

# Christ ✕ Church



First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017 5:30 PM & 10:00 AM

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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** – Flowers are given today in loving memory of Hannah Schickley, by Dr. & Mrs. Timothy Schickley.

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

**Meetings this week:** Monday 7PM Christian Ed

**Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Fair such a success, but special thanks are due to Kathy Okarski, who coordinated it all!**

**Mitten tree** items for the mitten tree (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves) as well as gifts for infants, children and teens for the Salvation Army, are due today. Unwrapped gifts will be wrapped upstairs in Musselman hall after the 10:00 today, Dec 3. We'd love your help!

**Gift tags** If you took a tag for Fairacres or for the child of a local family in need, the gift is due today. Attach all tags securely to the gift.

**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.

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

**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 last week. 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** – If you would like to purchase any, there are forms in the back of church. Orders are due in by December 7<sup>th</sup>, with a delivery date set for 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-** No Youth Group Tonight. Youth should take the evening to recover from our lock-in Friday night. Next Sunday, we meet at a special time, 3:30-6:30 pm, to head down to Broad Street Ministry for worship in the city. And don't forget Sunday morning's pancake breakfast!

2018 Christ Church Savings Cards back and better than ever! They now include 25% off at Langguths and at several area restaurants! See Mary Pat King, Joanne Daws, Judy Yorke or stop by the office.

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. The Most Needed Item list has been updated on the bin. 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.

**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:** CathyAnn S., John  
Peter, Robert R. King III

**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.

*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:** Hannah Schickley

## Participants Today

<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>
<b>Team I</b> Carol Pindar	<b>8:00 AM</b> Ed Riffert Backup as available  <b>10:00 AM</b> Paul King Bill Nickerson Ollie Rhine  General Backup	<b>8:00 AM</b> Jason Tustin (C/S)  <b>10:00 AM</b> S: Emily Cooper T: Tommy Modesti T: Johnny Modesti C: Jack Kellett Banner: Riley Signor	<b>8:00 AM</b> Bill Graham  <b>10:00 AM</b> Gwen Modesti
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Newcomer Greeters</b>	<b>LEMS</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b> Bill Graham  <b>10:00 AM</b> Ollie Rhine Floss Rhine	<b>Team Three</b> Carole McManus Captain		JI, MPK, BK, KM, RH, B&MW

**A Note on Today's Readings**

The season of Advent begins today. The name of the season means “coming,” and it celebrates God’s coming to us in the birth of Jesus and looks toward Christ’s return at the end of history as Savior and Judge.

The first reading from Isaiah reflects the intensity of the prophet’s hope for the Messiah. In a period of Israel’s history when confidence in the people’s own efforts to build God’s Kingdom had collapsed, Isaiah expresses that hope in a passage that has been a part of the Advent liturgy since the earliest days of the Church, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...”

In the second reading we hear Paul’s greeting in his first letter to Corinth. Recognizing the many spiritual gifts of the Corinthian church (a source of their strength, but also a source of the controversy which caused him to write) he says that those spiritual gifts are given to prepare us to greet the return of Christ.

Jesus’ message to his followers is an assurance that he will return and that our lives should be lived in preparation for that return. This theme of watching for his return is always central on the first Sunday of Advent. Today’s reading from Mark is the parable of the door-keeper. It reminds us that we are always to be on the watch for Jesus’ return.

The liturgy is the way the Church lives in the time between Jesus’ first coming and his second coming. In word and sacrament he comes to us again and again, veiled, but present to eyes of faith. In the Eucharist and in ministry to others we are continually being prepared to greet him when he comes again in glory.

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**Prelude:** Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come - Peter Schammburger

*(Isaiah 60:1-2: Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.)*

# Liturgy of the Word

## Entrance Hymn

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Hymnal 59

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

*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.**

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of five lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

## 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.*

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

## **Psalm 80:1-7,16-18**

### *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    Thanks be to God.

## Children's Sermon

*All stand.*

*O day of God, draw nigh*

Hymnal 600

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Rev. John Weicher

## 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 and first responders 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 Anthem:** Jesus Christ the Apple Tree -Elizabeth Poston  
(Adult and Teen choirs)

*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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and". The second staff contains: "earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The third staff contains: "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

*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.

Once he came in blessing

Hymnal 53

1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;  
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us  
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,  
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;  
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:  
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,  
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.  
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.  
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.  
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

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

*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

Hymnal 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark-er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw night;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

*Deacon*  
*People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude:** For the Armor of Light -- Daniel Pinkham

*(Romans 13:12 Night is almost over; day is near. Let us therefore throw off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.)*

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