HRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

According to the Book of Common Prayer, Rite One

The Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025, 11:00 A.M.

The Rev. David Luckenbach, Celebrant Mr. Jeffrey J. Ford, Organist-Choirmaster

Welcome to Christ Church

We are thrilled you have joined us for today's celebration. You are encouraged to participate fully in our worship service. In the Episcopal Church, all haptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. This service leaflet contains all that is necessary to participate in the worship services today. Please silence all cell phones.

The Word of God

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY: Meditation on Conditor Alme Siderum

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Tune: Woodland

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION No. 438 Tell out, my soul

THE ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

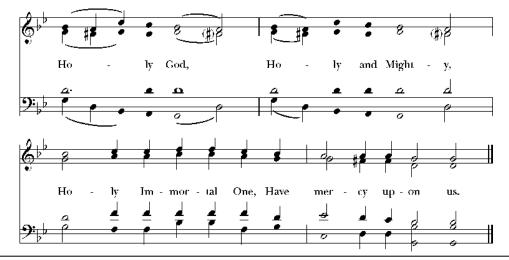
THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE TRISAGION, S-102

Alexander Archangelsky

Sing 3 times



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Psalm 146:4-9 BCP, p. 803

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;
- Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON | James 5:7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one an-

other, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN No. 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Tune: Azmon

Verses 1, 2, & 3

THE HOLY GOSPEL | Matthew 11:2-11

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

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

BCP, p. 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplica-

tions, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially our parish clergy: David, Cole, Ted, Stephen, Tim and Leesa, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor and Don, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 331

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION AND THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP, p. 332

Following the Absolution, the People respond: **Amen**.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

The Holy Communion

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY: Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

M. Praetorius

Tune: Old 100th

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP, p. 340

Celebrant
 People
 Celebrant
 The Lord be with you.
 And with thy spirit.
 Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in

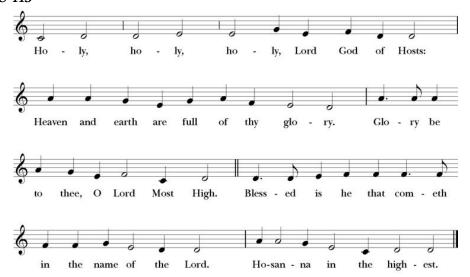
all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS S-113

Merbecke



The Celebrant continues, the people kneeling

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Celebrant & People Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

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

Celebrant & 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.

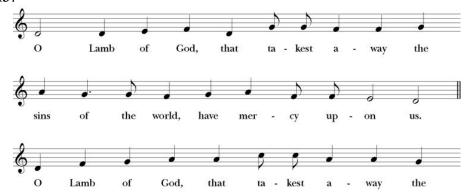
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

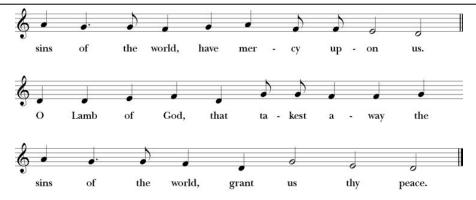
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI S-157

Merbecke





THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p. 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

The Communion Welcome

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion. To receive the host, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. You may intinct (dip) the host into the chalice of wine, or you may consume the host and then drink from the chalice, gently guiding it to your lips by the base. If you prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

THE VOLUNTARY AT COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant & People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Following the Blessing, the People respond: Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION No. 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

Tune: Bereden vag for Herran

THE DISMISSAL

Following the Dismissal, the People respond:

Thanks be to God.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY *The Advent of Our God (St. Thomas)*

George Brandon

Deacon: Stephen Stine

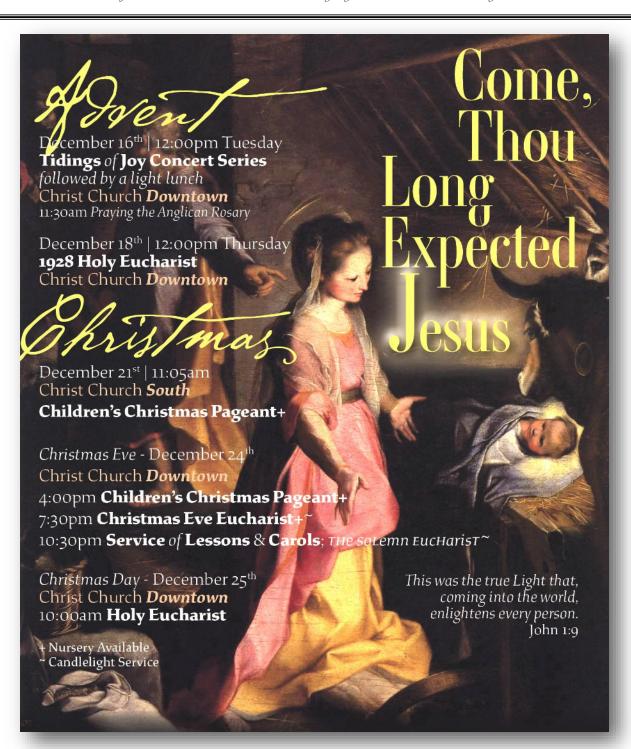
Verger/Chalicer: Roger Fowler; Lector/Intercessor: Jolana Damkroger; Chalicer: Joyce McGee

Acolytes: Katie Luckenbach, Andrew Ames, Gavin Johnson, Matthew Ford

Usher: Bob Westbrook, Jolana & Fred Damkroger Greeters: Cindy Westbrook, John & Cecile Barr Altar Guild Team 3: Melissa Day

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of the marriage of Maria Garibello and Nicholas Hardy, by Kathleen and Steve Hardy.



ADVENT NOON-TIME CONCERT SERIES

followed by a light lunch

CHRIST CHURCH TYLER

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118 S. BOIS D'ARC | 12:00PM



Tuesday DECEMBER 16
LORI SMITH & FRIENDS
harp, organ, strings & soprano

FINAL CONCERT OF THE SEASON!

Praying The Rosary

Praying the rosary will be available in the chapel at
11:30am, before each Tuesday service.

Using the rosary (Anglican prayer beads) encourages contemplative prayer. Touching each bead in order helps maintain focus as much as the repetition of the prayers themselves. Prayer beads are available for use. Please come 10 minutes early if you would like instruction.

Christmas Poinsettias & Music

You are invited to participate in the celebration of Christmas at Christ Church through the Christmas flower & music fund. Please complete this form if you wish to contribute to the placement of poinsettias in the church or help to underwrite the music presented on Christmas Eve.

Donor Name	Phone #
Flowers	
In memory of	
In thanksgiving for	
In thanksgiving (general)	
Music	
In memory of	
In thanksgiving for	
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Deadline: Sunday, December 14 Please return this form with your donation to the Church Office or in [Any forms received after this date will not be included in the Osci	
	DEADLINE is today



CHRISTMAS UNDER THE BRIDGE TOY DRIVE!

Join us in supporting Hunger4Love's Christmas Under the Bridge by donating a new, unwrapped toy. It will be given out by Santa to sweet little boys and girls on December 20th between 5:00pm-8:00pm under the Gentry Bridge.

Your gift can be brought to either campus and placed in the box provided in the front.

The deadline for toy box pickup is December 17.

Your support brings delight and smiles to many children during the Christmas Season. Thank you for your generosity.

For further information contact: Lynne Bordeaux: 512-608-2171.

Merry Christmas & Thank You.

This Week (and more) at Christ Church

Sunday, December 14

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I | CCD 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II | CCD 10:00 am Christian Formation | CCD & CCS 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I | CCD+ 11:05 am Holy Eucharist Rite II | CCS+

Tuesdays | December 16

11:30am Praying the Anglican Rosary | Children's Chapel CCD Noon Tidings of Joy Concerts | CCD in the Nave followed by light lunch in the Parish Hall

Thursdays | December 18

Noon 1928 Eucharist | CCD

Sunday, December 21

11:05am Christmas Pageant | CCS

Wednesday, December 24

Noon Church offices close at noon & reopen 12/29

4:00pm Children's Pageant | CCD

7:30pm Christmas Eucharist (candlelight) | CCD

10:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols (candlelight) | CCD

Thursday, December 25

10:00am Holy Eucharist | CCD

Sunday, December 28

7:30am Holy Eucharist | CCD Holiday Reception between Services 10:00am Holy Eucharist | CCD 11:05am Holy Eucharist | CCS

Sunday, January 4, 2026

7:30am Holy Eucharist | CCD 9:00am Christian Formation | CCD 10:00am Holy Eucharist | CCD 10:00am Christian Formation | CCS 11:00am Coffee Time | CCD Guild Hall 11:05am Holy Eucharist | CCS

Holiday Church Office Hours:

December 24, 29-31 8:30-noon December 25-26 & January 1 & 2, 2026 Closed

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions.

Let us remember those who celebrate the anniversaries of their births, especially:

12/14 Marietta Wynne, 12/14 Connie Wilson, 12/14 Ann Weissmann, 12/14 Brendan Cuti, 12/15 Beckett Patterson, 12/16 Charlie Lohman, 12/17 Karen Courville, 12/17 Carole Bergfeld, 12/17 Blayke Harrison, 12/18 Miriam McCormick, 12/20 Allison Doran, 12/20 M. E. Danielson, 12/20 Pam Roberts, 12/20 Rosemary Swann, 12/20 Valerie Huggler, 12/20 Jennifer Plato, 12/20 Zachary Morris

And those who celebrate the anniversaries of their marriages:

12/18 Rosemary & Samuel Cobb, 12/19 Andrew & Marianne Roberts, 12/20 Catherine & Bud Ross, 12/20 McKinley & Sarah Terry, 12/20 Hamp & Cheryl Williams

And also those with special needs and concerns, especially:

Luba, Maria, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Lisa, Anna Marie, Fred, Owen, Gil

Prayer Requests

If you would like to add or take off a name on the prayer list, parishioners should notify The Rev. Stephen Stine at ssti@tjc.edu.



We are happy you have joined us today. Are you NEW to Christ Church? If yes, so that we may get to know and serve you best, please complete our newcomer card by scanning the QR code or filling out a card from the pew back.



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The Rev. David A. Luckenbach, Rector

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The Rev. Ted Welty, Associate Rector for Christian Formation

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The Rev. Leesa Lewis, ASES Assistant Chaplain

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