



November 29, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

An Advent of Hope

Welcome to Christ Church!

Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook Live](#).

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches

Welcome and Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#).

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Organ Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Introit (sung by all)

O Antiphon: O Radix Jesse

O come, thou BRANCH OF JESSE's tree free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Hymn 73

The King shall come when morning dawns

Tune: St. Stephen

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.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925) Music: St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon on us

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
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The Collect of the Day

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

All Almighty God, you brought forth a royal branch from the ancient stock of Jesse's line: Grant that we who have been grafted into this heritage may bear fruit worthy of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But

you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Psalter for Christian People, p. 110

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *

shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *

stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the one of your right hand, *

the one you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle

Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind~ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you~ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.
Hymn 454

Jesus came, adored by angels

Words: Godfrey Thring (18123-1903)

Tune: *Lauda anima*
John Goss (1800-1880)
desc. C.S. Lang (1897-1971)

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from realms on high;
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are bowed with care:
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of sins for - given:
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall pass a - way;

Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion, low - ly came on earth to die:
Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer to our ear - nest, heart - felt prayer;
Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness, lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven;
Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry; let us then our hom - age pay;

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

adapt. Charles W. Raines
Salem, Massachusetts
October 2020

The Gospel
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Mark 13:24-27

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

At the conclusion of the reading:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

Please stand as comfortable, and able.

All

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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Intercessor As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who comes as the rising sun into the darkness of our lives.

Intercessor For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For Alan and Gayle our bishops and all bishops, for the presbyters, for the deacons and all the people who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the church throughout the world and faithful in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For travelers, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and depressed, and for those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

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 commit ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People To you, O Lord, we pray.

Celebrant O Wisdom, breath from the mouth of God most high, who reigns from one end of the earth to the other and governs all creation with strong and tender care, come and teach us the way of freedom. Glory to you forever and ever. **Amen.**

Source: *Intercession: A Theological and Practical Guide*, Ormonde Plater, p. 115

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer, p. 360

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

A moment of silence is kept.

All

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.**

Absolution

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

The Peace

Please stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a brief sign of Christ's peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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Offertory Anthem

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

Christ Church Quartet

Lo how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung. It came a blossom bright, Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it the rose I have in mind. With Mary we behold it the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night. O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ you established your reign of righteousness and peace, giving us partnership in its manifestation and hope for its fulfillment. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

David Hurd (b. 1950)

All

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 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 Father 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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.

All 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.

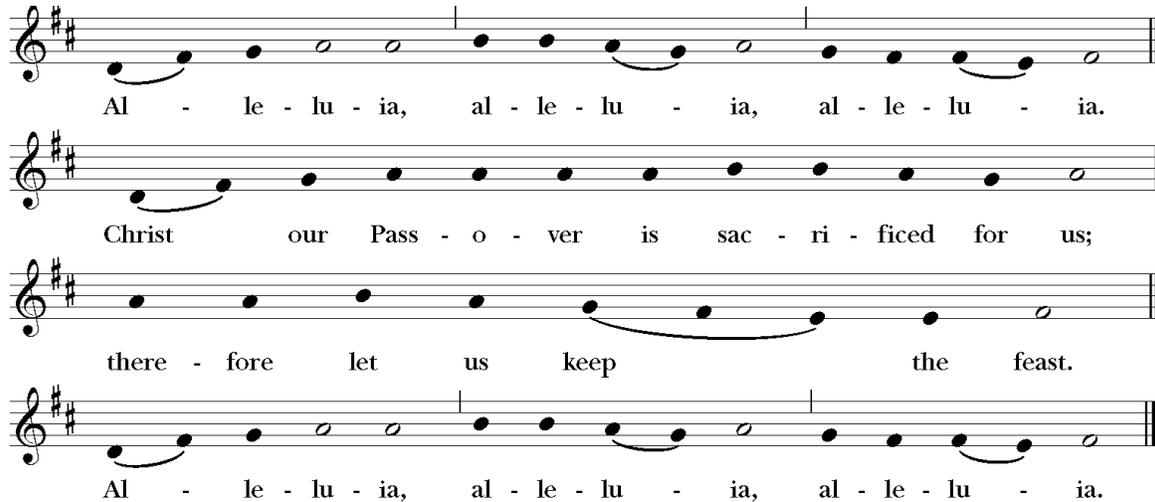
The Breaking of the Bread

A moment of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

David Hurd (b. 1950)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

“In & Out” Communion will be available in the Main Sanctuary or curbside today from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please [register](#) ahead of time. When you arrive at the Church, you will [sign in](#) using your smart device or on the sign in clipboard. Please enter at Rosemary Street entrance and follow the blue line.

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Concluding Blessing

Officiant May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty—Christ, Creator, and Spirit—rest upon you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn 601

O day of God, draw nigh

Tune: *St. Michael*

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Dismissal

Officiant While we eagerly await the coming of God's reign, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude

Hymn Prelude on "Lo, he comes with clouds descending"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) and The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Temple Aliyah.

We give thanks for the bounty bestowed upon us by God's good earth and the work of human hands.

We remember William Graham, father of Betsy Keener.

Your prayers are requested for Martin W., Richard, Leo, Sommer, Meghan, Jim, Linda, Sara Y., Carol M., Jenny, Geoff C., Kathryn M., Robert B., Jennifer P., Linda B., Kara J., Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Linda, and Betsey. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

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Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Director of Music

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Lea Peterson, Cantor for the “In ‘n’ Out” Eucharist

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And others to be named on air!

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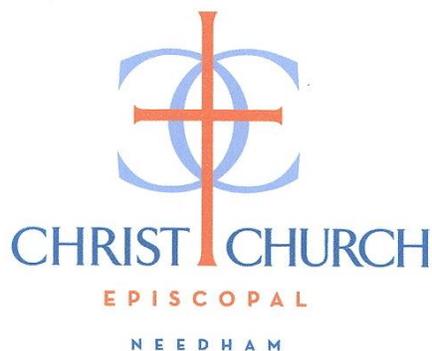
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