

Christ ✠ Church



**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
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. Please let an usher know if you are unable to come to the railing for Communion and the clergy will come to you.

We would love to meet with you at coffee hour after the 10:00 AM service. We meet in the Deppich Room. Go through the Red Doors in the right rear of the sanctuary, through the small lobby and turn left at the first door.

Out of respect for neighbors wishing for quiet time to pray before the liturgy begins, please use your “inside voice” in the nave.

The altar flowers are given today in loving memory of Hannah Shickley by Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Shickley.

Today is St. Nicholas Sunday, please join us and help wrap the gifts in Musselman Hall after 10:00 AM service

Adult Ed

This week Koffee Klatch

Next week Youth Pancake breakfast 9:00-10:00/ 11:15 – Noon:

No Adult Ed or Sunday School

Meetings this Week: Sunday 11:00 AM Gift Wrapping, 11:30 AM Youth Choir; Monday 7:00 PM Christian Ed; Thursday 7:30 PM Adult Choir

PLEASE NOTE: Changes to Christmas Eve Schedule

There will NOT be a “Midnight Mass” this year. There will be only two services on Christmas Eve. The PAGEANT will be at 4:30, not at 5 as on other years. Children participating should be there at 4:00 at the latest to dress. The second, and last, Christmas Eve Service will begin at 7:00 PM. There will be a half-hour special music program offered by the choir from 7:00-7:30, and the service itself will begin at 7:30.

There will be a 10:00 AM Christmas Day service.

Living Manger Returns Once again the delightful animals from A

Peaceable Kingdom will be returning this year with the Living Manger on Christmas Eve afternoon. This year they will be here from 1-5 PM. Please come to visit the animals and invite your friends and neighbors as well. We expect to have sheep and goats and a llama and a donkey, all friendly, and all available to pet.

Youth Group We will be meeting after the 10am service to help wrap gifts, lunch provided.

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 2. 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.

Pathways Poinsettia Sale – If you would like to purchase any, there are forms in the back of church. Orders are due in by December 3rd. 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 14th. Please contact Tiffany or Phyllis in the office (610) 521-1626 with any questions.

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.

Epiphany Items Needed The youth are in need of items for the auction on January 27th. 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 20 at the very latest, because we need time to create the auction booklet.

Episcopal Church Club Luncheon: Donald V. Romanik

The Episcopal Church Club of Philadelphia (ECCP) will hold its second luncheon of the season on Tuesday, December 11, at The Acorn Club, 1519 Locust Street, Philadelphia. Our guest will be Donald Romanik, President of The Episcopal Church Foundation since 2005. Mr. Romanik will speak on, “Future Shock: Is the Episcopal Church Headed for Extinction?” The program will start with social hour at 12 noon, followed by the luncheon at 12:30 and then the presentation. The price for the luncheon is \$35 per person. There will be a cash bar for those who wish wine or other refreshments, including non-alcoholic beverages. Discounted parking is available at LAZ Self Park, 1500 Locust Street. For further information, call the Luncheon Chair, Barbara Alton, at 215-563-1876. Come enjoy a fine luncheon and presentation with fellow Episcopalians!

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!

The December newsletter is available at the back of church.

Youth and Guardians: Please check out the Youth bulletin board on the office entrance stairs. Here you will find our calendar, updates about events, and sign-up sheets.

Life Center: Our next night to serve is Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

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

Transition update from Reverend Judy:

The Reverend David Laquintano will be serving at the 5:30 service on January 5 and 19 and more dates to be announced in 2019. The Reverend Jill McNish will be here on Dec 8 and 22.

It is an Exciting time to join Pastoral Care! Pastoral care at CCRP includes : LEM's, Casserole Crew, Visitors/ Drivers, Flower and Birthday Card ministry. Any questions, please contact Amy Lovenguth 610-804-6838.

Winter Coat and Jacket Collection for Seaman's Church Institute: Because of space limitations in their new quarters, SCI can no longer accept men's clothing donations except for WINTER COATS. It is difficult to work outdoors in the North Atlantic in winter without proper coats or jackets. Many of the sailors are Filipino, and unable to buy coats in their homeland, and unable to go ashore to purchase them when in northern ports. They tend to be small men, so we would like to collect smaller-sized coats. We need coats for older boys—sizes 16, 18, and 20—and men's Small and Medium ONLY. Please attach a tag securely to any donated coat or to the hanger. Hang only in the designated section of the coat rack.

In case of severe weather, such as blizzards, ice storms, or hurricanes, church will be cancelled. You can find out about a cancellation if we have your current email address or you can check the facebook page or call the church office to check the recording. You can go online to update it yourself, or let the office know. Email, phone numbers added or dropped, new address- we need it all! Thank you.

The Christ Church Directory is available at the back of church on the table near the wall of light switches.

Adult and Youth Choir - The Youth Choir's official rehearsal time is 11:30-12:15, but we are often able to start earlier, just about 10 minutes after the 10AM service lets out, for an earlier end time. Please contact Janet Kaido in person or at janetskeyboard@gmail.com if you would like to participate in either group. The adult choir rehearses on Thursday nights at 7:30 PM, and warms up at 9:00 AM Sunday.

Our ChildFund donations are way down, with fewer children enrolled in Sunday School. We have an ongoing commitment to Clara from Guatemala and Mac-Mac, from the Philippines, who are only 9 and 10. If you wish to help the Sunday School with their support of these two children, you can use the CHILDREN'S pew envelope, or write a check to the church and put "ChildFund" in the memo.

If you travel, your unused hotel toiletries (soap, shampoo, creams, deodorant, toothbrush, dental floss, etc...) can be donated to the homeless. There is a bin by the green doors for donations. We pack them up every year on the MLK Volunteer Day to take to the Salvation Army for distribution to their homeless clients.

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 leave your name and contact information with the office and Bob McLaughlin will contact you to assist in establishing the fund.

Thank you for generously donating children's items to Cradles to Crayons! This agency serves homeless and low-income children in the Southeastern Pennsylvania counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia, and Camden, NJ. **There is a bin for children's clothing (infant to size 14), books and school supplies under the coat rack at the top of the steps nearest the church entrance doors.**

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.

Military Service:

U.S. Army	Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy	Marshal N., 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	Evan H., James R., Robert W.

First Responders: Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D.,
Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F.,
Wayne M., Mitchell H

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Charlotte,
Katharyn Hawke, Lisa Noble White, George and Donna

CONTINUING PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Jessica Davenport,
Megan, Cameron, Rita, Shawna, Austin, Antonella, Sharon M.,
Russ, Gerald Quinn, Tom H., Donna H., Frank, Baby Vincent, for
the reunification of separated families, Amy H., Michael D., Trevor,
Danny and Lou Ann E., Curt F., Dianne L., Les T., Michael R.,
Joyce, Bill Thirion, John E., Fran J., George H., Jane B., Catherine
M., Dylan, Those affected by the California Wildfires.

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 Shickley

Participants Today

Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Lay Readers
Team I Carol Pindar	8:00 AM Ed Riffert Backup as available 10:00 AM Paul King Bill Nickerson Ollie Rhine General Backup	8:00 AM Jason Tustin (C/S) 10:00 AM S: Riley Signor T: Alex Hollar T: Jack Signor C: Jack Kellett Banner: Archie Cotterr	8:00 AM Bill Graham 10:00 AM Gwen Adams
Chalice Bearers	Counters		LEMS
8:00 AM Bill Graham 10:00 AM Ollie Rhine Floss Rhine	Team Three Carole McManus Captain		KM, RH, B&MW

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A Note on Today's Readings

The First Sunday of Advent—Year C

On the first Sunday in Advent, the liturgy is concerned with our preparation for the return of Christ at the end of time. The Gospel reading today is a portion of Jesus' words concerning that time. He tells us to see the events of history as signs of the approaching end and to recognize that end as the coming of our redemption.

The Old Testament reading today from the prophet Jeremiah looks forward to the time when God will fulfill the promise of a successor to David. The New Testament Christians understood the "righteous Branch" of David's line to be our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second reading is from Paul's first Thessalonian letter. His letters to that church were prompted by difficulties in that congregation due to their misunderstanding of the Lord's promise to return. In today's reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to see their ministry and mutual love as the way to prepare for the Lord's return.

There is an "already, but not yet" aspect to the New Testament's discussion of the Lord's return. God's kingdom is not limited to a time in the far off future; it began breaking into human history in Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lord comes to judge and to save in each moment in the life of his people. Above all, he is revealed in our encounter with him in the Eucharistic meal.

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Prelude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Cherwien

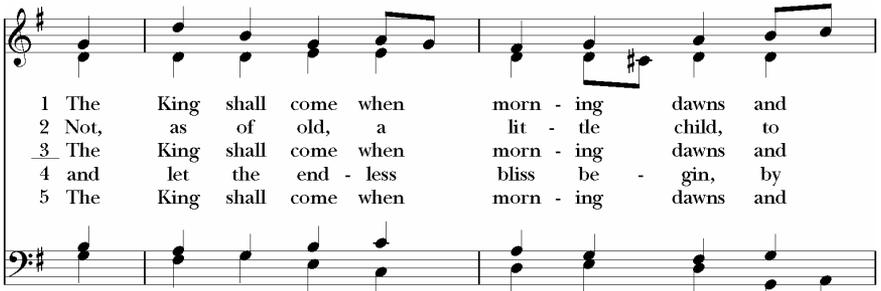
David

Liturgy of the Word

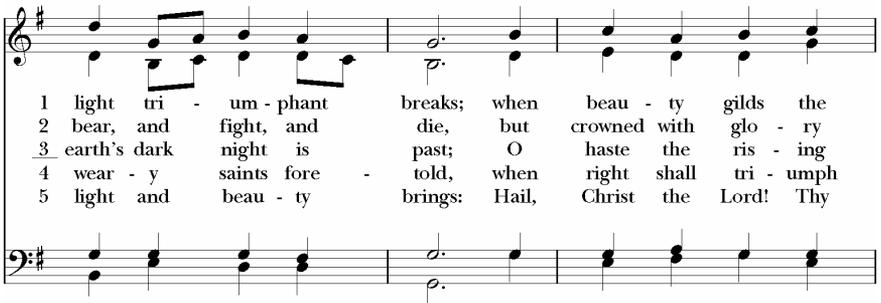
Entrance Rite

The King shall come when morning dawns

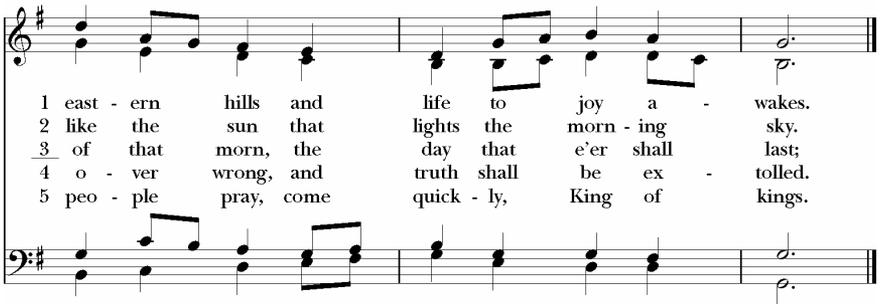
Hymnal 73



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

People

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.

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Have mercy upon us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

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The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: Trisagion

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

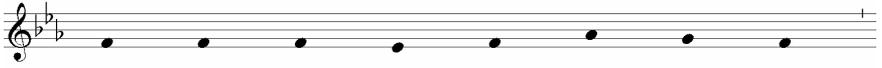
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Children's Message



1 Re - deem - er of the na - tions, come;
 2 From hu - man will you do not spring,
 3 You came forth from the e - ter - nal God,
 4 With God the Fa - ther you are one,
 5 Your cra - dle shines with glo - ry's light;
 6 All praise, O un - be - got - ten God,



1 re - veal your - self in vir - gin birth,
 2 but from the Spi - rit of our God;
 3 and you re - turned to that same source.
 4 and one with us in hu - man flesh.
 5 its splen - dor pierc - es all our gloom.
 6 all praise to you, e - ter - nal Word,



1 the birth which a - ges all a - dore,
 2 O Word of God, come; take our flesh
 3 You suf - fered death and har - rowed hell,
 4 Oh, fill our weak and dy - ing frame
 5 Our faith re - flects those ra - diant beams;
 6 all praise, life - giv - ing Spi - rit, praise,



1 a won - drous birth, be - fit - ting God.
 2 and grow as child in Ma - ry's womb.
 3 and reigned once more from God's high throne.
 4 with god - ly strength which nev - er fails.
 5 no night shall o - ver - come it now.
 6 all glo - ry to our God Tri - une.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

All stand.

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

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

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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.

Almighty God, this community accepts that transition is upon us. We welcome eagerly the opportunity of growth even as we recognize the need to foster such growth. Keep our hearts ever open to the possibilities of the new without forgetting the foundations of our past.

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: "And the Glory of the Lord," from *Messiah*
George Frideric Handel

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:

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.

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.



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

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

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1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Lift Up Your Heads

David Cherwien