

Christ Episcopal Church

*... where we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may
serve our community and the world.*

“Welcome to all this morning in the Name of the Risen Lord!”

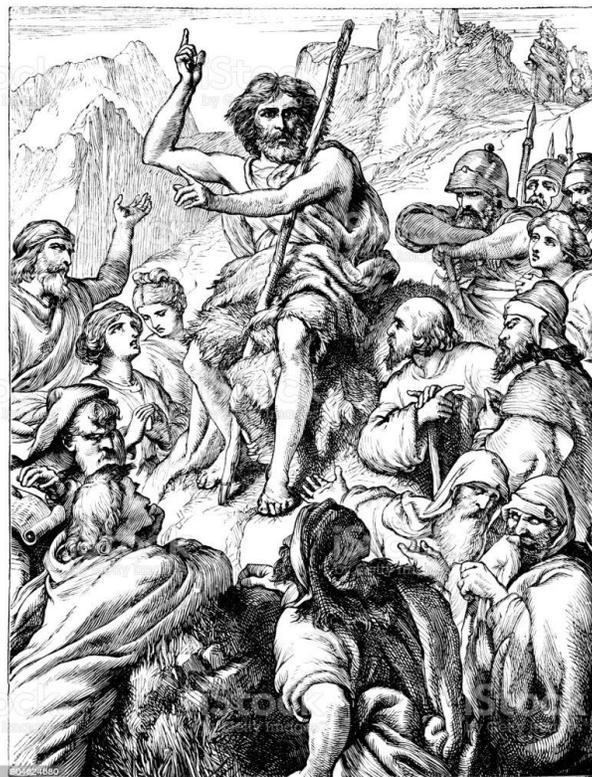
The Second Sunday of Advent – December 5, 2021

Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.

The Voice of one crying in the wilderness

“Prepare the way of the Lord.

Make his paths straight”.



Prayers for use before worship are found on page 18.

About Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table here at Christ Church. Come forward, as directed by the ushers, and stand or kneel at the altar rail. Extend raised palms to receive a wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than receiving the wafer, please cross your arms over your chest. This will signal the priest to provide a blessing. Parents: it is our practice to commune children in the Episcopal Church. They, too, are welcome to receive communion or to receive a blessing. (The chalice is not being offered today out of an abundance of caution due to the pandemic.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people" (Psalm 42)



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Second Sunday of Advent

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

All: *Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.*

Reader: At that time John the Baptizer came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said, "Someone is shouting in the desert, 'Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!'" (Matthew 3:1-3)

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of the last of the prophets, John the Baptizer, who called all people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. He asked us all to search our own hearts, and repent of the dark things that keep us from God and each other.

The second candle is lit.

Reader: Let us pray.

Father, you sent us John the Baptizer to prepare the way for the Messiah. Help us to prepare our hearts for Christ to be born in them, and to prepare our world for Christ to come and restore the kingdom.

All: *Amen.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison.

People: *Christe eleison.*

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 return to you, 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 people may be seated.

THE READINGS :

A Reading from Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

Canticle 16

(Spoken in Unison)

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

**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.

A 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.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

Gospeler: 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."

Priest or Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*(We rise to confess our faith using the words of the **Apostles' Creed**, as found in your bulletin.)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "*Lord, have mercy.*"

For the peace of the whole world, for peace among religious traditions, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For **Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop Elect; Dorsey & Frank, our bishops retired, and Phil, our priest;** and for all clergy and peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

For **Joe, our President; Henry, our Governor** and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through justice prevail, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

We pray for those who serve our community in public safety, social service and education. And for doctors, nurses and all who put themselves in danger to provide for our health and well-being. Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

We give thanks for **Michael Killingsworth, Stephen Killingsworth, Joe Galloway, and Will Woodruff**, serving in our armed forces at present. Hasten the day, O Lord, when your Peaceable Kingdom shall reign throughout the world. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord have mercy.***

For the lonely, aged and infirm, for the widows and orphans, and for the sick and suffering especially, **Bobby McInville, Susan Bowers, Ben Robertson*, Robert Parker, Jack McKinney, Alan Hedricks, Bill Moorner, Ira Bell*, Mary Etta Taylor, Daniel Yun, Sherry Stalvey, Gene Alexander*, Brent Burgin, Kevin Jaillette, Helen, Andy Caudill, Diane Plyler, Chaylen Kuklinski**; and for whom else shall we pray? (*Silence for remembrance*) Leader: Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For God's blessing on **Church of the Advent, Spartanburg** and for those celebrating birthdays especially, **Caroline Oliver and Karla Holmes** and those celebrating anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For justice and relief for the poor and the oppressed, for the addicted, and for refugees and the hungry in this and every place, and for the unemployed; for prisoners and those imprisoned unjustly, and their advocates, and for deliverance from all danger, violence and disaster, in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

We thank you, O God creator of all, for the good earth and her creatures which you have given us. We pray for those who work for its restoration who issue an urgent call to protect it, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

The Priest or Bishop if present adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or know not how to ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and ***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 Bishop when present, or the Priest:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

(The people may be seated.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE:

Priest: I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

OFFERTORY MUSIC: 672 "O very God of very God, and very Light of Light" (Bangor)

1 O ve - ry God of ve - ry God, and
 2 Our hopes are weak, our fears are strong, thick
 3 And e - ven now, though dull and gray, the
 4 O guide us till our path is done, and
 5 We wait in faith, and turn our face to

1 ve - ry Light of Light, whose feet this earth's dark
 2 dark - ness blinds our eyes; cold is the night; thy
 3 east is bright - ening fast, and kin - dling to the
 4 we have reached the shore where thou, our ev - er -
 5 where the day - light springs, till thou shalt come our

1 val - ley trod that so it might be bright:
 2 peo - ple long that thou, their Sun, wouldst rise.
 3 per - fect day that nev - er shall be past.
 4 last - ing Sun, art shin - ing ev - er - more!
 5 gloom to chase, with heal - ing in thy wings.

THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant and *People*: All things come of thee, O Lord; *And of thine own have we given thee.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

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.

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 save 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 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS :

Celebrant and People:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through John the Baptizer and all your prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Mother of our Lord, John the Baptizer and all your prophets, Peter, Paul, Barnabas, and Prisca, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

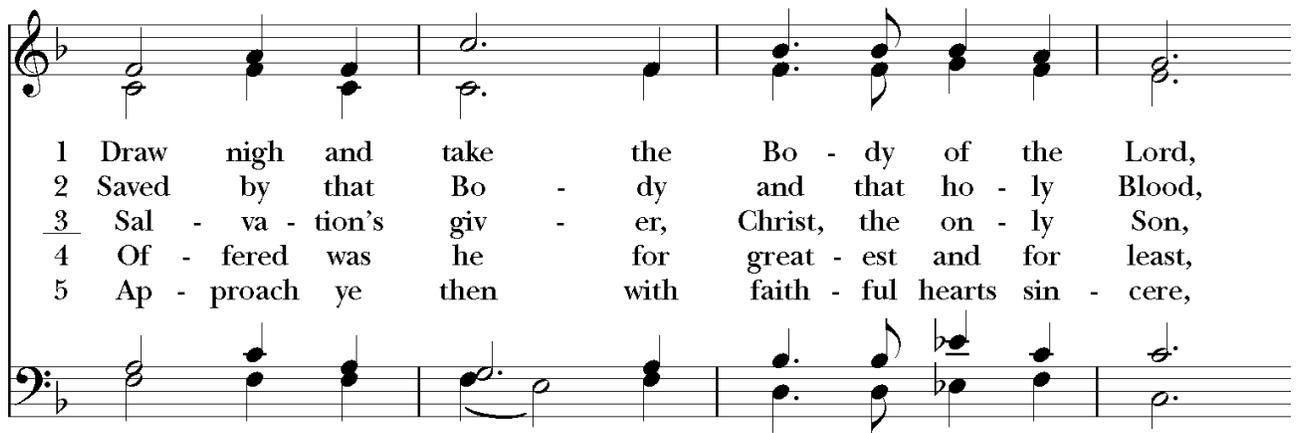
THE FRACTION :

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come, come for all is prepared.

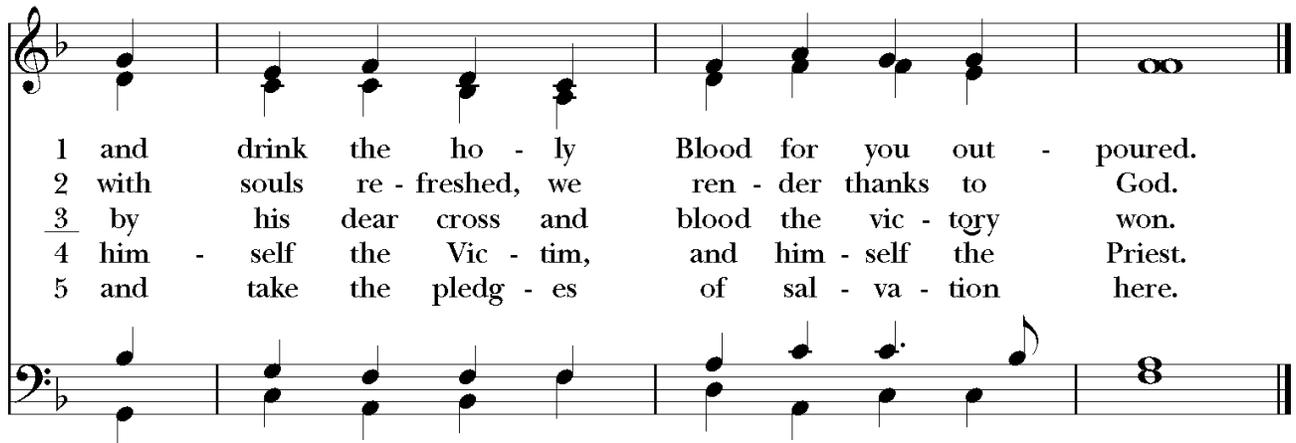
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds. The people come forward at the direction of the Usher. The Bread is given to the communicants with these words:

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

COMMUNION HYMN: 328 "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord" (Song 46)



1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.
3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

(The Congregation may be seated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The congregation stands for the blessing.)

THE BLESSING

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with, and remain with you always. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 443 "Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free" (Thornbury)



1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man-hood from hu -
2 He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -
3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who
4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his
5 Who then, my Lord, com - pares with you? The Watch - er slept, the



1 man - i - ty; his priest - hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his
2 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his
3 were in sin; he for the right - eous did re - jice but
4 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and
5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the



1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.
2 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.
3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.
4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.
5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit to love God and serve our neighbors.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Fellowship time follows the service.

TODAY

We would like to thank Joan Bixby for serving as our substitute Parish Musician this morning.

The Vestry is engaged in locating a new Parish Musician for Christ Church.

Holy Communion listen on 107.5 FM, & watch on Facebook Live FB:
Christ Church Lancaster

Angel Tree tags will be available this Sunday, December 5th.
The tree will be on the table at the side entrance. Unwrapped gifts along with the tag will need to be returned no later than
Sunday, December 12th.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 6th – Caroline Oliver

December 10th – Karla Holmes

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(* Denotes member – The list is divided in half for Prayers of the People. The complete list is below.)
Bobby McInville, Susan Bowers, Ben Robertson*, Robert Parker, Jack McKinney, Alan Hedricks, Bill Moorer, Ira Bell*, Mary Etta Taylor, Daniel Yun, Sherry Stalvey, Gene Alexander*, Brent Burgin, Kevin Jaillette, Helen, Andy Caudill, Diane Plyler, Chaylen Kuklinski, Brenda Sutton, Betty Sue Taylor, Kip Carter*, Dixie Roberts, Hayes Robinson, Richard Knight, Joan Bixby*, Aubrey Crawford*, Tric Deaton*, Gina Farley, Joel, Matthew Catoe, Barbara Heck, Father Bill Walters, Mary Bernsdorff, John Riemann*, Jeff Thomas*, Eddie

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

DATE	CELEBRANT/ OFFICIANT	PARISH MUSICIAN	E M RITE II	ACOLYTE	USHERS	TELLERS	VPOD	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, December 5, 2021	Phil Emanuel	Joan Bixby	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	Ernest Jenkins & Caroline Oliver	Ernest Jenkins	Linda Baker & Merrio Morton	Robert Horton

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, December 12th during the 10:30 service. The Vestry asks that everyone make every effort to attend.

Our Little Roses: This year Christ Church will provide poinsettias for the Altar and are asking that instead of purchasing poinsettias in memory, honor, or thanksgiving of someone, we are asking for donations. These donations will be used for the continued support of little Katerin at Our Little Roses. We will use these funds to sponsor her for another year. For anyone who also feels they can contribute any additional support please make a check out to Christ Church, with Honduras, on the memo line. These donations can be given in memory, honor or in thanksgiving for those you wish to remember. These honorariums will be printed in the Christmas Eve Service Bulletin. On the memo line of you check, please write "Little Roses."

Christmas Eve Service information:

December 24th

Music service at 10:15 p.m. with a worship service at 10:30 p.m.

The office will be closed Monday, December 27th. The office will be open the remainder of the week as usual.

"The Little Church That Could": There is a model of a church in the Narthex to place loose change and small monies. This money will help us reduce our budget deficit.

HOPE Sunday – EVERY SUNDAY

We are collecting spaghetti sauce and canned peas for the month of December. Also, there are staple items that HOPE always needs. Staple items are: low sodium soup, jelly, tuna, brown rice, canned chili, spaghetti pasta, Vienna sausages, spaghetti sauce, stove top stuffing mix, canned peas, canned corn, and canned green beans . H.O.P.E. in Lancaster, Inc. provides short-term assistance, resources, and referrals that helps individuals and families in crisis recover from short-term emergencies. Please consider contributing to this wonderful organization. Place your items in the shopping cart in the Narthex.

Cans for Kitties Project. Donate your aluminum and tin cans to benefit our feline friends to provide for spay/neuter services for cats. Please remove labels and separate cans and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. Thanks for supporting this ministry, Sara Phillips

Episcopal Relief and Development (E.R.D.)

You may contribute directly through their website, or through the church.

A Selection of Personal Prayers for Use Before Worship

O Almighty God, who pours out on all the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(from the BCP)*

Eternal God, grant to us this day and every day such readiness and delight in following Christ, that whether our lives are short or long we shall have lived abundantly. Amen. *(from “A New Zealand [Anglican] Prayer Book)*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use me, I pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. *(adapted from the BCP)*

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to the service of others, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(adapted from “A New Zealand [Anglican] Prayer Book”*

Second Sunday of Advent: LOVE

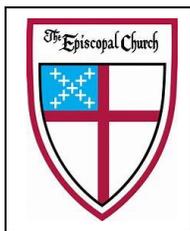


Third Sunday of Advent: JOY
Fourth Sunday of Advent: PEACE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18, Canticle 9



Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina

The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

Bishop Elect

The Very Reverend Daniel P. Richards

Supply Priest

The Reverend Philip G. Emanuel

Vestry Members

Linda Baker- Senior Warden ('21), Drew Clarke ('22), Joan Crawford ('21), Miller Deaton-Junior Warden ('22),
Pam Giardiello ('23), Ernest Jenkins ('21), and Caroline Oliver ('23)

Vestry meets the third Sunday of each month immediately following the service.

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community and the world.**



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The Rite Song

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