

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



*The mission of Christ Church is to be a diverse, inclusive community,
which, through its lively worship of Jesus Christ and witness in His name,
serves the Christ in all persons and shines a beacon of hope throughout the heart of Detroit.*

Christ Church strives, today and always, to be a beacon of hope through our outreach, worship, and hospitality. We are a contemporary, open and affirming, multi-racial, multi-ethnic congregation, enlivened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ in the world around us. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some were received into it as adults, and some of us are just discovering or exploring it now. We are straight and LGBTQIA+, single, married, divorced, and remarried, with and without children. We hail from all over Detroit and the metro area, and across the Canadian border. We cling to one another because prayer and worship strengthen us in our daily lives, and because together we find community, acceptance, mission, and love. We hope you, too, will find a home among us.



HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

VOLUNTARY

Conditor alme siderum: Meditation

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

All stand as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor *All*

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

Merciful God,
who sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector A reading from Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass;
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the LORD God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *said by all*

Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

- 1 **You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**
- 8 **I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 **Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 **The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 **Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Lector A reading from Second Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymnal 67
PSALM 42

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People sit.

SERMON

A period of silence is kept.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, all stand as able.

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Celebrant Let us affirm the faith of the Church, saying the Nicene Creed.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on Advent hymns
Emily Williams Guffey

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim:
Awaken hope and kindle our longing for your return.
We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop, and all who lead and
serve this church and this diocese, that they may bear your light.

People In your mercy,
Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free:
Release us from our sins and fears, that we may live in your light and truth.
In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the congregations of St. Paul & St. Luke,
San Isidro, Dominican Republic; St. Thomas', Trenton; and Christ Church, Detroit.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader O Come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind.
Dissolve our sad divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace.
We pray for this nation, especially for Joe our president, Gretchen our governor,
Michael our mayor, and for all who hold authority and seek the justice of your reign.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader With the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy, let us name the
blessings of our lives, especially those who celebrate birthdays this week, including
Steve Hughes, Debbie Faust, Karen Fleming, Sandy Zull, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

You lift up our lowliness in many marvelous ways.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Comfort all who sit in the darkness of illness, grief, or distress, especially *Phil Brown,*
Miriam Costandi, Susan K. Devereaux, David Dieter, Paul & Jane Dieter, Judy Fallon,
Debbie Faust, Bobbi Gaspar, Jacqueline Gazoul, Patricia Jones, John Keils, Nan Keils,
Ruth Leney-Midkiff, Bill Matthews, Becky Moses Normore, Preston family, Randy,
Gretchen Rudy, Mimi Van Scoter, Victoria, John & Donna Wetzels,
and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer, especially those we now
name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Then the Celebrant concludes with a Collect

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
comfort those who mourn, and give new courage to your people,
who seek you and 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 Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People share signs of Christ's peace, and then are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Representative

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

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or online at christcd.org/online-giving, or by texting "CCDGIVE" to 73256.
Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Behold the Days are Coming

Paul Bouman (1918-2019)

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
and he shall reign as king.

And this is the name by which he will be called:
“The Lord is our righteousness.””

— *from Jeremiah 33:14-16*

All stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The musical notation is presented in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the respective parts.

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Staff 4: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

All sing

Hymnal S-127

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 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.



LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then the Celebrant chants



The Choir & Congregation sing



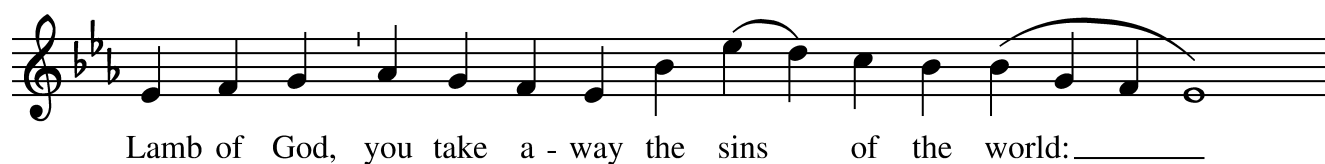
Celebrant



Choir & Congregation



Celebrant



All



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Celebrant 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.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words

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

There are three ways to receive the wine, if desired. At the high altar, please either sip from the first chalice or dip (intinct) your bread into the second, shallow chalice. At the transept, please take a single cup of wine (light-colored) or juice (dark purple) and place your empty cup on the nearby table.

Communion is full in one kind alone; that is, wine or juice are optional.

If you desire not communion but a blessing instead, please come to the high altar, cross your arms over your chest, and our priest will be honored to pronounce God's blessing upon you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz (1919-2009)
and Ruth Manz (1919-2008)

Peace be to you and grace from Him
who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed His blood
that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come;
sing Holy, Holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp or sun,
for Christ will be their all!

All stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Restore, Renew, Rejoice prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Faithful God,
you call us to be living stones in a spiritual temple.
Bless the mission and outreach of Christ Church Detroit.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
enable us to confidently restore its fabric,
trustfully renew our vocation,
and boldly rejoice in our ministries.
Make this place a house in which your love dwells
and in which all your people find welcome and strength.
Grant this, we pray, through the One
who leads us ever onward in your service,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymnal 75
ASCENSION

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

