Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Opening Hymn “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” 

1. all Keep your lamps trimmed and burning… the time is drawing nigh.
2. choir Children don’t get weary… ‘til your work is done.
3. all Christian journey soon be over… the time is drawing nigh.
4. all Keep your lamps trimmed and burning… the time is drawing nigh.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have ignored the promises of your kingdom. We get distracted by the demands of each day. Please forgive us, O God. Grant us faithfulness like Mary’s, grant us love and grace like Elizabeth’s, so that we may journey to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quietness of our hearts, we ask that you make us ready for his coming. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-45, 56

Meditation

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Those communing may come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. The chalices near the center aisle contain grape juice; those near the side aisles contain wine. Those desiring to receive the elements by intinction are invited to do so, dipping the bread in the cup and partaking of both bread and wine at once. Wheat-free wafers are available in the paper cup.
Music during Communion

“Bogoroditse Dievo”

Russia/Taizé

translation: Virgin Mother of God, Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you gave birth to the Savior of our souls.

“I Need You to Survive”

Hezekiah Walker

I need you, you need me.
We’re all a part of God’s body.
Stand with me, agree with me.
We’re all a part of God’s body.

I pray for you, You pray for me.
I love you, I need you to survive.
I won’t harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you, I need you to survive.

It is his will, that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn (blue #41) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Benediction

Choral Response “Amen”

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