



# Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Sixth Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 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*

**Organ Prelude**

Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the nations, come," BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Introit**

O Antiphon: O Oriens

**Celebrant** O come, thou DAYSPRING, from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Please stand as able.

**Opening Hymn 492**

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Tune: *Finnian*

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

**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**

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## The Collect

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** Lord Jesus Christ, in your resurrection you appeared as the Morning Star that knows no setting: Dawn upon the despair of the human heart so that the deathly orders of this world may be overcome and your whole creation made new; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Welcome

### First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

**Lector** Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah**

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

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, \*

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

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.**

### **Second Lesson**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

**Lector** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*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 66**

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Tune: *Stuttgart*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Adapt. and harm. Willaim Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

### **The Gospel**

**Luke 3:7-18**

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

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

**Celebrant** John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*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 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

*An overdue note: "Maranatha" is Aramaic, Jesus' mother tongue. It means "Come Lord Jesus" or "Jesus is here."*

**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 comes 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, with one another in the building, and with those participating online.*

*Please be seated.*

### **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offering of the Gifts of Bread and Wine**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus  
Soloists: Lisa Correnti and Mark Anderson

Mary Wheeler Burnett (20<sup>th</sup> c)

*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

Anthem - Messe Basse (Low Mass): *Agnus Dei*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Lisa Correnti, Evelyn Griffin, MaryAnn Ryan, and Pamela Goody

*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 Morning Star of Righteousness, your light shines brightly in the night.

**All** Dispel our sorrow and bring us light: Illumine our despair.

## 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 542

Christ is the world's true light

Tune: *St. Joan*

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.

Music: Percy E. B. Coller (1895-?)

*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

Chant Prelude on "Veni, veni Emmanuel"

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*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 on [Zoom](#), where we extend the hospitality of the Eucharistic Table.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

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

*John Richard Lingard from the Lingard Family*

*Ricky Nickerson*

*Your prayers are requested for Bryan, Steve, Michael, Kelly, Mary S., Nancy, Maya, Alex, Penny, Sara Y., Linda F., Kate, Baby Raven N., Kalin N., Pat H., Pam J., Julia and Family, John, James, Judi, David E., Sonia P., Janet, Billy C., Thomas, Gail, and Sarah. And prayers 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 Canada. 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, Laxil, Haiti, our siblings at B-Safe, and the MANNA Community in Boston.*

*This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Alewife Deanery: Christ Church, Cambridge; St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge; St. James' Church, Cambridge; St. Peter's Church, Cambridge; and Diocesan Disciplinary Board.*

*In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Grace Lutheran.*

## **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: Rich Gatto*

*Ushers: Rosemarie Rappold-Davis and Theodora Eaton*

*Digital Verger: Tim Lysaght*

*Altar Guild: Barbara Brailey, Maria Mather, and Betsy Amsbary*

*Coffee Hour: Patty Smith and Janet Haines*

## **Loose Plate**

*Thank you for being a part of the joy of Christ Church, Needham. Your financial support means much more now than ever. We need your help to keep alive our ability to care, to connect, and to serve, to continue the mission of our Church to love God and neighbor, in joy and hope, as Jesus teaches. [Give online](#) and select the fund "Loose Plate" from the drop down menu.*



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