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Christ Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
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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.

If you are visiting today, 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!

Adult Education begins at 9 A.M. Sundays in the Guilds Room.

Nursery Care for infants to 3 years olds is available from 9:30-11:30 A.M. downstairs in the Zone.

Sunday School for grades Pre K-8 begins at 10 A.M. downstairs located in the Zone.

Journey to Adulthood (J2A) for grades 9-12 begins at 10 A.M. downstairs in the Zone.

Hymns can be found listed in this bulletin and on the Hymn Board.

Hymns are sung from The Hymnal 1982 found in the pew racks.

Service music is printed in this bulletin.

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

ORGAN: "How fair and how pleasant art thou"
(from 15 Pieces founded on Antiphons) Marcel Dupré

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Malcolm Archer

Anthem sung by the Choir

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.
Blessed be God for ever.

After the Anthem, the Procession begins with the organ Chorale Prelude, followed by the hymn.

AT THE PROCESSION, ORGAN: "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" Johannes Brahms

HYMN 81: "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" Es ist ein Ros
The congregation joins in singing at 10 A.M.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's reign now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. **Amen.**

THE TRISAGION *said 3 times at 8 A.M.*

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

(10 A.M. The Trisagion is sung, see next page)

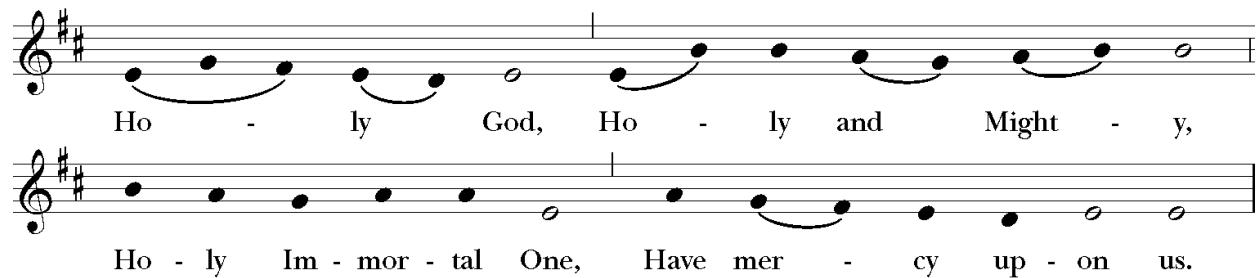
THE TRISAGION

Plainsong, Mode I

The Trisagion is sung three times.

The Choir will sing it twice.

The congregation joins in singing the third time.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

MICAH 5:2-5A

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MARY

said at 8 A.M.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

HYMN 438:

“Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord”
Congregation joins in singing at 10 A.M.

Woodlands

HEBREWS 10:5-10

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LUKE 1:39-45 [46-55]

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

THE NICENE CREED

said by all, standing

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 FOR ADVENT

Ormonde Plater, Author

The Leader and People pray responsively

Presider As we prepare to meet the Lord of righteousness, let us offer prayers to the Son of Man who comes with power and great glory.

Intercessor For the peace of the world and for unity in Christ.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor For our bishops and all bishops, for the presbyters, for the deacons, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Carlye, our Bishop; and Tom and Bill, our priests; and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor For the dying and the dead.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord.**

Presider O Root of Jesse, who arises as a sign among all peoples, in whose presence kings stand silent and nations bow in worship, come and deliver us, and tarry not. Glory to you for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

The Celebrant bids the Confession

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

The Celebrant says to the people

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer weekly birthday blessings.

We offer monthly anniversary blessings on the first Sunday of each Month.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Creator of the stars of night” Mode IV melody arr. John Scott
Sung by the Choir

The bread and wine are brought forward at the beginning of the anthem. The offering plates are then circulated during the anthem.

Living generously is a major part of discipleship, and we thank you for giving back to God through the parish ministry of Christ Church.

Stanza 1

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people’s everlasting light,
O Jesu, Savior of us all,
Regard thy servants when they call.

Stanza 3

Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide;
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

Stanza 5

To thee, O holy One, we pray,
Our judge in that tremendous day,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From ev’ry onslaught of the foe.

Stanza 2

Thou, grieving that the bitter cry
Of all creation doomed to die,
Didst come to save a ruined race
With healing gifts of heav’nly grace.

Stanza 4

At thy great name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
And things in heaven and earth shall own,
That thou art Lord and King alone.

Stanza 6

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

PRESENTATION HYMN 66: “Come, thou long expected Jesus” Stuttgart
Sung at 10 A.M.

*The financial offering is brought forward by the ushers during the **third stanza** of the hymn.*

The Celebrant may add the following

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

said at 8 A.M.

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



(10 A.M. Sanctus is sung, see next page)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

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in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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

Silence.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AT THE COMMUNION

All who wish to receive Jesus in the sacrament of his Body and Blood are invited to do so.

Receive the consecrated bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands.

(Gluten-free wafers are available; tell the Celebrant if you prefer that.)

Receive the consecrated wine, which follows, either by drinking from the chalice as it is extended to you, or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine.

If you would prefer a blessing instead of communion, please come to the altar at the same time.

You may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over the chest.

When you return to your seats, please take a few moments to reflect on the gifts you have received.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN 304:

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Land of Rest

Sung at 10 A.M.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

THE BLESSING

RETIRING HYMN 56:

“O come, O come Emmanuel”

Veni, veni Emmanuel

Stanzas 5–8 sung at 10 A.M.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ORGAN:

Magnificat VI (from 15 Pieces founded on Anitphons)

Marcel Dupré

We are delighted that you attended Christ Church today and hope to see you again soon.
Our fellowship continues at Coffee Hour following both services in the Guilds Room,
located directly down the hall.

December 24

Christmas Eve Family Eucharist & Pageant at 4:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist with Musical Prelude at 10:00 P.M.

December 25

Christmas Day Eucharist & Carols at 10:00 A.M.

December 30

Lessons & Carols at 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.
Joy! at 9:15 A.M.
Wear your ugly sweaters!

January 6

Feast of Epiphany at 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.
Joy! at 9:15 A.M.

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