

# Christ ✠ Church



Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017

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**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are delighted that you are worshipping with us. All baptized persons of every denomination are welcome to receive communion at our altar. Please introduce yourself to one of our greeters. You are invited to put on a nametag as you come into church. You are also welcome to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Please let an usher know if you are unable to come to the railing for Communion and the clergy will come to you.

**Are you looking for a church home?** You are welcome to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. On it you can indicate that you would like the clergy to call on you.

**Out of respect for neighbors wishing** for quiet time to pray before the liturgy begins, please refrain from LOUD talking in the nave.

**Flower Memorials** – The flowers in the Children’s Chapel are given today in loving memory of Virginia E. Price, by Mr. John Price. The wreath on the Memorial Garden Gate is in loving memory of Rebecca Rooks and Elizabeth Averell, by Mrs. Ruth Pottier.

**The December Newsletter** is available at the back of church.

**Meetings this week:** Monday 6PM Book Group movie night- Deppich Room (pizza), Tuesday 7:30PM Youth Council- Youth Room, Thursday 6:30 Rector & Warden, 7PM Finance Committee

**Advent coin folders** may be found at the back of church. All proceeds benefit ministries supported by the Outreach Committee. There are also a few Advent devotional books and a small Advent calendar for children available on a table by the water cooler – for a minimal fee.

**Parish Pancake Breakfast Returns Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**- This year again the wonderful smell of sausage and pancakes will be tickling your nose during church. The Youth will be cooking up their wonderful Pancake breakfast on Sunday. Pancakes and sausage, coffee, and juice will be available in Musselman Hall after both the 8 and the 10 AM services. Come and be fed!

**Christ Church will be hosting the homeless** from Dec 10-Dec 16 in Musselman Hall.

**All are invited Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to sing carols with our choir upstairs in Musselman Hall for our homeless mission.**

**Epiphany Items Needed** The youth are in need of items for the auction on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We need new or as good as new items, including items for children, antique or collectible items, or sports memorabilia. We also welcome: handicrafts such as knit items, quilts, spreads, jewelry, woodworking, etc, special baked goods (as opposed to donated desserts for the luncheon), gift certificates from area businesses, tickets for sporting or other events, offer of services, etc. (This is also good way to let people in the parish know about your business or service.) Please mark “Epiphany Dinner” or “Auction “on any donations and either leave them with the office or with Rev. Judy. We request that we have all donations by Sunday January 21 at the very latest, because we need time to create the auction booklet.

**Interested in running for the Vestry?** Please speak to Judy Yorke or any current Vestry member. To be eligible to run for Vestry, you will need to have been a financially contributing member of Christ Church for at least two years.

**Our Every Member Canvass** continues. Pledge packets were mailed out. If you did not receive yours, please contact the office. We ask that you return your pledge card as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Pathways Poinsettia Sale** – the delivery date is tomorrow, December 11<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE NOT THE SAME AS THE MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS. Any questions, please contact Kathy Okarski at 610-368-2176. Thank you.

**Christmas Poinsettia Memorials** - The order forms are in the back of the church. The cost of each plant is \$10. Please return the form and payment before 12 Noon on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tiffany in the office (610) 521-1626 with any questions.

**The Youth Group-** Worship in the City, with the City, as the Body of Christ. We’re heading downtown to Broad Street Ministry (across from the Kimmel Center) to join that community in their cool worship service. Youth should meet at 3:30 pm by the church office

door and bring money to contribute to the offering at worship. Dinner provided. We'll be back around the usual time, 6:30 pm.

Our Christ Church Savings Cards for 2018 are now available for sale! The card gives you discounts at 15 different restaurants and businesses in our area such as The Gaslight, Langguth's Gift Shop, MacDade Bowl, Casey's, Pretzel Factory, Stargate Diner and Double Decker. Several new businesses have been added to this year's card. The cost of the card is \$20.00 and they can be purchased in the church office, through our church website or by seeing Maripat King, Judy Yorke or Joanne Daws. Our savings cards make great stocking stuffers so be sure to pick yours up soon!

The Youth Booth has many wonderful items available from now to Christmas. Please check it out in the Deppich Room! Thanks to Sharon Mobley for donating so many gorgeous hand-crafted jewelry items to our table, and to Nan Garthwaite, Ruth Pottier, Ruth Raymond, and Carol King for things sewn and/or knitted!

We have been given an opportunity to get involved on a Habitat for Humanity House build. The Outreach Committee has agreed to look for someone who might be interested in coordinating a team. Speak to Judy Buck-Glenn if you are interested in organizing a team to get involved in a hands-on build. All who participate must be over 18.

Seamen's Ditty bag collection for 2017 is complete Thank you so much for your compassionate concern for these seafarers, so far from home and family at Christmas!

If you would like a loved one memorialized with Altar flowers, please contact Janice Kordowski at 610-731-5252 for information.

Life Center Update Our next date to serve is Wednesday, February 14th, 2018. We are planning to serve hearty chili, so if you have a recipe you'd like to share, please do so! With much appreciation and gratitude, The Outreach Committee.

We have a gluten-free option for Communion If you require this, please give your name and contact information to the office. We need advance notice of your need.

**Cradles To Crayons Update** Please continue to place your new and gently used children's books and clothing- sizes infant to children's 14 in the bin upstairs. As always, thank you for your generosity.

**Would you like to establish a fund for Christ Church through your estate planning?** Your restricted gift will ensure the continuation of the ministry of Christ Church and will benefit your parish friends and family for generations to come. Please speak to the rector if you would like assistance in establishing such a fund.

**On your travels, whether near or far,** please bring back your unused hotel toiletries (soap, shampoo, creams, deodorant, toothbrush, dental floss, etc...) and donate them for a good cause. There is a bin by the green doors for your donations to the homeless. Every year on Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteer Day we will distribute to the Salvation Army in Chester. We create bags to give to the homeless from all of the samples that get donated. Thank you, your help is appreciated.

**Clara and Mac-Mac need your help!** The children of the Sunday School support two children through ChildFund. Clara is from Guatemala and Mac-Mac lives in the Philippines. The money to support these children comes from the Sunday School collection, children's mite boxes, and our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, as well as the Children's Pew envelopes. Some concerned parishioners also donate. Their support costs \$1200 a year. Parents, it would help if you could send your child to Sunday School with money for the collection, or have them put it in a CHILDREN'S pew envelope in church. Adults can also make a donation in a CHILDREN'S pew envelope, or you can write a check to the church and put "ChildFund" in the memo. Clara and Mac-Mac thank you.

**Do you need a Christening gift or a gift for a godchild – or any child?** The Youth Group is selling copies of *The Toddler's Bible* and *The Children's Bible*, on the table in the Deppich Room.

**Episcopal Community Services (ECS)** offers ECS Home Care. This program provides non-medical care to Episcopalians, their family, and friends. This program offers compassionate, reliable caregivers at market rates from a source you can trust – ECS. The proceeds from this program support the charitable mission of ECS. Caregiver services include personal care, companionship and overnight and Live-in Care. Call (855) 631-1112.



## 2017 SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

DECEMBER 23  
NO 5:30 PM SERVICE

DECEMBER 24  
NO 8:00 AM SERVICE  
10:00 AM SERVICE- ADVENT 4  
5 PM CHILDREN'S PAGEANT  
7:30 PM FAMILY EUCHARIST  
10:30 PM MUSIC PRESENTATION  
11 PM FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

THERE WILL BE A LIVING MANGER OUTSIDE CHURCH  
FROM 2:15 PM TO 6:15 PM

DECEMBER 25  
10 AM EUCHARIST

**Military Service:**

U.S. Army	John C., Nick M., Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy	John O., Nicole G.
U.S. Air Force	David B., Tony G.
U.S. Marine Corps	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
U.S.M.C. Reserve	Neil S.
National Guard	Robert W.

**First Responders:** Michael D., Marianna, Josh P., Doug C., Art R.,  
Lee E., Jesse F., Marshal N., Wayne M., Mitchell H.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:** Robert R. King III,  
Janet C.

**CONTINUING PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:** Jessica Davenport,  
Megan, Cameron, Terri M., Talon, McKenzie, Rita, Shawna, Carol  
Burgett, Austin, Steve Haupt, Antonella, Chuck H., Kristen, Violet,  
Jean McCaul, the people of Puerto Rico, Steven, Tom, Linda, Robin  
Gilmour, Jane B., Frank B. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Theresa Thompson, Frank B., Jr.,  
Sandy Thompson, Kathy Hawke, Sharon M., Richard H., Charlotte,  
Virginia Mottola, Missy Wilbur, Shirley M., CathyAnn S., John  
Peter

*Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four week period. If we do  
not hear from you, we will assume that prayers have been answered and the  
name(s) will be removed from the list.*

**Flower Memorials:** Virginia E. Price, Rebecca Rooks, Elizabeth  
Averell

## Participants Today

<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>
<b><u>Team II</u></b> Eleanor Humes Kay Twesten	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b> Ed Riffert Backup as available  <b><u>10:00 AM</u></b> Ollie Rhine Mike Barnard Roy Rasnake general backup	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b> Jason Tustin (C/S)  <b><u>10:00 AM</u></b> S: Tyler Colbert T: Whit Shumaker T: Archie Cotter C: Auston Colbert Banner: Julia Huppman	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b> Joe Mullany  <b><u>10:00 AM</u></b> Kay Twesten
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Newcomer Greeters</b>	LEMS
<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b> Joe Mullany  <b><u>10:00 AM</u></b> Cheryl Huber Kay Twesten	<b><u>Team Four</u></b> Gerry Martz Captain		BK, GR, KT, B&MW, RH, KM

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## A Note on Today's Readings

### The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2017

*The Second Sunday of Advent—Year B*

Today is the first of the Advent Sundays centered on the ministry of John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah. We hear Mark's account of the beginning of John's ministry and message. John is presented as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the one who embodied the role foreseen by Isaiah as the messenger to prepare the way for the coming of the Christ. He used the traditional Jewish ceremony of renewal and repentance—baptism—but promises that the one who is coming will immerse people in the Spirit of God.

Our first reading is the passage from Isaiah quoted by Mark concerning John the Baptist. This comes from the time of the end of the Jewish people's exile in Babylon and was an exhortation to them to return to the land of promise now that they had been freed by the Persian king, Cyrus. This second Exodus is filled with the promise of God's love and care for the people.

The second reading from 2 Peter looks toward the end of time. The writer is concerned with how we live in this time in anticipation for the time to come when the Day of the Lord will be revealed.

We live in the time in between Christ's first Advent and his second Coming and we gather in the Eucharist as people immersed by Baptism into God's Spirit. We are called not only to celebrate God's presence as our shepherd but also to be messengers who, like John, announce the coming of God's kingdom. We do this by proclaiming the Word, by celebration of God's sacramental presence, and by lives of peace and growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

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**Prelude:** 5:30PM/8AM: Prepare the Way, O Zion - Dale Wood

10AM: "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley" from Messiah -  
George Frideric Handel (Terrance Hart, tenor soloist)

# Liturgy of the Word

## Entrance Hymn

*Blessed be the God of Israel*

(8AM vs, 1,2)

Hymnal 444



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be-gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo-ple peace.\_\_\_\_  
the pro-phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.\_\_\_\_  
O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.\_\_\_\_

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*The following is said or sung, all standing*

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

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

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

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*            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. *Amen.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet 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 forever. 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.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

## **Psalm 85:1-2,8-13**

### *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 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

A Reading from the Second letter of 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.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
**People**                    **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Sermon

*All stand.*



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:1-8

All stand.

Deacon

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 stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Deacon*  
*People*

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Judith Buck-Glenn

**Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

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

*All remain standing.*

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.

*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.

*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.

*Here the names of those serving in the military are remembered*

*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.

*Here the names of those on the parish prayer list are remembered*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Here the names of the departed are remembered*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*All kneel.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*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.*

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

## **Peace**

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.    *Psalm 96:8*

# Offertory Hymn

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

Hymnal 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_  
2 O\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod; Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
feed his\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our\_\_\_ God\_\_\_ may go!  
na - tions shall\_\_\_ pass like a dream\_\_\_ a - way;  
lead them, and\_\_\_ bring them\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## **Doxology**

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.*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

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.

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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

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.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*All baptized persons, whatever your denominational affiliation, are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar. You may stand at the altar rail if your knees do not permit kneeling. Please assist the chalice bearer by gently holding the base of the chalice. Please do not hold the top of the chalice. If you wish, you may intinct (dip) the host (consecrated bread) in the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, fold your arms over your chest. Baptized children may receive with parent's permission, otherwise they will receive a blessing.*

**Communion Anthem: How Lovely Are the Messengers- Felix Mendelssohn**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

## Postcommunion Hymn

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* (8AM, vs. 1,2,5) Hymnal 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude:** Blest Be the God of Israel - Malcolm Archer