

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024



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*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 was founded on May 29, 1845 by members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (now Cathedral) who sought to build a second Episcopal congregation in Detroit. The following May, the cornerstone of the original building was laid, on the same site where the current one (constructed 1860-63) is now. Christ Church is the oldest Protestant church in the city of Detroit at its original location.

The church, however, is not only a location; it is a people; it is a mission; it is a response to the Spirit.

And so, we look and listen for the Spirit moving among us. We trust that the Holy Spirit is as present today as it was 179 years ago, and every day before, between, and to come.

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.

All blessings,  
The People of Christ Church Detroit

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*Today's hymns are found in the red Hymnal 1982.*

*Hymnal numbers that begin with the letter "S" are found in the "Service Music" section in the front of the book.*

*Most prayers come from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the small red book in the pew.*

## HOLY EUCHARIST

### RITE II

**VOLUNTARY** Chorale Prelude on "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen" Johannes Brahms

*All stand as able.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Come, thou long-expected Jesus *Hymnal 66*  
STUTTGART

**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.  
*All* **Amen.**

**TRISAGION** *10:30: sung by all, three times* *Hymnal S-102*  
A. Archangelsky

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *BCP 212*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation,  
that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us  
a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People sit.*

## FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

*Lector* A reading from Micah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 15 *read together*

Luke 1:46-55  
The Song of Mary

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior \*  
    for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
    the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
    in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
    he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones \*  
    and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
    for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers, \*  
    to Abraham and his children for ever.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

*Lector* A reading from Hebrews.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

We praise the Lord this day

*Hymnal 267*  
ST. GEORGE

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

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

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

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.”

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.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Celebrant* Let us affirm the faith of the Church.

*All* **You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on Advent hymns  
Emily Williams Guffey

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

*Leader* At your great Name, O Jesus, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow.  
Hear us when we call, saying,

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* 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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, Bonnie our Bishop, Emily and David our priests, and all who minister in your Church, that they may bear your light.

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* 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 pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ypsilanti.

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* 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 the world, this nation, and this city, and seek the justice of your reign.

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* Hope of all the earth and joy of every longing heart:  
Make level ways appear throughout our climate, as the wilderness cries out for care.

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* O heavenly Word, you lift up our lowliness in many marvelous ways:  
Prepare us for joy, that we might name and number the blessings of our lives.  
We pray especially for Simeng Sun and Jinghui Huang, who were married last Sunday afternoon. We rejoice with Dan and Nicole upon the adoption of Leo and Kaiden, joining Digory and Skye. And we celebrate those who have birthdays this week, including *Hugh Wilbert, Brian Collins, Cedric Inchiostro, Jared Inchiostro, Tom Nibem, Sonia Olsen, Richard Thomas, Will Basse, Sabine Landsberg, Rowan Collard*, and those we now name. (*People may add names silently or aloud.*)

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**



*Leader* Prince of Peace: Shield with your mercy those who are suffering from illness, grief, or any distress, and draw near with words of love.

We pray especially for *Pat Ald, Bob Brown, Phil Brown, Phil Campbell, Miriam Costandi, Fred DeHaven, Susan K. Devereux, Michelene Dib, Paul & Jane Dieter, Chris Ebling, Debbie Faust, Mary Herring, Guy Jackson, Nan Keils, Ruth Loney-Midkiff, Gary MacDonald, Joya Rush-Keli*, and those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Leader* Eternal Light, our King: Welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer. May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together.

We pray especially for Wendy Ford, who was buried from the church yesterday, and for those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## CONFESSON 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* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Representative

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The Ushers collect offerings and pledge cards, as the Choir sings and the Celebrant sets the altar.*

*Please make your offering by placing cash or a check into the offering plate,  
online at [christcd.org/online-giving](http://christcd.org/online-giving), by texting "CCDGIVE" to 73256,  
or by pointing your phone's camera at this QR code.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

— *John 3:16*

*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.**

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, the second and third for the People, and the fourth for the Celebrant. The lyrics are as follows:

*Celebrant*  
The Lord be with you. *People*  
And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

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**

*All sing*

*Hymnal S-124*

David Hurd

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.



## 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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

*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**

O Little One

J. S. Bach

O little one sweet, O little one mild, thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled; thou cam'st  
from heav'n to mortal ken. Equal to be with us poor men, O little one sweet, O little one mild.  
With joy thou hast the whole world fulfilled; thou cam'st here from heav'n's domain,  
to bring men comfort in their pain, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

**COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*when needed*

*Celebrant*     In the name of God and this church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*All*             **We, who are many, are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

*Our clergy and Lay Eucharistic Visitors are available to bring communion to you or someone you know.  
To schedule, please contact them or the parish office: 313-259-6688, officestaff@christcd.org.*

*All stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Common Worship*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tell out, my soul

*Hymnal* 438  
WOODLANDS

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## VOLUNTARY

Toccata on “*Veni Emmanuel*”

Andrew Carter

### SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for these persons:

*John Aurand, Genet Barthwell, Christopher Beck, Stacey Becker, Ed Beverly, Dorothy Coleman,  
Margie Deeb, Judy Fallon, Christine Franklin, Elisha Geron, Sally Granger, Ronald Griffin,  
Richard Householder, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, Kelly, Eve Laurer, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer,  
Julia Lenhard, Edna Lock, Arnold Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Jane McFeely,  
Becky Moses Normore, Linda Olivache, Pat, Randy, Lori Riggen, Parker Roberts, Gretchen Rudy,  
Irene Ryke, Mimi Van Scoter, Bob Vitolins, John & Donna Wetzel, Mary Wilbert, Lydia Z.*



## ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS

*The altar greens are given to the glory of God.*

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## ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

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<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music &amp; Organist</i> The Christ Church Detroit Choir
<i>Lector</i>	8:15 Jon Miller; 10:30 Kathryn Lincoln
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	8:15 Jon Miller 10:30 Sandy Zull, Hope Hoffman, Kathryn Treece, Anthony Mitchell
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Liza Parkinson
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Richard Thomas
<i>Livestream Team</i>	Chuck Atwater, Desmond Jones, Taylor Matthew, Jim Treece
<i>Usher</i>	Sonia Charron-Jones
<i>Breakfast Team</i>	Lisa Jones, Clarke Mason, Anthony Mitchell
<i>Children's Assistant</i>	Ari Medvinsky
<i>Building Host</i>	Gabrielle Pizzino

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1. If possible, you should not wait until the very end of the month to begin the process of making your gift. Like others, people who work at investment firms often take time off during the holidays, so it may be easier to donate earlier instead of later.
2. If you are making a stock gift, please contact the office by phone or email to make sure you have up-to-date transfer information about the church's securities account.
3. Please also provide the church office with details about a stock gift, including the name of the company issuing the stock, the approximate number of shares being given, and the name of the firm that will be processing the transfer. In the case of IRA distributions, please let the church office know the gift amount and the name of the organization that will be sending payment.
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We deeply appreciate the generous support of members and friends! Thank you!