

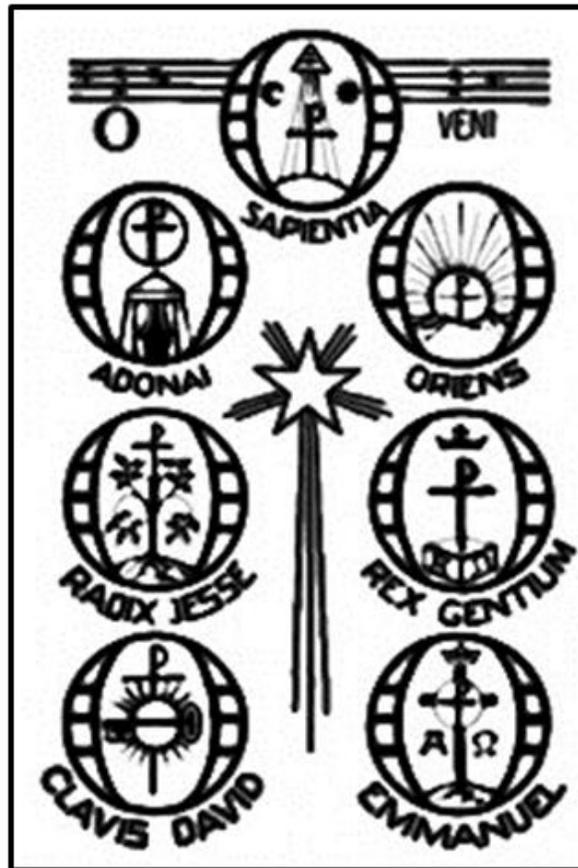
# HOLY COMMUNION

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### “HOPE”

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 27, 2022



Second Sunday of Advent: LOVE

Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

Fourth Sunday of Advent: PEACE

**“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”**

*Psalm 122:1*

## WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it 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.*

Gracious and compassionate God: I come to you for healing of my body, soul and memory. Restore me, I pray, by your lovingkindness that I may speak a healing word to others through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose Name I pray. *Amen.*

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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)*

***About Holy Communion:*** *We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. Through our praise and thanksgiving through the Holy Spirit we are united in His saving grace to the glory of God. Ours is an open table of Holy Communion. All baptized Christians of any denomination, children, and adults, are welcomed to receive.*

***Receiving Holy Communion:*** *Come forward as directed by the ushers. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the bread. We offer the wine of Holy Communion by common cup or by intinction. Or, if you prefer the bread only, cross your arms over your chest to signal the assistant.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune for Advent

Daniel Read

## Opening Hymn

57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## First 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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them. (Isaiah 9:2)

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of the hope of all people for a Saviour who will bring us freedom and peace. This hope was promised by the prophets of the Old Testament, who shared their vision of justice coming to the earth by the mighty acts of God.

*The first candle is lit.*

Reader: Let us pray.  
Father, you awaken in us the desire for the coming of your Son Jesus.  
May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring the kingdom of peace and justice you promise for the whole earth.

**All:**        ***Amen.***

*(Standing as able)*

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

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

## Collect

Priest: 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.**

Trisagion

C109

Holy God

## Holy God (Trisagion)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score includes a "Fine" marking above the final note and a "D.S." (Da Capo) marking at the end of the piece.

*May be sung three times in succession.*

Words: Book of Common Prayer

Music: El Shaddai Setting for Holy Communion, Betty Carr Pulkingham

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Holy God, grant us faith to cast away the works of darkness, put on the armor of light for your Church to anticipate and rejoice at the coming of your Son Jesus Christ that at the last day, when he shall come to judge the living and the dead, we may receive life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. *Amen.*

*(Seated)*

### **Dedication and Blessing of the Clothing for the children at Brooklyn Springs Elementary School.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD THE READINGS**

### ***A Reading from Isaiah 2:1-5***

*(Lector)*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-

hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

*(Silence for reflection follows the readings.)*

A

B

*(Congregation and Choir)*

## Psalm 122

### *Laetatus sum*

- A** 1 I was glad when they said to 'me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the 'LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are 'standing \*  
within your gates, O Je'rusalem.
- B** 3 Jerusalem is built as a 'city \*  
that is at unity with it'self;

**4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the 'LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the 'LORD.**

**A 5 For there are the thrones of 'judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of 'David.**

**6 Pray for the peace of Je'rusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who 'love you.**

**B 7 Peace be within your 'walls \*  
and quietness within your 'towers.**

**8 For my brethren and companions' 'sake, \*  
I pray for your pros'perity.**

**9 Because of the house of the LORD our 'God, \*  
I will seek to do you 'good."**

*(Silence for reflection follows the readings.)*

***A Reading from Romans 13:11-14***

*(Lector)*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader:            Here ends the Reading.

(Standing as able)

Sequence Hymn

68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## The Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Priest: The Gospel is read.

Priest: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” **AMEN.**

## The Sermon

*(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)*

*(Standing, as able.)*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Minister:* Let us rise to confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***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 to the dead; 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: (Eucharistic Minister)**

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, hear our prayer.***

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

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, hear our prayer.***

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, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for Michael Killingsworth, Stephen Killingsworth, Joe Galloway, and all serving in our armed forces here and abroad. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the lonely, aged and infirm, for the widows and orphans, and for the sick and suffering especially, Susan Bowers, Sherry Stalvey, Gene Alexander\*, Kevin Jaillette, Helen, Randy Horton, Susanne Horton, Nancy Wilson, Brenda Sutton, Betty Sue Taylor, Dixie Roberts, Hayes Robinson, Richard Knight, Joan Bixby\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Tric Deaton\*, Father Bill Walters, John Riemann\*, John Port, Michelle Knight, Karen, Diana, Libby Woodruff, Earl Adams, Cindy Williams, Wayne Moore, Randall Robinson, Diane Plyler, Dianne Johnson, Rebecca Bryson, John Rhodes, Corey Montgomery, Joanne Speiser\*, Abe Speiser, Laura Goldberg Speiser, Buddy Wilson, Kim Shealey, Bill Jarvis, Ricky Wilson, Jessica Sims, Joe Timmons, Claudia Haithcock; and for whom else shall we pray? (*Silence for remembrance*)

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those congregations in our diocese especially, St. Andrew's, Greenville and Ministry of Church Musicians and in the Anglican cycle of prayer The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. For those celebrating birthdays especially, Kathy Sistare and Lynn Blackmon and those celebrating anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For justice and relief for the poor and the oppressed, for those who are trafficked, for refugees and the hungry in Africa, cold in Ukraine and every place, 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, hear our prayer.***

We thank you, O God creator of all, for the good earth and her creatures which you have given us. We pray for those working 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, hear our prayer.***

*The Priest 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**

*(Standing or kneeling as able.)*

Priest: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Priest and **People:***

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: in your compassion; forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*The Priest:*

In the mercy of Almighty God your sins are forgiven that you may live in peace and confidence through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*(Standing as able)*

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

**People: And also with you.**

*Then the Priest and People greet one another in the name of the Lord:  
("Peace of Christ" or "Peace of the Lord be with you.")*



## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Sentence:** *(Seated)*

Priest: I ask you brothers and sisters, to offer your selves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

*Presenter brings forward The Elements.*

*The Table is prepared by the Eucharistic Minister.*

*The Ushers bring forward the gifts as we stand.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(The people remain standing as able.)*

### **Sursum Corda**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

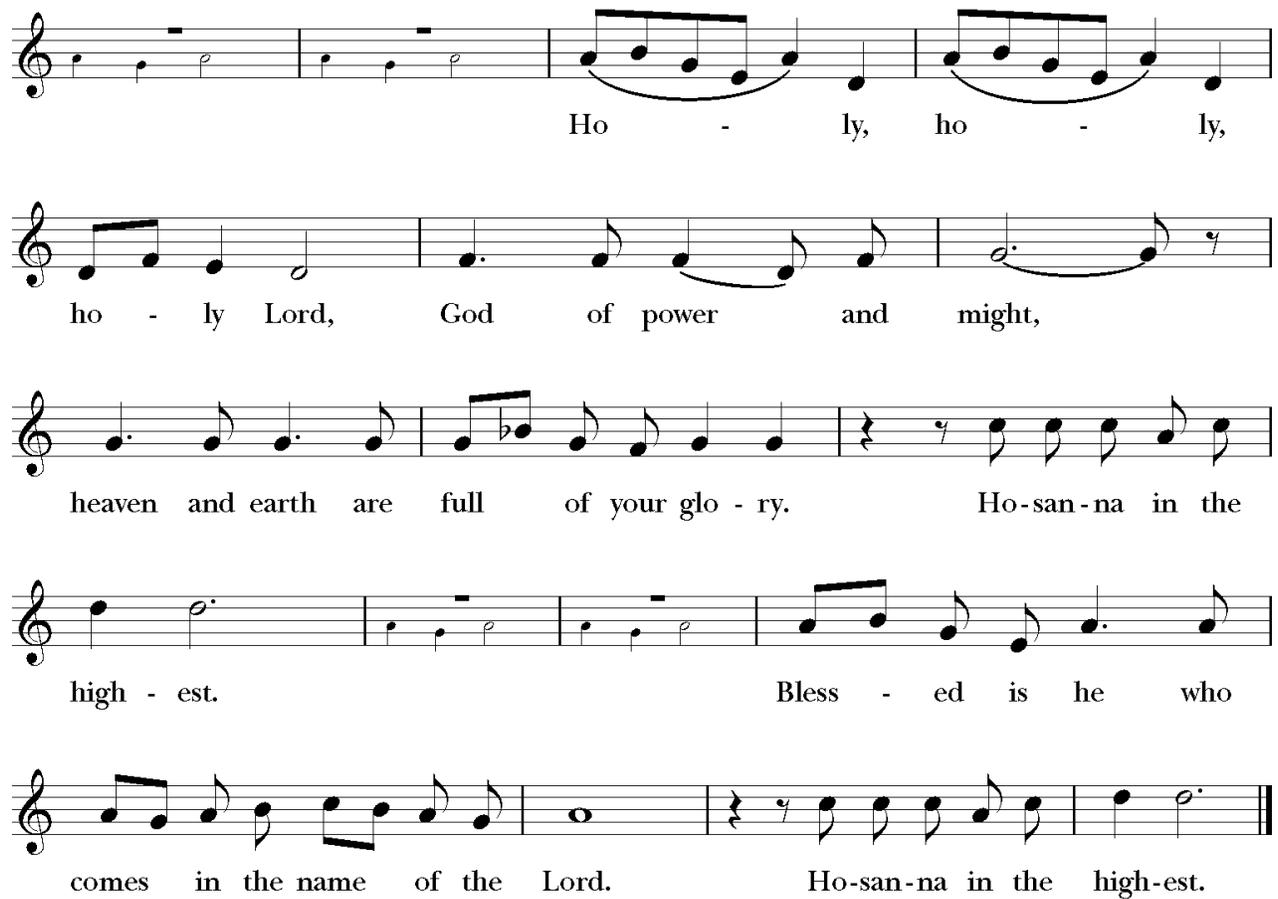
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to 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, that we may 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

S-128



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*(The people stand or kneel as able.)*

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 the 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 the power of 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 under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Mother of our Lord, Noah, Isaiah, and all your prophets, Mary Magdalen. Peter 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**

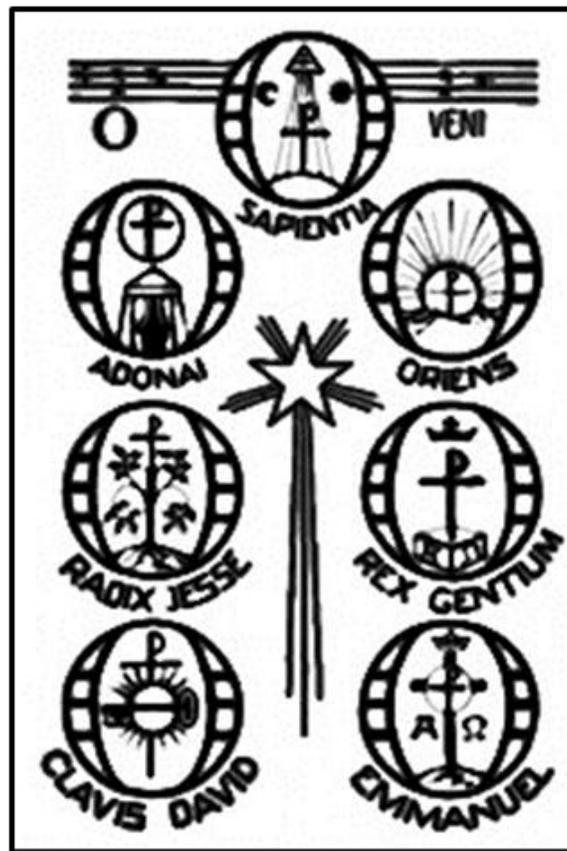
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

## 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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.*



**The Fraction Anthem:** 341 (v 1&2) For the bread which you have broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Priest: This is an open table of Holy Communion. All are welcomed to receive.  
 These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Come for all is prepared.

*(The people come forward at the direction of the Ushers. Those who would like assistance at the steps, please extend a hand to one of the Ushers.)*

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

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. [Amen.]

## Music at the Communion

My heart is longing

arr. Mark Sedio

## Post-Communion Prayer

*(Stand or kneel as able)*

Priest: Let us pray:

*Priest and **People**:*

***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.***

*(Standing as able)*

## The Blessing

Priest: Brothers and sisters, life is short and we do not have much time, to cheer the hearts of those who make the journey with us and the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you in Advent and always. Through Christ, our Lord.

***Amen.***

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Priest: Our service of worship is ended. Let us go forth to love God by serving our neighbors.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

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Congregation is also welcomed to remain in prayer following the dismissal.

Fellowship Time is in the hospitality room following the service.

## TODAY

**Holy Communion** listen on 107.5 FM or Facebook Live: Christ Church Lancaster

**Nursery:** It is our joy and delight to have small children present during worship. However, if you choose, we have a nursery room available for children with parental supervision. A TV live streaming the service is provided. We invite all children in the nursery to return to the church to commune with the congregation.

## THIS WEEK

**Boy Scouts** meet Mondays 5:30 pm

**Support Group** meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am

**Community Playhouse** meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 6:00 pm

**Choir practice** meets each Wednesday at 7 pm

**Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals** every Saturday from 10:00 am–1:00 pm

## UPCOMING

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Meeting

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Communion w/ candle lighting 7:00 pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – **NO SERVICE**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> – December 28<sup>th</sup>** – Office closed

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November 27<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Sistare

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lynn Blackmon

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

(\* Denotes member)

**Susan Bowers, Sherry Stalvey, Gene Alexander\***, Kevin Jaillette, Helen, Randy Horton, Susanne Horton, Nancy Wilson, Brenda Sutton, Betty Sue Taylor, Dixie Roberts, Hayes Robinson, Richard Knight, Joan Bixby\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Tric Deaton\*, Father Bill Walters, John Riemann\*, John Port, Michelle Knight, Karen, Diana, Libby Woodruff, Earl Adams, Cindy Williams, Wayne Moore, Randall Robinson, Diane Plyler, Dianne Johnson, Rebecca Bryson, John Rhodes, Corey Montgomery, Joanne Speiser\*, Abe Speiser, Laura Goldberg Speiser, Buddy Wilson, Kim Shealey, Bill Jarvis, Ricky Wilson, Jessica Sims, Joe Timmons, Claudia Haithcock

## OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Mission Statement –*

*At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may serve our community and the world.*

**Chris Smith, Treasurer:** We are now over three quarters of the way thru the year and we're doing fairly well fiscally. We are ahead to budget and anticipate a good last quarter. We are blessed to be able to make regular contributions to our diocese and support many ongoing ministries in our community. Your vestry is striving to focus our outreach efforts and will have our next budget reflect some outreach line items. It's November again and time to produce a budget for 2023. Developing a budget for our church after a relatively "normal" year is not as difficult as it has been the past couple of years, but the inflationary pressures that we all feel at this time are also being felt by your parish's finances. This budgeting task will be made much easier if there were a clearer indication of our anticipated income. Please faithfully consider making a financial commitment for 2023 and completing a commitment card and return

them to my attention as soon as possible. Pledge commitment forms are available at both entrances.

**“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.

**Cans for Kitties Project:** To donate your aluminum and tin cans please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

## **CHRIST CHURCH NEWS**

### **OUTREACH**

**H.O.P.E. in Lancaster, Inc.: HOPE’s Greatest Needs: Rice, Grits, Canned assorted veggies, canned beef stew, and canned tuna. Please no family sizes or glass jars.** Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Christ Church is now working with **H.O.P.E.** providing our parking lot as a pick-up location for the monthly “Food Share” program. Your continued support during these economic times is deeply appreciated.

**Ray’s Backdoor Ministry:** Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. Please put Ray’s Backdoor Ministry on the memo line of your check. God bless you richly for your ongoing contributions.

**Our Little Roses Update:** Christ Church has sponsored Katerin Yorleni Bautista for several years. Katerin is now in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Christ Church has been a basic sponsor in past years. It has been decided to increase to a life sponsor. This will include educational and basic life needs, along with money to cover Christmas and birthday. This cost is approximately \$1,800.00. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

**All worship participants please make presence known before service to  
Father Emanuel.**

DATE	PRIEST/ OFFICIANT	PARISH MUSICIAN	E M II	ACOLYTE	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, November 27, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Pam Giardiello	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Drew Clarke & TBA	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Caroline Oliver	Linda Baker

## NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

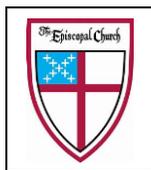
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

## PARTICIPANTS NEXT WEEK

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Sunday, December 4, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Pam Giardiello & Robert Horton	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	

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**SERMON:** The sermon is available upon request. Let Father Emanuel know if you want a copy.



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