



Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Third Sunday of Advent
Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021
10 a.m.

Welcome to Christ Church

Welcome to worship this morning! Whether present in our brick-and-mortar worship space, or through the miracles of [FaceBook](#), [Zoom](#) or our [website](#), we are gathered as the one Body of Christ, seeking solace and strength, pardon and renewal.

As the days grow shorter, the Church enters Advent, a season of heightened expectancy. Our traditions remind us afresh of God's providential power and care in a time of uncertainty. We prepare to perceive anew God's compassion, truth and blessing in Jesus.

This worship bulletin and the hymnals guide our participation in the service this morning. Let us sing and pray out loud with gusto wherever we are!



Loving God and neighbor, in joy and hope, as Jesus teaches

Introit

O Antiphon: O Rex Gentium

All 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!*

Please stand as able.

Opening Hymn 391

Before the Lord's eternal throne

Tune: Winchester New

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Harmony: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as able.

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 S-91

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

All

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

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Please be seated.

Welcome

First Lesson

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Lector These are the last words of David:
The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132:1-13

A Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 180-181

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

- 1 LORD, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before God's footstool."
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your anointed.
- 11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth it will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

Lector John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Gradual Hymn 82

Of the Father's love begotten

Tune: *Divinum mysterium*

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?);

tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry William Baker (1821-1877)

The Gospel

John 18:33-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

At the conclusion of The Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Brock Baker

The sermon is followed by a brief silence.

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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.

Please stand or kneel as able.

Prayers of the People

adapted from the Church of England

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

Intercessor In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus. Come to your Church as Lord and judge. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor Come to your world as King of the nations. Before you rulers will stand in silence. Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever. Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation. Maranatha:

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

adapted from *Enriching Our Worship*, p. 56; *Book of Common Worship*, p. 171

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

A moment of silence is kept.

All God of all mercy, who is coming in power and compassion
to bring all nations under your rule,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

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.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem

Morning Trumpet
Unaccompanied SATB Choir - An arrangement of the hymn from The Sacred Harp
Denise Foster Kimble (b. 1957)

MUSIC NOTES

The Sacred Harp singing is a choral tradition originating in New England in the late eighteenth century. It is one of the earliest forms of distinctly American music known as shape note singing. As a teaching tool, geometric shapes (squares, circles, triangles) were added to the noteheads in written music and a corresponding syllable "sol-fa-la" were assigned to each note of a musical scale. By following the shapes, anyone could sing a hymn regardless of their knowledge of music. Booklets of hymn tunes were printed for various towns; entire communities would gather on a weeknight and Sundays to sing beloved sacred tunes, in parts. It was quite the social event for the townspeople. One leader was appointed to start each song. The leader would sing

a beginning pitch to each of the four parts; then by banging a stick on the floor or thumping their foot, the group would keep the beat. Robust singing was encouraged. The result was a rustic, hearty, unrefined sound. Shape note singing exists today in the Boston area and throughout the country. On Thanksgiving Sunday, our Choir presents an arrangement of this New England shape note hymn.

Morning Trumpet

*O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above?
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning;
And from the flowing fountain, drink everlasting love?
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

O shout glory!

I shall mount above the skies when I hear that trumpet sound in that morning.

*When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
And with my blessed Jesus, drink endless pleasures in,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?*

O shout glory!

I shall mount above the skies when I hear that trumpet sound in that morning.

*His promises are faithful and a righteous crown he'll give
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And all his valiant soldiers eternally shall live,
And hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

O shout glory!

I shall mount above the skies when I hear that trumpet sound in that morning.

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship, pp. 60-62

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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing :

Sanctus S-124

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.

Please stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-154

Alleluia: Christ Our Passover

David Hurd

All

This setting is not used in Lent.

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

The Congregation receives Communion in one kind (the bread only) at the foot of the steps up to the free-standing altar. All are invited to come forward to the Lord's Table. If you prefer a blessing rather than the bread, please cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Two Intermexzi

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Prayer for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant O Ruler of the nations, Desire and longing for wholeness, come!

All We are your creatures, you formed us of earth: Save your people!

Concluding Blessing

Celebrant 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.

Please stand as able.

Closing Hymn 74

Blest be the King whose coming
Melody: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) alt.; harm and desc: Ronald Arnatt (1930-2018)
Tune: *Valet will ich dir geben*
Words: Frederico J. Pagura (b. 1923)

After the Closing Hymn, the Choir remains in the chancel. The Celebrant and Crucifer process to the back. Please sit to enjoy the postlude before the dismissal.

Organ Postlude

Intermezzo: Finale

Hermann Schroeder

Please stand as able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Please join us at coffee hour on [Zoom](#), where we extend the hospitality of the Eucharistic Table.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The altar today is in thanks to God for the beauty and bounty of God's creation.

Your prayers are requested for Baby Raven N., Kalin N., Pat H., Pam J., Julia and Family, John, James, Judi, David E., Sonia P., Janet, Billy C., Thomas, Gail, Sarah, and Lois C. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. 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 for the parishes of 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.

THOSE WHO SERVE

We have opportunities for lay assistants to serve during worship throughout the year. If you haven't been involved before, now is a great time to try it out! [Sign up online here.](#)

Thank you to those serving today!

Lector/Intercessor: Debby Rempis

Ushers: William Kence, Christian Kence, and Tedi Eaton

Crucifer: Claire Aufferman

Digital Verger: Tim Lysaght

Altar Guild: Nancy Stern, Debby Rempis, and Tedi Eaton

Coffee Hour: Joanna Starr and Barbara Hurley

LOOSE PLATE

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