

# Christ ☩ Church



**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, December 6, 2020 9:00 AM**  
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We welcome you today, and always, just as you are: content or wiggly, confused or confident. In this bulletin the whole congregation says the texts in bold.

When praying #togetherapart we recommend that you: sing the songs and say the responses out loud. We invite you to move your body to set your intention at different parts, and we include the directions for sitting and standing which are ‘as you are able’ and willing, because we welcome you just as you are. We also suggest that you make a home altar space somewhere near the screen you watch on, or near your telephone.

We are currently sharing the classic practice of Morning Prayer as the heart of our life together. The video of this service is available as soon as Friday on our YouTube channel (CCRP Learning and Info). All are invited to share the experience together on Facebook live on Sunday mornings.

We have begun by-reservation limited person Holy Communion on Sundays at 10am and first Tuesdays at 7pm. Regardless of how we continue in our mission, the church and its ministry continue while we are #togetherapart. If you would like to know more about Christ Church and how we practice the Christian faith in this time and place, we invite you to contact us.

**Military Service:**

<b>U.S. Army</b>	Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
<b>U.S. Navy</b>	Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R.
<b>U.S. Air Force</b>	David B., Tony G., Mark
<b>U.S. Marine Corps</b>	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
<b>U.S.M.C. Reserve</b>	Neil S., Rob
<b>National Guard</b>	Evan H., James R., Robert W.

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

**This Week’s Prayers Requested For:** Peticca family, Mackenzie

**Continuing Prayers Requested For:** Amy, Kay, Miriam, Sherri B., Adele C., Katharyn H., Maureen, Richard, Michelle, John H., Jay S., Donna P., Sue S., Joyce M., Rebecca, Anna, Jack, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Jessica, Donna, Baby Vincent.

**Recently Departed:** Curtis Fromal

*Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four-week period.*

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Richard Kroes

OPENING HYMN *Blest be the King whose coming* (vs. 1, 2) (Led by Dan Rosen) H 74

*Descant*

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
have not learned to heed the Christ who is the

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.

## OPENING SENTENCE

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway  
for our God. *Isaiah 40:5*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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 alone 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.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We light this candle for all God-bearers, saying ‘yes’ to God’s challenge, accepting the pain and joy of an unknown future.

*God, as we wait for your response, give light, give hope.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

VERSICLE

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *My Lord, What a Morning* (vs. 2)

LEVAS 13

*Harmony*

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall. **Fine**

*Unison*

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, \_\_\_\_\_ To wake the

na - tions un - der - ground, \_\_\_\_\_ Look - ing to my God's right

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall. \_\_\_\_\_ *D.C.*

**PSALM: PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, you were favorable to your land;

**you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;

**you pardoned all their sin. *Selah***

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

**for he will speak peace to his people,**

**to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. <sup>[a]</sup>**

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,

**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

**righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

**and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good,

**and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him,

**and will make a path for his steps.**

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

**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.**

# THE LESSONS

## FIRST READING: 2 PETER 3:8-15A

<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you,<sup>[a]</sup> not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening<sup>[c]</sup> the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him

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

## THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

*The people stand.*

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’ ”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE ANTHEM

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Claude Goudimel

HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

SALUTATION

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love let us pray together saying: O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of strife may be transformed into tools of peace. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and compassion in the world. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people of good heart who seek to cast off the works of evil and injustice, that we may be reshaped through our serving others in the name of Chris.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, suffering, stressed, or far from home: *Peticca family, Mackenzie, Amy, Kay, Miriam, Sherri B., Adele C., Katharyn H., Maureen, Richard,, Michelle, Pam John H., Jay S., Donna P., Sue S., Joyce M., Rebecca, Anna, Jack, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Jessica, Donna, Baby Vincent.*

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Military: *Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R. David B., Tony G., Mark, Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin, Neil S., Rob., Evan H., James R., Robert W.*

For all those who suffer in any way from this pandemic and for those on the forefront of confronting it.

We name these names that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to listen in love. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died in the faith of Christ [especially Nicholas of Myra] and for the promise of the incarnation to be fulfilled. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have assembled to pray together this day, whether they be close or far, that we may all be wrapped in the embrace of God, and go forth from this moment to be Christ in the world. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## FIRST COLLECT

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.**

#### SECOND COLLECT

Grant, Almighty God, that your church may be so inspired by the example of your servant Nicholas of Myra, that it may never cease to work for the welfare of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THIRD COLLECT

God of the present moment, God, who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to your people as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us equal to whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, and the obedience to refrain from what must be avoided for the wellbeing of all; for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need You. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

#### OFFERTORY REMINDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us love God and one another by offering our treasures to the work of love.

#### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

HYMN *Prepare the way, O Zion* (vs. 1, 2) (Led by Alice Berry)

H 65



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



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.



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

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The Presider blesses the people, saying*

God, who ever comes to you, draw you to his love, draw you to his peace, draw you to himself; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Show, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also. *Isaiah 45.8*

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Dale Wood

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## CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join Christ Church today, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church, Ridley Park, please send us an email:

[office@christchurchridleypark.org](mailto:office@christchurchridleypark.org).

**Join our weekly e-newsletter** by texting CCRPLOVE to 22828. The parish-wide emails will be in your inbox every Friday evening and have our most updated announcements and access to important links.

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**Life Center:** Wednesday, December 9th is turn to provide a meal for the Life Center residents. They need 30 meals as they are not allowed to serve non-residents during the pandemic. We need 2 volunteers to prepare the main meal, and a few others to donate cases of water, fruit, individual desserts and some needed supplies. Please consider signing up. Contact Carole McManus at [carolemcmanus@comcast.net](mailto:carolemcmanus@comcast.net). Let Carole know what you are able to donate and where and when you will be dropping off donations. Items can be dropped off at Church by Tuesday 12/8 @ 2 or at Carole's anytime before Weds. 12/9 @ 4. We need enough for 30 - If you are dropping these off at church, please label Life Center and leave any non-perishable food and other donations on the table by the water cooler downstairs - where we usually sign-up to donate. Meals and fresh fruit can be left in kitchen fridge if being dropped off earlier than 12/9.

- 1 volunteer to prepare a meal - enough for 15 (Hamburger Alfredo)
- 2 -24 packs of Spring water
- 2 batches of brownies 15 each batch (wrapped individually) or 30 packs of cookies
- 30 dinner sized rolls (wrapped individually)
- 2 volunteers to donate 3 bags of salad each - enough for 30 side salads - no dressing on the salad please

### **Join us for livestreamed Christmas**

December 24th Holy Eucharist at 7:30pm

December 25th Morning Prayer at 10am

**Fill the pews!** We are collecting new & like new stuffed animals, action figures, and dolls to fill the pews as we carefully worship #TogetherApart. *All items will be donated to new homes with young friends this Christmas*

**We are live!** The livestreaming camera is now up and running. You can digitally worship with us in two ways: (1) Streamed prerecorded Morning Prayer, Sunday 9am on Facebook (includes musical offerings) OR (2) Live-streamed limited in-person Holy Eucharist, Sunday 10am on YouTube (live from the nave)

**YouTube is free to anyone,** you do not need an account. Look up our channel, CCRP Learning and Info to view. Both Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist will be available in our YouTube channel library to watch at any time post-Sunday.

**Livestreaming Assistant-** If you are willing to be trained on how to work the streaming camera remote and broadcast the Sunday 10am service please contact Mackenzie.