



**November 22, 2020 at 10 a.m.**

Liturgy of the Word for the

Third 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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## Prelude for Flute and Organ

Psalm Prelude in D – Beside Still Waters He Leads Me

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Bruce Goody, flutist

## Introit (sung by all) - O Antiphon: O Rex Gentium

O come, DESIRE OF NATIONS, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## Hymn 391

Before the Lord's eternal throne

Tune: Winchester New

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high  
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten  
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.  
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100

Music: Winchester New, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## 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.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Confession of Sin

**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.

**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.

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

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Officiant** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LESSONS**

#### **The First Lesson**

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

**Lector** Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

#### **Canticle 15 – The Song of Mary**

*Luke 1:46-55*

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*

**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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.**

## **The Epistle**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

### **Lector**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

### **Lector**

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

### **People**

Thanks be to God.



Hymn

Lord, whose love through humble service

Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)

Tune: *Hymn to Joy*  
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)  
adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867)

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light,  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed,  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,  
As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
use the love your Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

adapt. Charles W. Raines  
Salem, Massachusetts  
October 2020

## The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

**Celebrant** Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*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

*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

**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.

### **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**

“King of Glory, King of Peace”

Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

*Christ Church Quartet*

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

**The Blessing of Pledges*****Celebrant***

Almighty and everliving God, whose glory fills the heavens, whose Spirit animates the earth: we praise you and thank you for the wonder of life. Your love is the firm foundation of all that is. All that we are, and all that we have, come as your blessing. In this time of Advent waiting, we ask your mighty blessing on these symbols of our commitment to the mission of your church, and the manifestation of your reign of love and justice on earth. By your Holy Spirit, may the resources they represent empower us even more to build up your Kingdom, where loving you and our neighbors is all in all. Lead us even more strongly into feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, healing the sick, visiting those imprisoned, healing the breach among peoples of all races. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

**A General Thanksgiving***Book of Common Prayer, p. 836****All***

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

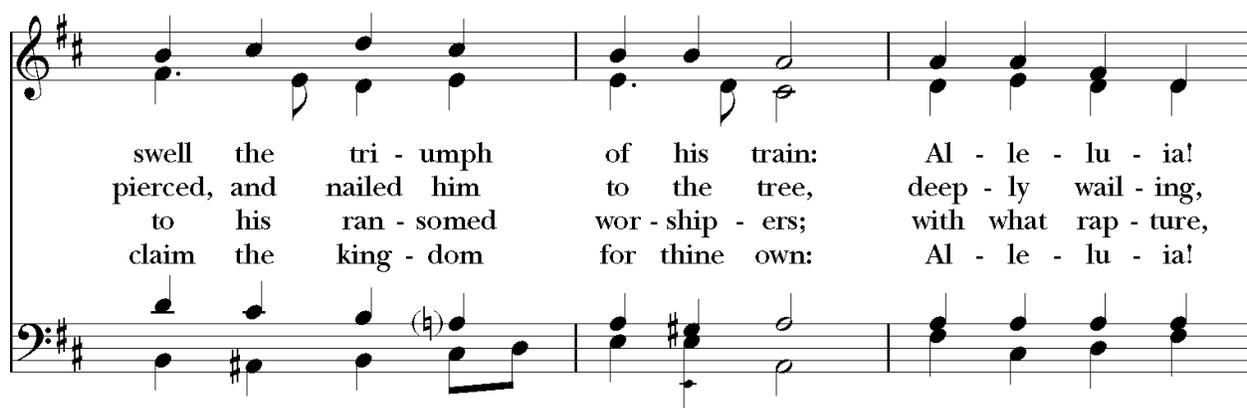
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -



va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;



swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: 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.

## 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.**

**Postlude for Flute and Organ** Sonata No. 3 in G minor: II. Allegro  
Unico Wilhelm van Wassenaer (1692-1766)

### Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) and The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill – Bishop of Bermuda. 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.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the Taunton River Deanery: Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton; St. Thomas' Church, Taunton; Trinity Church, Wrentham; Diocesan Mission Hubs; Episcopal Marriage Encounter, and Cursillo.

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.

Your prayers are requested for 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.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

## Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Director of Music  
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*And others to be named on air!*

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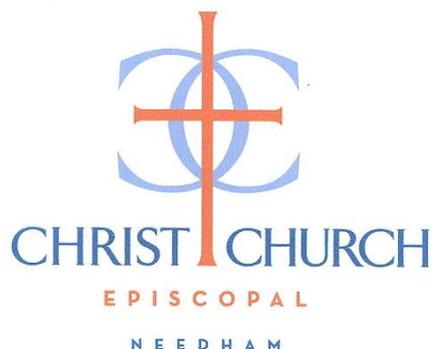


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