



# Welcome to Christ Church

November 29, 2015

## Advent Sunday



*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

**56 Processional Hymn** (in the Blue Hymnal Book) (vss. 1-4)

*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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Jeremiah 33:14-16 (the congregation may be seated)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



Re-mem-ber, O Lord, your com-pas-sion and love,

for they are from ev—er-last—ing.

### Psalm 25:3-9

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \* and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

*for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. [antiphon]*

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \* *for they are from everlasting.*

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

*remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.*

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \* *therefore he teaches sinners in his way. [antiphon]*

8 He guides the humble in doing right \* *and teaches his way to the lowly.*

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
*to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.* [antiphon]

**A Reading (Lesson) from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

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

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 21:25-36**      (*Glory to you, Lord Christ*)

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

**Homily**      Jane Hale (*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... *Carrie Carter, Dorin Dehls, Steven Madenjian, Ted Cohen (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*

**Pledge Presentation at this time followed by a Blessing**

## The Holy Eucharist: Prayer B

**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. In fulfillment of his true promise the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and preach the Gospel to all nations. 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** (325, LEVAS 146) *(all are invited to communion)*

**Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitors:** 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 after Communion**

*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**

**73** **Recessional Hymn**