



CHRIST
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CHURCH



The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite I and II

December 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Before Worship (BCP, 833)

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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The Word of God

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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The Holy Communion

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Doxology

Great Thanksgiving: Prayer I	BCP 333
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Please tell an Usher if you need Communion brought to you.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Announcements

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Prelude

Opening Hymn..... H 59

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A Penitential Order BCP 351

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First Reading..... Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9 Insert

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Gospel Luke 3:7-18

Homily Fr. Daniel

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People (Form 1)..... BCP 383

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem*Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?*

Presentation of Gifts Hymnal 380, v. 3

Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A..... BCP 361

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*) S-125

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Breaking of Bread S-161

Communion H 67, H 679, H 683

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Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

St. Francis Prayer..... BCP 833

Blessing

Processional into World H 76

Dismissal..... BCP 366

Postlude

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Collect of the Day

Rite I

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, now and for ever.

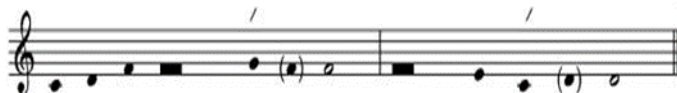
Amen.

Rite II

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.*

A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter
Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments
against you, he has turned away your enemies. The
king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall
fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said
to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your
hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your
midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice
over you with gladness, he will renew you in his
love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on
a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal
with all your oppressors at that time. And I will
save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will
change their shame into praise and renown in all
the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at
the time when I gather you; for I will make you
renowned and praised among all the peoples of the
earth, when I restore your fortunes before your
eyes, says the Lord. (3:14-20)



Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure
defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is
exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great
things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy
One of Israel.

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.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (4:4-7)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. (3:7-18)

All Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing.

Spiritual Communion for those Unable to Receive

For those watching the service on YouTube, the following prayer may be said during communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

Prayer After Worship (BCP, 834)

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Serving Today

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Daniel Johnson, OPA
<i>Piano/Organ</i>	Hannah Massey
<i>Advent Wreath</i>	Joseph & Ellen Ilk (8:00) Tim & Karen Watts (10:30)
<i>Lectors</i>	Rosanne Desmone (8:00) Tim Watts (OT) (10:30) Mary Williams (E) (10:30)
<i>Litanist</i>	Joseph L. Ilk (8:00) Beth Goshin (10:30)
<i>Crucifer/Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Joseph L. Ilk (8:00)
<i>Crucifer/Chalice</i>	Kristi Gross (10:30)
<i>Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Bruce Adkins (10:30)
<i>Ushers</i>	Jeri Phillips (8:00) Janet Jennings & Lewis Lopez (10:30)
<i>Streaming</i>	Jeff Massey (10:30)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	O'Neill Team

Additional Liturgies

Weekday Eucharist – Wednesday
12:00 pm Celtic Eucharist (Church)

Online Services

Tuesday through Friday
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
5:00 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Online Resources

Book of Common Prayer

<https://www.bcponline.org/>

Christ Church Website

<http://www.christchurchspotsy.com/>

Episcopal Church Resources

<https://episcopalchurch.org/resource-library>

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Hymnal Abbreviations

H = Hymnal 1982

LEVAS = Lift Every Voice and Sing

WLP = Wonder, Love, and Praise

Announcements for this Sunday

Welcome to Christ Church! If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so we can get to know you better.

Wreath Laying Ceremony. We will have a wreath laying ceremony immediately after the 10:30 service today to commemorate veterans in our cemetery and columbarium.

Angel Tree Gifts are due today. Please leave any gifts in the back of the church. Thank you for your support of children in our community.



If you would like to **donate to Christ Church electronically**, please scan the QR Code above with your phone's camera to access our giving page. You can also Text CCSPOTSY to 73256 to donate or go to our website, <https://www.christchurchspotsy.com/give>.

As people of prayer, we ask your prayers for Ana, Apollos, Barbara, Bruce, Christopher, Frances, John, Jose, Loggnins Family, Nagy Family, Neha, Nekita, Rachel, Raj, Reining Family, Selena, Sherrie, Taryn, Valentine's family, the Donnie Baker family, Lewis Bourne, Viola Bradshaw, Clark Burrell, Jermaine Chatman, Margaret Curtis, Liz DiRusso, Gene Duncan, Perry Duvall, Judith Fiebig, Michael Frye, Calib Garland, Derek & Stacey Geary, Carl Gutlaizer, Ellen Gutlaizer, Christian Hall, Ron Hanson, David Heinzmann, Edd Houck, Marc Jacobson, Kevin Johnson, The Johnson Family, Donna Kenkel, Alan Klawitter, **Pirfa Kumbin**, Patty Lucado, Janet Maduakor, Wendy Martin, Heather Martinez, Hank Mausolf, Marjorie Mausolf, Susan Mayhew, Emily McNeill, Frank Miller, Tom & Fran Moreland, Joy Newlin, Ed O'Conner, Seowon Park, Roy & Loretta Perry, Robert Pride, Kevin Pride, Cecelia Ringel, Natalie Roman, Cindy Rooney, Sadia Sadid, Bob Savage,

Blue Christmas Service, 7PM

Lectors	Kristi Gross (OT) Penny Knepp (E)
Crucifer/Chalice	Kristi Gross
Acolyte/Chalice	Werner Wieland
Usher	Joseph L. Ilk

¹ *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?* by Robert Lau