

Christ ✕ Church



Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

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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 : The flowers in the Children’s Chapel are given today in loving memory of Virginia E. Price.

The wreath on the Memorial Garden Gate is in loving memory of Rebecca Rooks and Elizabeth Averell, by Mrs. Ruth Pottier.

Adult Ed

This week Youth Pancake breakfast 9:00-10:00/ 11:15 – Noon:
No Adult Ed or Sunday School

Next week No Regular Sunday School: **Intergenerational
Christmas Craft Workshop in Musselman Hall

Meetings this Week: Sunday 9:00 AM Youth Pancake Breakfast, 11:30 AM Youth Choir, 4:00 Intergenerational Youth Polar Express Night; Monday 6:00 PM Book Group; Tuesday 7:00 PM Youth Council; Wednesday 3:30 PM Wardens; Thursday 7:00 PM Finance, 7:30 PM Adult Choir

The December Newsletter is available at the back of church.

Windows Update: We are aware that there is some visible condensation inside the protective covering on the two largest windows. Willet-Hauser has assured us that this is normal and that over time the moisture will evaporate through the vents and disappear. However, they must return in the Spring to finish the re-framing of the two narthex windows, so if the condensation is still present then, it can be addressed.

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 Hungry? Come to the Youth Pancake Breakfast happening today! We are serving from 9-10am and 11:15-12pm. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 and under.

Intergenerational Youth Polar Express Night- Families, please come for time together doing crafts, creating your own hot cocoa creations, and to watch the Polar Express. Wear your comfiest slippers!

All are welcome to join the Youth Group at Connor-Williams Nursing for caroling! We will meet at the nursing home on 12/23 at 1pm.

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 available on the table by the water cooler – for a minimal fee, and free Advent/Christmas booklets from Forward Movement on the rack by the window.

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. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible. Thank you!

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 December 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: Mary Schlegel

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, Charlotte, Katharyn Hawke, Lisa Noble White, George
and Donna

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, and
Elizabeth Averell

Departed: George H.W. Bush

Participants Today

Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Lay Readers
Team II Eleanor Humes Kay Twesten	8:00 AM Ed Riffert Backup as available 10:00 AM Mike Barnard Roy Rasnake Ollie Rhine General Backup	8:00 AM Jason Tustin (C/S) 10:00 AM S. Tyler Colbert T: Whit Shumaker T: Archie Cotter C: Austin Colbert Banner: Julia Huppman	8:00 AM Joe Mullany 10:00 AM Kay Twesten
Chalice Bearers	Counters		LEMS
8:00 AM Joe Mullany 10:00 AM Ed Dougherty Kay Twesten	Team Four Gerry Martz Captain		RH, JF, KT

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A Note on Today's Readings

The Second Sunday of Advent—Year C

Today is the first of the two Advent Sundays on which John the Baptist is the central figure. This dynamic prophet marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He announced the time of Messiah's arrival and called the people of Israel to repentance in preparation for that coming. The Gospels see him as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of one who will prepare the way for God to come to the peoples of the earth.

The writer of Baruch, one of the books accounted as the Apocrypha by Anglicans, is presented as addressing the Jewish exiles in Babylon with words probably borrowed from Isaiah. God's people are called to look forward to the coming of God with joy and gladness, for when he comes God will lead all the peoples to our true home.

The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians. In greeting this congregation, Paul speaks of his affection for them and of his imprisonment. He urges them to continue in faith as they await the day of Christ's return.

The Old Testament and John the Baptist looked toward the coming of the Messiah in history to establish God's Kingdom. The New Testament looks toward the return of Christ at the end of history to bring that Kingdom to fulfillment. We, the Church, gather in Eucharist in the "in-between times" to celebrate the foretaste of that Kingdom and to be equipped by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Kingdom to the world.

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Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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.*

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated.***Canticle 16**

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

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

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Children's Message

Sequence

All stand.

The desert shall rejoice

WLP 722

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal line has a melodic contour that rises and then falls. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, with the first system containing four numbered verses and the second system containing two numbered verses.

The des-ert shall re - joice and blos-som as a rose: 1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy, for our God has come to save us.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

All stand.

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **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.

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: Veiled in Darkness Glenn L. Rudolph

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.

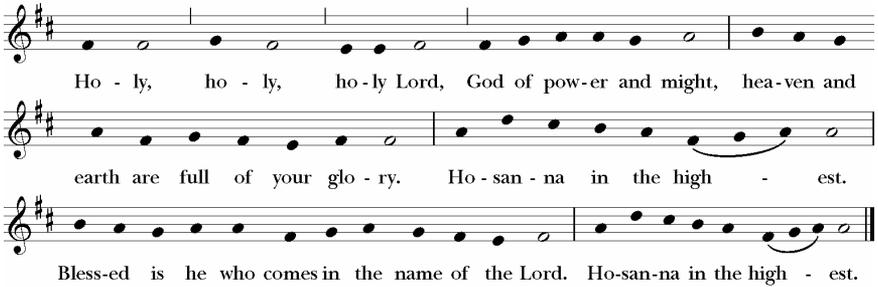
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "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 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

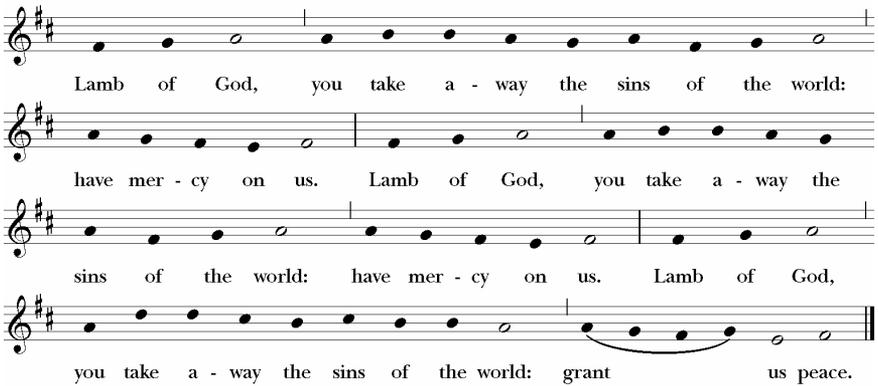
A period of silence is kept.

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.

Communion Hymn

People, look East

WLP 724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



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

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SUNDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2018

POLAR EXPRESS NIGHT

4:00-6:00PM
CCRP YOUTH MINISTRY



Inter-generational youth event! **Families, join us with your toddlers, elementary, or middle school aged kids.** The Youth Group will assist with a craft, there will be a create-your-own hot chocolate table, and we will conclude with watching the Polar Express together. Wear your slippers!





Sermon notes: