

#### **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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Come thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Come thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

# Song of Procession

All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
All the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
Will know that You are holy

And all will sing out
Hallelujah
And we will cry out
Hallelujah

And all the hearts that are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothing left
Will know that You are holy

And all will sing out
Hallelujah
And we will cry out
Hallelujah

[x2]

# Shout it Go on and scream it from the mountains Go on and tell it to the masses That He is God

 $\sqrt{x3}$ 

We will sing out
Hallelujah
And we will cry out
Hallelujah
We will sing out
Hallelujah

# Shout it Go on and scream it from the mountains Go on and tell it to the masses That He is God

All the Poor and Powerless, David Leonard, Leslie Jordan, 2011 Integrity's Alleluia! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (IMI)), Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (IMI)), 20214482

At this time, our children are invited to follow the cross down to Chidren'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 Third Sunday of Advent:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

#### 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 146:4-9

- 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.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \* the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, \*
your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations. Hallelujah!

### 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 11:2-11

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me.

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings' houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

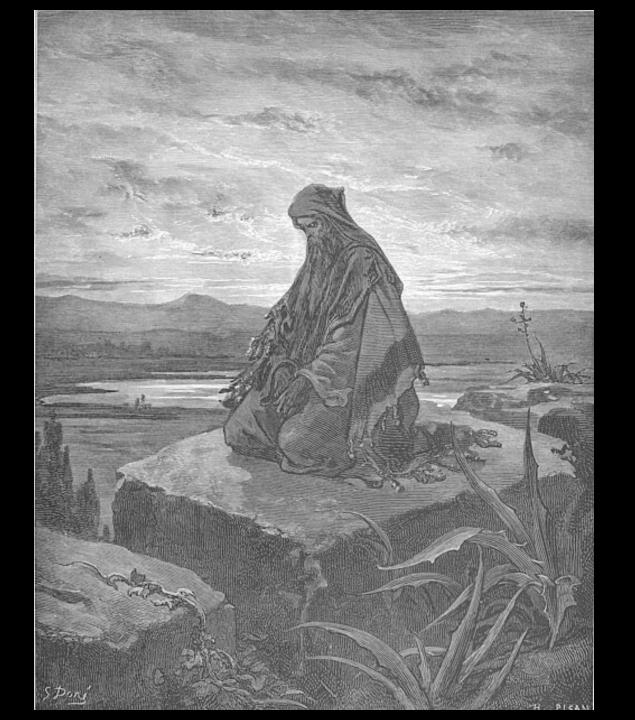
Today's Sermon:

The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin

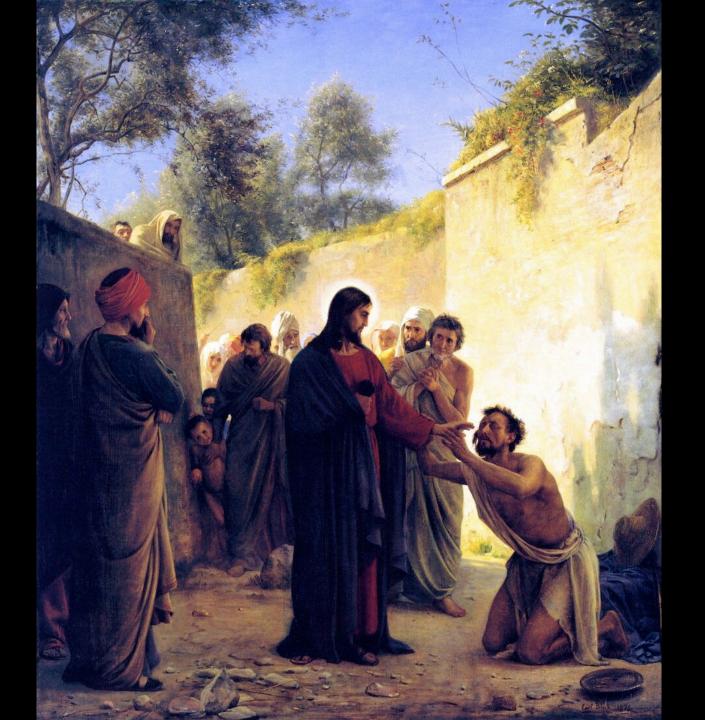




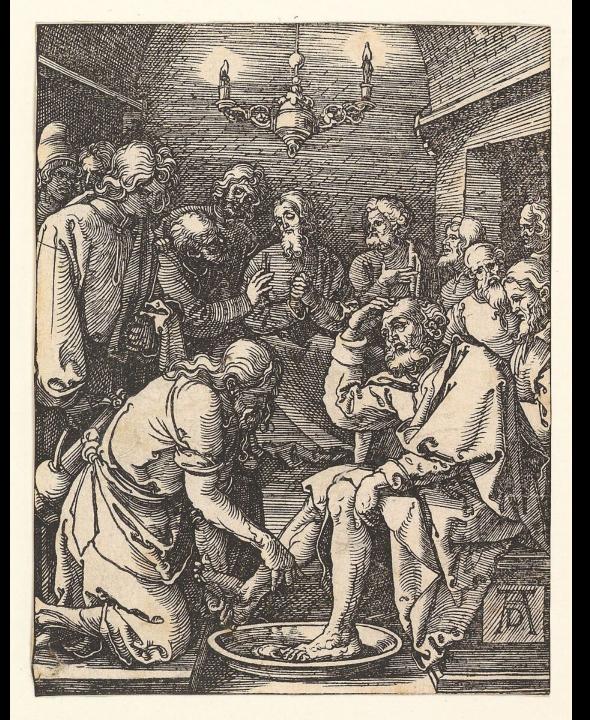












#### The Creed

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, Fred, Owen, Gil, Mark 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 Winks Kremer, mother of Laurel Beaty, 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

We thank you for the marriage of Maria Garibello & Nicholas Hardy.

The Congregation is invited to add its own petitions and thanksgivings at this time.

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.



Please go to

# christchurchTYLER.org/visitor

or fill out a newcomer card!



**Donations & Dedications** for placement of poinsettias in the church or help underwrite the music presented on Christmas Eve.



Deadline TODAY!

SCAN THE QR CODE or go to: christchurchtyler.org/christmas-flower-donation

# TUESDAYS IN ADVENT NOON-TIME CONCERT SERIES

followed by a light lunch





Tuesday DECEMBER 16

LORI SMITH & FRIENDS

harp, organ, strings & soprand

FINAL CONCERT OF THE SEASON!





### Come, Thou December 21<sup>st</sup> | 11:05am Christ Church **South** Children's Christmas Pageant+ Christmas Eve - December 24th Christ Church Downtown 4:00pm Children's Christmas Pageant-7:30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist+ 10:30pm **Service** of **Lessons** & **Carols**; The Solemn Eucharist Christmas Day - December 25<sup>th</sup> Christ Church Downtown 10:00am Holy Eucharist + Nursery Available ~ Candlelight Service This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. John 1:9

# Offertory & Song of Preparation:

When He Arrives

Your presence, Lord, is cleansing grace; Forgiveness, yes, but more than that. Our death with life you would replace, That we might sing, "Magnificat!"

Come daily, Lord, to shape our mind That consciousness may host your Son, So his return may in us find A dwelling place, a mansion won. Your presence, Lord, is cleansing grace; Forgiveness, yes, but more than that. Our death with life you would replace, That we might sing, "Magnificat!"

Come daily, Lord, to shape our mind That consciousness may host your Son, So his return may in us find A dwelling place, a mansion won. Come, Spirit Fire, burn up our dross.

Make straight what Satan bent and marred.

Repair our parents' ancient loss.

May Jesus find our doors unbarred.

Come, Father, come and daily build A Christ-like lodge within our lives That each soul, with your goodness filled, May welcome Christ when he arrives.

## 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, 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:

Abraham

Abraham,
worth a righteous one.
Take up on the wood,
put it on your son.

Lake or lamb.
There is none to harm.
When the angel came,
you had raised your arm.

Abraham,
put off on your son.
Take instead the ram
until Jesus comes

Abraham,
worth a righteous one.
Take up on the wood,
put it on your son.

Lake or lamb.
There is none to harm.
When the angel came,
you had raised your arm.

Abraham,
put off on your son.
Take instead the ram
until Jesus comes

Communion Song:

Veiled in Darkness

Veiled in darkness Judah lay,
Waiting for the promised day,
While across the shadowy night
Streamed a flood of glorious light,
Heavenly voices chanting then,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Still the earth in darkness lies.

Up from death's dark vale arise
Voices of a world in grief,
Prayers of men who seek relief:
Now our darkness pierce again,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Light of light, we humbly pray,
Shine upon Thy world today;
Break the gloom of our dark night,
Fill our souls with love and light,
Send Thy blessèd Word again,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who was, and is, Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, Perfect in power, love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Reginald Heber, 1826, arr by Sufjan Stevens, 2008 Asthmatic Kitty, 20214482

## The Dismissal:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia.