



Welcome to Christ Church

December 6, 2015

Advent 2



All Service Notes: The 10:15 Service is in the leaflet. Hymns are in the larger blue books. *Prayer List* is on the stand. **Welcome materials** are on the back table. Acolytes, Chalcists & Readers are listed in the Schedule also found there. Every Sunday we will light one more candle on the **Advent Wreath** as we mark the time until Christmas.

10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II (Readings for other services)

Prelude

76 Processional Hymn (in the Blue Hymnal Book)

Leader: (Welcome) Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier

People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

(and together) **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.**

S96 Kyrie (sung together)

Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy, have mercy.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Baruch 5:1-9 (the congregation may be seated)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad in-deed.

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * *then were we like those who dream.*

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * *and our tongue with shouts of joy.* [antiphon]

- 3 Then they said among the nations, * *“The Lord has done great things for them.”*
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, * *and we are glad indeed.* [antiphon]
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * *like the watercourses of the Negev.*
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * *will reap with songs of joy.* [antiphon]
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. [antiphon]

A Reading (Lesson) from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people **People: Thanks be to God.**

67 Gradual Hymn (*Before Gospel vs. 1 &2, after 3*) (*please all stand*)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 3:1-6 (*Glory to you, Lord Christ*)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Homily Dave Carter (*all may be seated*)

The Nicene 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.

Prayers of the People, Form III

(Lay reader and congregation standing preferred, or kneeling/sitting)

Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For ... *(read names from the intercession sheet)*

And for those in the Armed Forces but especially for Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Tim (and any others written in)

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... *especially (and any written in on list)*

For those celebrating birthdays... *Rhonda Wishart, Cliff Buttermark, Abram Nichols, Lila Brooks, Jacob Straub, Jared Vincent, Ray Erskine (see sheet also)*

For those celebrating anniversaries... *(see sheet also)*

We pray for all who have died... *(see sheet also)*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God. **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People:** **And also with you**

The Passing of the Peace

Offertory Music *(the ushers pass the collection plates)*

380 Offertory Presentation Hymn (verse 3 only) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

The Holy Eucharist: Prayer B *(sung opening)*

S120 *Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues..... It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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.

S130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest (repeat)*

... 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,

Celebrant and People: **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 our loved ones and 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...**

S156 **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.**

8 **Children's Entrance Hymn**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymns during Communion (335, LEVAS 13) *(all are invited to communion)*

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (optional): Friends in Christ we send forth our visitors bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **For though we are many, we are one body.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Celebrant and People: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing followed by sung AMEN

Announcements

66 **Recessional Hymn**