



THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE TWO)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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Christ Church Episcopal

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The Rev. Darwin L. Price

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Our mission at Christ Church is to invite all people to celebrate with us in our worship and service of God, so that together we may make Christ's love known in our world.

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Paul Manz

Opening Hymn

We Gather Together

#433 Hymnal 1982

- 1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.
- 2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!
- 3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Advent wreath-lighting

O God, we thank you for the first candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. Give us peace in our world, we pray, even in our own time. We know that Christ brought peace when he first came to dwell among us, and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. *Dona nobis pacem.* Give us peace. **Amen.**

(The first candle is lighted.)

All **We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through following his Way, peace is found.**

Song of Praises/Song of Peace

1.
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2.
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3.
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah¹

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

¹ Isaiah 2:1-5

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Laetatus sum

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good."

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans²

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

O Come, O Come Emmanuel vv. 2, 3

#56 Hymnal 1982

- 2 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!*

- 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to **Matthew**³
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will

² Romans 13:11-14

³ Matthew 24:36-44

be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Donna Foughty

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We especially pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Alan and Gayle, our bishops; for the Anglican Church in Japan; for the Parishes of the Alewife Deanery including Church of Our Saviour of Arlington, St. John's Church of Arlington, the Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer of Arlington, The Standing Committee, and the Brotherhood of St. Gregory, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We especially pray for our President, Joe Biden, and for our Vice President, Kamala Harris.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for Anna Andolina, George Arsenault, Bob Axner, Chris Axner, Betty Hadfield, David Hardiman, Meredith Hatchard, Galen Kelly, Jen Kerns, Mickey Kerns, Julie Kraft, Marcey Long, Russ Manchester, Rebecka Miller, Sheila Moss-White, Elizabeth Murray, the Rice and Callaghan families, Ethan Salomé, Nancy Truesdale, and David Williams.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially the eleven who were killed in mass shootings in Colorado Springs and Chesapeake, Virginia this week, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for this parish family and for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Sarah Aylesworth (November 27).

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitation for birthday and anniversary prayers.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Choir Offertory

I Shall Know Him When He Comes

Douglas Wagner

(Ushers will pass the offertory plate)

The Great Thanksgiving

It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer.

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 offer thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The priest breaks the bread. Silence may be kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn

Signs of Endings All Around Us

#721 Wonder, Love and Praise

- 1 Signs of endings all around us—
darkness, death, and winter days
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,
numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!
Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness.
Show us what there yet can be.

- 2 Can it be that from our endings,
new beginnings you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings,
realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them
into hopes for life anew:
Fading light and dying season
sing their Glorias to you.

- 3 Speak, O God, your Word among us.
Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,
terrors calm forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice
blossom now throughout the earth;
your dominion bring now near us;
we await the saving birth.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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 forever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawn

#291 Hymnal 1982

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not, as of old, a little child,
to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.
- 3 The King shall come when morning dawns
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that e'er shall last;
- 4 and let the endless bliss begin,
by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong,
and truth shall be extolled.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
come quickly, King of kings.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thanksgiving

Charles Callahan

Those serving today

Mary Ellen Eichmann, reader; Sidney Coursen, greeter; Bill Lutz, usher
Elizabeth Salomé and Deborah Aylesworth, Altar Guild servers

Bill Walsman, Lay Eucharistic Minister

Jennifer & Bill Lutz, coffee hosts

On December 4 the reader will be Sidney Coursen.

The greeter, usher, and LEM are TBD.

The coffee hosts will be Jean Bertrand & Karen Butler.

News & Noteworthy

Winter Spiral – Join Kam Anderson and friends to celebrate our light and walk a Winter Spiral on Saturday, December 3 at 4:00pm. Come ready to share your light and enjoy the quiet. Cost is by donation; seating is limited. RSVP to anderson.kam@gmail.com. This program will take place here at Christ Church.

Carol Sing! -- Come for a festive Carol Sing at church on Thursday, December 8, 7:00pm. Holiday refreshments will be served.

Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 16, 9:00am

Christmas Flowers – Donation envelopes will soon arrive for Christmas flowers. Look for them in the next week or so.

Thrift Shop – All Christmas decorations will be half-price beginning, Saturday, November 26 and continue on sale until the shop closes on December 17. The shop will remain closed until March 3. We request that after Tuesday, December 13, there be no donations dropped off until February 15. This will allow us to clean, sort, and mark, and get caught up before reopening in early March. Thank you for your continued support of the Thrift Shop. --Dottie, Betty and Betty Ann

In the Community

Give the Gift of Reading -- Christmas Book Drive – A Book for Every Child



Once again, Cape Cod Council of Churches is working with A Baby Center and Hands of Hope, to make sure that every child they serve will receive a book during this holiday season. Together, Hands of Hope and A Baby Center services income-eligible families with children ages birth to 18.

How can you help?

- Come to Titcomb's Bookshop, 432 Route 6A., East Sandwich, 508-888-2331 and pick out the books you would like to donate.
- Shop online and use coupon code BOOKDRIVE22 at checkout.
- Give us a budget and we'll choose for you. This will allow us to make sure we have a wide range of title and subjects. The deadline for donations is November 30.



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