



# Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism

The First Sunday of Advent

November 7, 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. We are delighted to welcome the extended McConarty Family today as we incorporate Samuel into the Body of Christ here at Christ Church.

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*

^ At this symbol throughout the service, please stand as able and makes sense in your context.

## Organ Prelude

O holy Wisdom

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

## Introit

O Antiphon: O Sapientia

**All** O come, thou WISDOM from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## ^ [Hymn 616](#)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Tune: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### ^ Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Blessed be God, Creator, Christ and Spirit.

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

**Celebrant** There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People** There is one hope in God's call to us;

**Celebrant** One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People** One God and Creator of all.

### ^ The Collect

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God, your Word of wisdom goes forth and does not return empty: Grant us such knowledge and love of you that we may perceive your presence in all creation and every creature; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Welcome

### First Lesson

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:15-17

**Lector** Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 127

*A Psalter for the Christian People, p. 178*

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

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, \*  
**their labor is in vain who build it.**
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, \*  
**in vain the sentries keep their vigil.**
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \*  
**vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for to the beloved the LORD gives sleep.**
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, \*  
**and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
**are the children of one's youth.**
- 6 Happy are the warriors with a quiver full of them! \*  
**they shall not be put to shame  
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.**

### Second Lesson

**Hebrews 9:24-28**

**Lector** Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

### ^ [Hymn 656](#)

Blest are the pure in heart

Tune: *Franconia*

### ^ The Gospel

**Mark 12:38-44**

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

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

**Celebrant** As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than

all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

*At the conclusion of The Gospel:*

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Nick Morris-Kliment**

**^ THE HOLY BAPTISM**

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

**Celebrant** The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parents and Godparents** We present Samuel James McConarty to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant addresses the parents and godparents:*

**Celebrant** Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents and Godparents** I will, with God’s help.

**Celebrant** Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Parents and Godparents** I will, with God’s help.

**Celebrant** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Parents and Godparents** I renounce them.

**Celebrant** Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Parents and Godparents** I renounce them.

**Celebrant** Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Parents and Godparents** I renounce them.

**Celebrant** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Parents and Godparents** I do.

**Celebrant** Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Parents and Godparents** I do.

**Celebrant** Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Parents and Godparents** I do.

*^ The Celebrant address the congregation:*

**Celebrant** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

**People** We will.

**Celebrant** Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**^ Baptismal Covenant**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Celebrant** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

**People** I will, with God's help.

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

**Celebrant** Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

**Intercessor** Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Send him into the world in witness to your love.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant** Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

**Celebrant** Samuel, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen.

**Celebrant** Samuel, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

**People** Amen.

**Celebrant** Samuel, accept this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ. May it light your way always.

**People** Amen.

**Celebrant** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

**Celebrant** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All** We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

### **^ 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

Wedding Song

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Adaptation of the English text by Hugh Ross

Kim Lysaght, soprano soloist

#### Musical Notes on today's offertory Anthem

The story of Ruth is read only every three years; we highlight Ruth in today's readings and in the choral anthem. When Naomi's son dies, she urges her widowed daughter-in-law, Ruth, to leave her and find a new husband from her native Moabite culture. Ruth decides to stay with Naomi. Ruth speaks these words to her mother-in-law:

*"Whither thou goest, there will I go also, and where thou dwellest, there will I dwell. Thy people be my people, thy God be mine. Where thou diest, I too will die; and where they lay thee, there will I be lain; and nought but death shall part thee from me." Ruth binds herself to Naomi as well as a people, deeming her as the first "convert." Ruth eventually marries Boaz, an Israelite; she becomes the progenitor of a family line that produces King David and eventually, Jesus. This is how we begin Advent 1 of our 7-week extended Advent journey.*

In the present day, the text from The Book of Ruth (Whither thou goest) is used as a wedding song where the speaker is that of a wedding couple, promising to bind themselves and their love together until "death do us part." This is quite different than its original intent, but poignant and beautiful nonetheless.

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#### ^ 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.

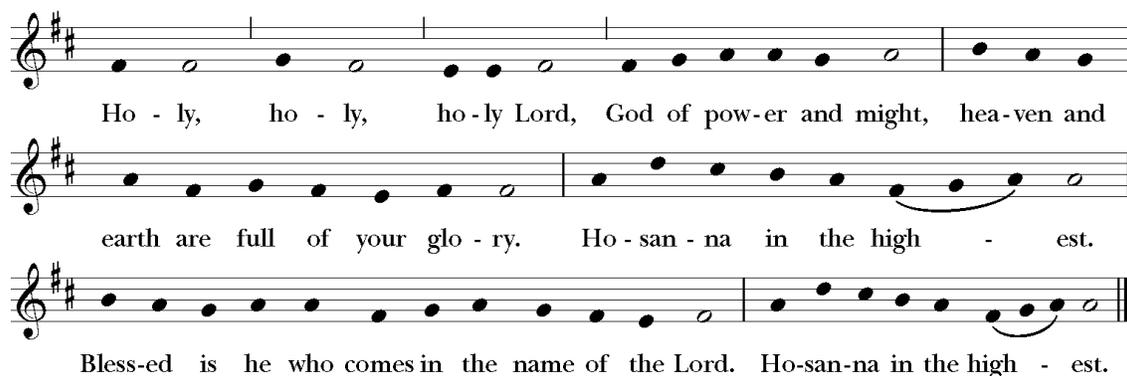
**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 :

**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 kneel or stand 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

### Music During Communion

O Sapientia  
 "A Welcome Song (A Song for Baptism)"

Daniel Ficarra (b. 1996)  
 Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

## Prayer for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Celebrant** O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Holy One.

**People** May the light of Wisdom shine upon our path.

## 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.

### The Blessing

**Celebrant** 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

^ [Hymn 594](#)

God of grace and God of glory

Tune: *Cwm Rhondda*  
John Hughes (1873-1932)

**Organ Postlude**

Chorale Prelude on "Savior, of the nations, come"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

### ^ 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.



*We welcome the newly baptized*  
**Samuel James McConarty**



**Parents**

*Emily York McConarty*  
*Nathan Notis McConarty*

**Godparents**

*Kristen Hymovitz*  
*David Hymovtiz*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

William Douglas Godfrey, Robert William Godfrey, June Elizabeth Godfrey, and Nathaniel L. Labreche by  
Deborah and Robert Martell

Richard Bradford Oakes, Grace Mitchell Oakes, and Nicholas Poulos by Ann Poulos

Your prayers are requested for David E., Sonia P., Janet, Billy C., Thomas, Gail, Sarah, and Lois D. 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 of Australia. 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: All Saints' Church, Attleboro; Trinity Church, Bridgewater; and Commission on Ministry.

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: Phil Bergen

Ushers: Dusty Hecker

Crucifer: Annie Russell

Digital Verger: Tim Lysaght

Altar Guild: Annie Russell, Joanna Starr, and Rosemarie Rappold

Coffee Hour: Bill and Dottie Hagar

## **LOOSE PLATE**

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### ELECTED OFFICERS

Dusty Hecker, Warden      Brian Mukherjee, Warden      Dave Carnahan, Clerk  
Assistant Treasurers: Duncan Allen and Janet Haines

### MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Class of '22: Annie Russell, Bob Begin, Bob Keener, and Ingrid Melvin  
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