

Christ Church South

The Season of Advent

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make a desert in the highway of our God.

--Isaiah 40:3

Opening Song

Hallelujah! Christ is Coming

The first Advent broke darkness' sway, Christ's birth made night as bright as day; When Jesus spoke the truth was known, When Jesus walked the way was shown, When Jesus died all death was slain, When Jesus rose 'twas life's refrain.

Hallelujah! Christ is coming Lord, we wait for you

Yet still the dark with light contends: Until the Lord Most High descends His people bear their cross of pain, His people from the world abstain, His people thirst for wisdom still, His people seek his kingdom's will

Hallelujah! Christ is coming Lord, we wait for you

He will return to end the fight,
To banish all the powers of night;
When Christ returns our hope is sealed,
When Christ returns the world is healed,
When Christ returns he is the prize,
When Christ returns the dead will rise.

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Song of Procession

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring,
come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

At this time, our children are invited to follow the cross down to Children's Chapel.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Collect for Purity:

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.

Kyrie Eleison - Kyrie Eleison Christe Eleison - Kyrie Eleison

*translation:

Lord have mercy - Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy - Lord have mercy

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent:

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.

The Lessons

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel,

to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Sequence Hymn:

Out of Heav'n Thou didst come down
Jesus who to earth descending
Didst our nature with thine own
Join in union neverending

Save us from the oppressor's rod O our brother and our God

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 24:37-44

On the Mount of Olives, Jesus said to his disciples privately, "As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man.

Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn:

Cleaves my soul to earth and dust Help me Lord, I sink and perish Purge my heart of earthly lusts Life divine with Thee I cherish

Dweller in the manger thou Dwell thyself within me now

Today's Sermon:

The Rev. David Luckenbach

The Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

(Form IV)

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

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

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

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Luba, Maria, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Lisa, Anna Marie, Jeffrey, Rylan, Kerry, Jeremy, Austin and for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially

Dot Thrower, mother of Trey Yarborough & The Rev. Mike Morgan, brother of Rebecca Mercer, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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.

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.

The Peace:

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

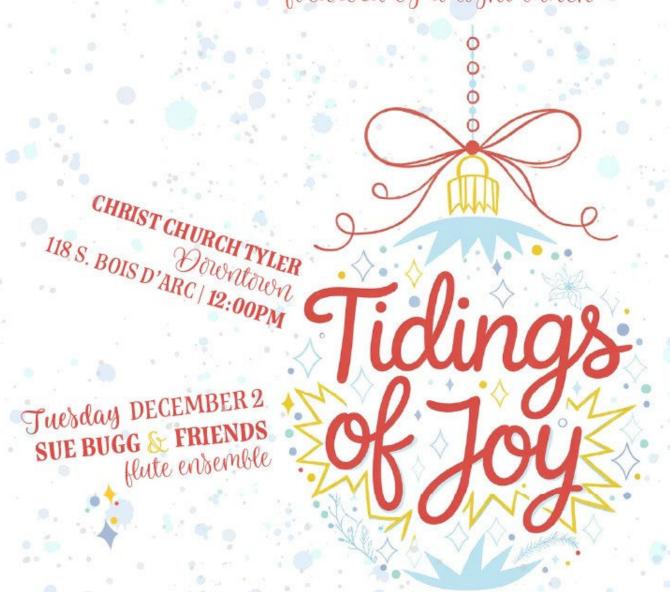


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TUESDAYSIN ADVENT NOON-TIME CONCERT SERIES followed by a light lunch





WEAR AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER!



Caroling in the Azalea District 6:00PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH MEET BY THE STAGE AT BERGFELD PARK.

Find more announcements on the screens in the reception areas.



Offertory & Song of Preparation:

Benedictus

God in all your tender compassion
The dawn from on high, it will break on us
Shining on those living in shadow
Guiding our feet into the way of peace

you will guide our feet you will guide our feet you will guide our feet into peace God in all your tender compassion
The dawn from on high, it will break on us
Shining on those living in shadow
Guiding our feet into the way of peace

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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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is sung or said.

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, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name, comes in the name of the Lord. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Amen

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Fraction Anthem

Miserere, miserere nobis dona, dona, dona nobis pacem Agnus Dei, agnus Dei quitollis pecccata mundi quitollis pecccata mundi

[Translation: Have mercy on us, Have mercy on us, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace, grant us your peace Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, You take away the sins of the world]

Invitation to Communion:

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.

Communion Song:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for the blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Communion Song:

Psalm 126 (All Those Who Sow Weeping)

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

Although we are weeping Lord, help us keep sowing The seeds of Your Kingdom For the day You will reap them Your sheaves we will carry Lord, please do not tarry All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say,

"He has done great things!"

The nations will sing songs of joy

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Final Blessing (Celtic):

The Wisdom of God,
The Love of God,
And the Grace of God,
Strengthen you
To be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
In the name of the Father,

Amen.

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

Recessional

Messiah

Comfort and joy,
Alpha, Omega He.
Sorrow and toil,
no longer rulers be.

Comfort and joy,
Alpha, Omega He.
Sorrow and toil,
no longer rulers be.

The Dismissal:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia.