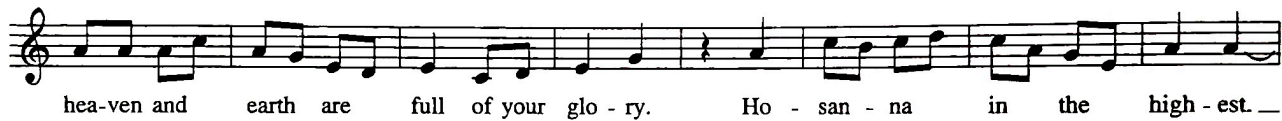
Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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 for ever. Amen.**

In silence, the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People sit or kneel. You may come forward to receive the bread and/or the wine or to receive a blessing. All are welcome at Christ's table.

COMMUNION HYMN *please see your insert*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

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 honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *please see your insert*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All are welcome to join us in the Communal Kitchen for food and fellowship!





The People of the Church of the Advent

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Maaike Chertock, Parish Administrator

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