



# Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Seventh Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 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 "My soul magnifies the Lord"

BWV 648 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Introit

O Antiphon: O Emmanuel

**All** O come, O come, EMMANUEL, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*Please stand as able.*

## [Opening Hymn 597](#)

O day of peace that dimly shines

Tune: *Jerusalem*

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b.1944)

Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

## 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 -  
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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** Eternal God, you do not abandon us in exile but hear our plea for returning and rest: Visit us we pray with your presence and raise us to greet with hope and joy the promised day of salvation; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen .

*Please be seated.*

## Welcome

### First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

**Lector** You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

*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

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, \*  
**for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

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

**you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you \*

**from generation to generation.**

You have shown strength with your arm \*

**and scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones \*

**and lifting up the lowly.**

You have filled the hungry with good things \*

and sent the rich away empty.  
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*  
or you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our forebears, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

## Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

**Lector** When Christ came into the world, he said,  
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.  
Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*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 437

Tell out, my soul Tune: *Birmingham*  
Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on The Song of Mary  
Music: from Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813; harm. Songs of Praise, 1925

## The Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

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

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

**Celebrant** In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

*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

**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**      My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord (Magnificat)      Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)  
Interludes by Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

*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.

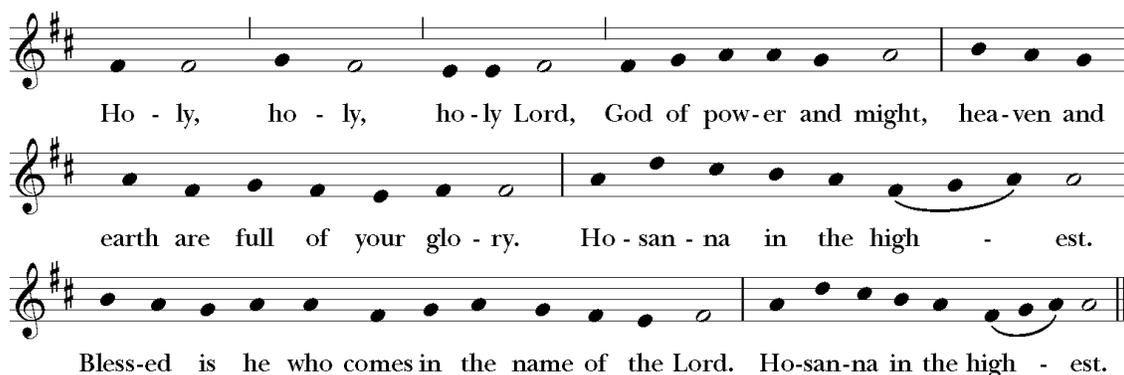
**Celebrant**    We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your 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.*

**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**

Benedictus from *Messe Basse (Low Mass)*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Lisa Correnti, soprano  
 The Women of the Choir

*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 God in our midst, Emmanuel, in you our salvation comes to earth.

**All** Rule our lives and make us whole: Come and save us!

### 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 278

Sing we of the blessed Mother

Tune: *Rustington*

Words: George B. Timms (1910-1997)

Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

*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

Fugue on “The Magnificat,” BWV 733

J.S. Bach

*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 the more than 800,000 persons in the United States, and the more than 5.2 millions persons world-wide, who have perished from Covid since the pandemic began.*

*Your prayers are requested for Jennifer P., Linda B., Ping W., The Pouliot Family, 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 Church of the Province of Central Africa. 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, 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: Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge; Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge; The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge; and Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains.*

*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: Abby Carr*

*Ushers: Pete and Ann Lyons*

*Digital Verger: Tim Lysaght*

*Crucifer: Rich Gatto*

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

*Coffee Hour: Vestry and Wardens*

## Loose Plate

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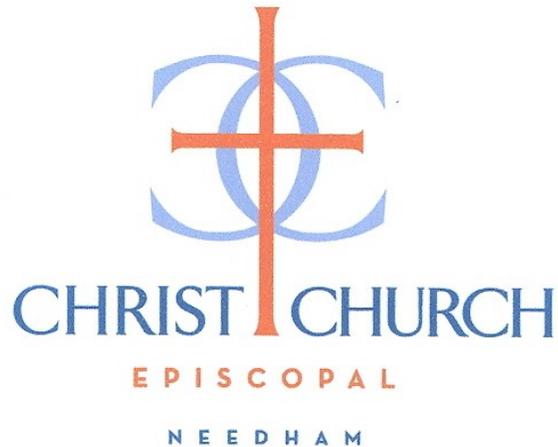
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