



Christ Church South

The Season of Christmas

*Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy
which will come to all the people; for to you is born . . .
in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:10,11

Opening Song

Joy to the World

Joy to the World!
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare him room
and Heav'n and nature sing
and Heav'n and nature sing
and Heav'n, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love

Joy to the World, Isaac Watts, 1718, Public Domain, 20214482

Song of Procession

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
 who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
 and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly
 lived on earth our Savior holy.

For he is our lifelong pattern;
daily, when on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,
tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

Once in Royal David's City, Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, Public Domain, 20214482

*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.

Song of Praise:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Angels we Have Heard on High, Lyrics & Music: traditional, 18th century, Public Domain, 20214482

Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us
the new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts,
may shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come,

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

- 14 He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

15 He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.

16 He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

17 He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?

18 He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

19 He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the Lord!

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.

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 John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.

He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

(John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”) And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

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

Out of Heav'n, Isaac Wardell, 2008 Great Comfort Records, 20214482

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

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body,
mind, or spirit, especially Luba, Maria, Yeva, YK,
Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Lisa, Anna Marie, Linda, Mike,
Mark, Dalton, Marian, Jerry, Stella, Dale, Kirby, Cindy,
Earl, Jennifer 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

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

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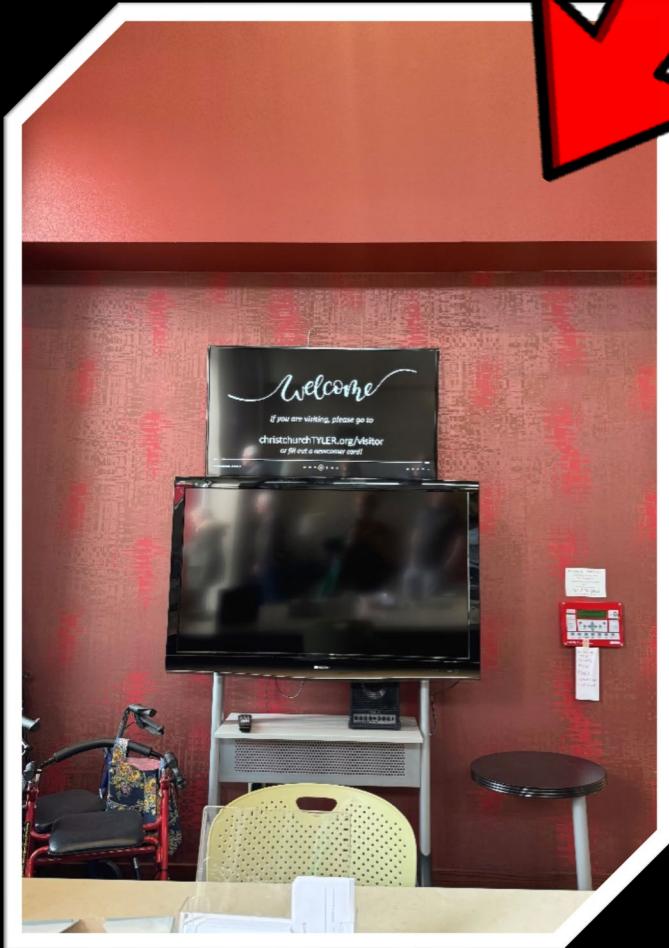
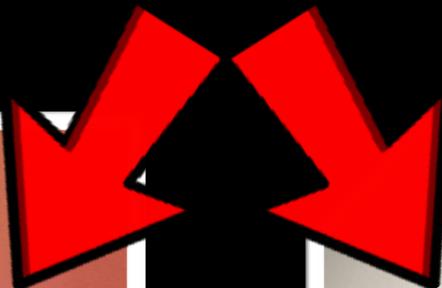
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 / 10:00AM BOTH CAMPUSES

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on the screens in the reception areas.**



Offertory &
Song of Preparation:

Oh Holy Night

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining.

Till He appeared and the Soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!

O night divine, the night when Christ was born;

O night, O Holy Night , O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.

O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming,
Now come the wisemen from out of the Orient land.

The King of kings lay thus lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friends.

He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.

Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.

And in his name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
With all our hearts we praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,

His power and glory ever more proclaim!

His power and glory ever more proclaim!

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

O, Lamb of God that takest away the sins
of the world have mercy upon us.

O, Lamb of God that takest away the sins
of the world have mercy upon us.

O, Lamb of God that takest away the sins
of the world grant us thy peace

Agnus Dei, Ryan Flanigan, 2018, Ryan Flanigan Music (BMI), 20214482

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:

That Blessed Dawn of Christmas Day

The blessed dawn of Christmas day
As honestly as children pray
The warmth that melts the eve away
The holiness of alpenglow

I rose to join the glorious morn
Whose calm and splendor would adorn
The virgin mother's infant born
The blessed dawn of Christmas day

I pray one day my heart will see
The light of God's eternity
And know that Jesus died for me
Now close, my eyes
So I may rise
At blessed dawn of Christmas day

The Blessed Dawn of Christmas Day , Harry Connick, Jr., 1993, Papa's-June Music (BMI), 20214482

Communion Song:

What Child is This

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
 The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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

Recessional

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
 Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

"Fear not then," said the Angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and charity
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
doth bring redeeming grace.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
 Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

The Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia.