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



Christ Episcopal Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
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Peace



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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.

ORGAN: "The peace may be exchanged" (from "Rubrics")

Dan Locklair

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Malcolm Archer

Anthem sung by the Choir

*Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.*

*Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.*

*Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.*

Blessed be God for ever.

After the Anthem, the Procession begins as usual.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 76: "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

Winchester New

Sung 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.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH: LUKE 1:68-79

said at 8 A.M.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

(sung at 10 A.M., see next page)

HYMN 444:

“The Song of Zechariah”

Basil Harwood

The choir will sing stanzas 1 and 2. The congregation joins in singing stanza 3.

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 67:

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

Psalm 42

Sing stanzas 1 and 2 before the Gospel

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 67:

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

Psalm 42

Sing stanza 3 following the Gospel

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 Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. 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 and monthly anniversary blessings. (First Sunday of each Month)



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

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 336:

“Come with us, O blessed Jesus”

Werde munter

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 65:

“Prepare the way, O Zion”

Bereden väg för Herran

Sung at 10 A.M.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN:

Präludium in D Minor

Georg Böhm

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.

Focus on Luke:

Come join us on Thursday December 6, 13, 20 for Advent Bible Study.
A three week group focus on the beginning of Luke with Fr. Tom.
We will meet in the Guilds Room at 7:00 P.M.

December 16

Celtic 'Quiet Christmas' Service at 5:00 P.M.

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.

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