

The Celebrant bids the Confession.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

People 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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

We are doing weekly birthday blessings and monthly anniversary blessings (first Sunday of the Month)

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 367

THE SANCTUS, sung, all standing S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant & People We remember his death
We proclaim his resurrection;
We await his coming in glory.

THE LORD’S PRAYER Traditional BCP, p. 364

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AT COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church. You may receive in both kinds, the Body and Blood—Bread and Wine, or only in one kind.
Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available upon request to the priest or chalice bearer.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP, p. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 8.00AM

DECEMBER 24, 2017



DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST:

By Encountering God, Equipping God’s People, and Extending God’s Kingdom

WELCOME!

Christ Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered, joy-filled community that is blessed by your presence. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

Sunday School begins at 10 am downstairs located in the Zone. Nursery Care for infants to 3 year olds is available from 9:30-11:30 am downstairs located in the Zone too.

If you are a newcomer, please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate. Please join us for coffee-hour in the Guilds Room after worship!

Hymns are in the blue book, *Hymnal 1982*. Service music is indicated with an “S” and is found in the front portion of the hymnal. Parts of the liturgy not printed in this bulletin are found in the red book, *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*.

The service begins with the lighting of the 4th Advent Candle by the Celebrant.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

KYRIE *said, all standing*
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *see reading insert* *Contemporary*

THE FIRST READING *see reading insert* **2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**
response after the Reading
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26 *see reading insert* *BCP, pg. 715*

THE SECOND READING *see reading insert* **Romans 16:25-27**
response after the Reading
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL *see reading insert* **Luke 1:26-38**
response before the Gospel
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

response after the Gospel
Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews Jr.

THE NICENE CREED *said, all standing* *BCP, p. 358*
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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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, FORM II *BCP, p. 385*
Intercessor
I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael,
our Primate; Mark our Bishop, Tom and Bill our priests; and for all
people.
Pray for the Church.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the
well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed,
and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of
him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has
been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.