The Gospel of the Lord.

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 70—Stanzas 1-2

Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment
Herald, Sound

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Draco

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Homily

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

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 of the begetter. We believe in one Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, proceeding from the Father, with the Son both Lord and eternal. 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.

The Peace

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

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Organ Voluntary

Presentation and Advent Doxology

Winchester New

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right... to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface then continues:

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus: Robert Powell

Our King and Saviour now draws near: O come, let us adore him. The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord's Table. It is the Lord's wish that those who want to reaffirm their union with the Lord and each other should receive communion. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers to the high altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those who prefer not to use the stairs, please signal the clergy circulating to request that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread and, if valid, facing upward to receive the wine. Please note that receiving just the bread or wine alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar; let the priest know when you go up to receive.

The Dismissal

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

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been used for: Adam, Alexis, Alice, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Becky, Bill, Bob, Bobby, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Chip, Chris, Christine, Chuck, Coyne family, Dalia, David, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Edmund, Edwin, Elena, Eugene, Evan, Frank, Fred, George, Gerry, Griffon, Guy, Helen, Holly, Hunter, Jack, Jacobs family, James, Jacqueline, Jan, Janet, Jesse, Jerry, Joaquin, John, Jonathan, Jordan family, Judy, Kay, Kelly, Kelvin Ann, Ken, Kendall, Kim, Larry, Linda, Louis, Lucy, Lynn, Malcolm, Mallory, Marcia, Marie, Mariela, Marge, Mark, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Neil, Nolan family, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Phyllis, Renee, Reysean, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Sally, Sandra, Sara, Scott, Shane, Sharon, Shawn, Spencer, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Suzie, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Tom, Van de Water family, Vicki, Vincent, Ward, Wendy, Wister family, and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tommy, and William.

The Breaking of the Bread

Advent Fraction Anthem: James R. Harlan

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