



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, Rector
THE REVEREND ABBOTT BAILEY, Priest Associate

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, Associate Rector
ABBY MERK, KEVIN CRILEY, Seminarians

Childcare is available in the nursery

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand and sing

AN ADVENT LITANY

Music: Peter Hallock
Words: Carl G. Carlozzi

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
People:



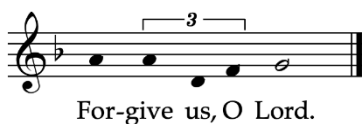
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

FIRST ORGAN INTERLUDE

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 all our heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Forgive us, O Lord.

We have squandered the resources of your creation and been insensitive to the needs of generations yet to come.
Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.
Forgive us, O Lord.

SECOND ORGAN INTERLUDE

Help us to prepare your way, opening our hearts to the transforming grace of your Word.



Lead us in the way of John the Baptist, that our hearts may be open to receive the gift of the One who is to come.
Prepare us, O Lord.

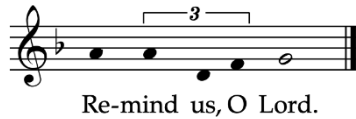
Let us hear again the message of Gabriel and ponder anew the miracle of life.
Prepare us, O Lord.

Like Mary, let us sing with joy as we give thanks for the coming of the Savior.
Prepare us, O Lord.

Fill us, O Lord, with the desire to observe this holy season, so that we might come to the birth of your Son in joy and expectation.
Prepare us, O Lord.

THIRD ORGAN INTERLUDE

Your will is justice and respect for the dignity of all people.



Your will is empowering love, giving us courage to bear the burdens of life.

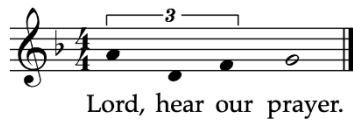
Remind us, O Lord.

Your will is peace, comfort to the troubled conscience and hope for new beginnings.

Remind us, O Lord.

FOURTH ORGAN INTERLUDE

In all our life, O Lord, enliven our hopes, inspire our dreams, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.



Keep us expectant, O Lord, to see new possibilities for life and ministry through the eyes of your Son.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower us to reach out in love to the forsaken, the destitute and the oppressed.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the direction in our community of faith, for the ministry of laity and clergy, and all in authority in the nations of the world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all humanity, for peace, for good-will among nations and for your spirit of love in our hearts.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are ill and those in trouble and adversity.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died and all who are the vessels of God's grace in every generation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

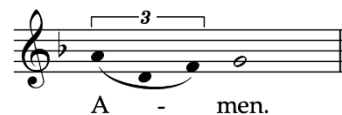
FIFTH ORGAN INTERLUDE

Lord, have mercy.



Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.

The children will return before communion.

The people stand and sing

HYMN 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people may be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robbie Laughton

A period of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

The people stand and say

THE NICENE CREED

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.

All stand
THE PEACE

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

We invite you to support the mission and ministries at Christ Church by making an offering.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Zion, at thy shining gates
Lo, the King of glory waits,
Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet,
Strew thy palms before his feet.

Christ, for thee their triple light,
Faith and hope and love unite;
This the beacon we display
To proclaim thine advent day.

Come and give us peace within,
Loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the galling weight
Laid on us by Satan's hate.

Give us grace thy yoke to wear,
Give us strength thy cross to bear,
Make us thine in deed and word,
Thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So, when thou shalt come again,
Judge of angels and of men.
We with all thy saints shall sing
Alleluias to our King.

Words: B. H. Kennedy (1804-1889)
Music: George Guest (1924-2002)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth... 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 S-129

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven 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._____

Celebrant 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember Christ's death.
 We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
 We await Christ's coming in glory.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all... By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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 FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

291

We plow the fields and scatter

Wir pflugen

73

The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Chorale-Prelude on *Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In honor of Leander Wick

In memory of Matthew Eugene Brindle

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF

Declan Joseph Murnane Butcher, grandson of Brian & Gwynne Butcher

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Paul Scott Williams

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Kate Ballard, Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Hadley Kimberlin, Sam Brathwaite, Kimberly Richmond, John Carbaugh, the Fedewa family, Linda Hoekstra, Denise Blood, Bill Wilson, Caroline Long, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Peter West, Catherine Claggett, Tyger Latham, the Lange family, Derek Shows, Tricia Rosencranz, Quiana Lawhorn, Elaine Wick, Carol Lafley, Van Bridgers

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