



Christ Episcopal Church

M O U N T P L E A S A N T

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

10:30 a.m.

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. This bulletin has been created from the prayers found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and it contains most of the spoken parts of our worship. The Hymnal in your pew rack contains the hymns we will sing.

All are welcomed to our altar at Communion. Baptized Christians (in any Church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of bread and wine. If you would prefer instead to receive a blessing from the priest, you may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

We are glad you're here, and grateful for your contribution to our common prayer today!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

Prelude

Wachet auf

J.S. Bach

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: # 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says, Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The people respond, **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The 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.**

The people sing,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Following the collect, the people respond, **Amen.**

The Lessons *The people sit for the lessons.*

1st Lesson - *The people sit. After the lesson is read, the lector says, The Word of the Lord.*
The people respond, Thanks be to God.

Psalm – *The people recite the Psalm according to the direction of the lector.*

2nd Lesson - *After the lesson is read, the lector says, The Word of the Lord.*
The people respond, Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: # 75 There's a voice in the wilderness crying *Ascension*

The Gospel

The priest reads the Gospel, first saying, The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.

The people respond, Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the priest says, The Gospel of the Lord.

The people say, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *The people stand.* *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

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 *The people kneel for the prayers.*

Form I, *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 383

Priest: Kneeling together, let us pray to the Lord, saying: “Lord, have mercy.”

The Intercessor leads our prayers, offering silence for the congregation and clergy to add any names associated with our individual thanksgivings or intercessions—silently or aloud—and then bidding the congregation’s response to each petition by saying, “Let us pray to the Lord.”

The People respond: **Lord, have mercy.**

The final prayer concludes, “let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.”

The People respond: **To Thee, O Lord our God**

The Celebrant then prays a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution *The people remain kneeling.*

Priest and People

**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.**

Celebrant

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 people stand.*

The Celebrant says to the people, The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The people respond, **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Prepare Thyself, Zion

J.S. Bach, arr. Lucy Hirt

When the offerings are brought forward, the people sing the 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant gives thanks for the gifts of God, and the people respond with the hymn,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may stand or kneel for the remainder of this prayer.

In the midst of the Great Thanksgiving, the people join in declaring the mystery of faith:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

*At the conclusion of the prayer, the people respond,
Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

**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 *The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread.*

A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant and people speak the Fraction Anthem:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Distribution of Gifts

*The celebrant then says the following invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The people come forward to receive Holy Communion. Those on the right side fill in the rail from right to left (back to front). Those on the left side also fill in the rail from right to left (front to back).*

Communion Hymn: # 601 O day of God, draw nigh *St. Michael*
54 Savior of the nations, come! *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Post Communion Prayer *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

After Communion, the Celebrant and People have been strengthened to stand and pray,

**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.**

The Blessing*The celebrant blesses the people.***Closing Hymn: # 59**

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

*Merton***The Dismissal***The Book of Common Prayer, p. 366**Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Postlude****Savior of the Nations Come****arr. Paul Manz**

Our Prayers

Thanksgivings

Please share with Fr. Furman any graduations, marriages, births, adoptions, or other special life events if you would like us to include them verbally in our thanksgivings during The Holy Eucharist.

We give thanks for:

- The people and ministries of Christ Episcopal Church

Healing

Please share your name with Fr. Furman if you are preparing for, or recovering from, surgery or other therapies and would like to be remembered verbally during The Holy Eucharist.

We pray for all those who are sick or suffering, or in any need or trouble, including:

Jennifer Clark	Jeffrey Smith, cousin of Kaitlyn Murray
Bob Davis	Sharron Huza, friend of Kaitlyn Murray
John Legun	Yvonne Dickson, mother of John Dickson
Margaret Levin	Michael Tate, nephew of Nancy Reynolds
Kent Lipham	Robin Oakman, friend of Keli McClarty
Van McCollum	Frances Anderson, friend of Anne Kilpatrick
Kaitlyn Murray	Chuck & Rita Eggers, relatives of John Bolger
Margaret Passailaigue	Lauren Ridlehoover, sister of Ben Moore
Roy Haren, friend of Anne Kilpatrick	Elee Bassett, friend of Jennie Scudder-Levin
Ursula Ramey, friend of Lee Early	Gary Pederson, friend of Susan McGee
Sue Varn, mother of Mark Varn	Molly Begle, granddaughter of Caroline Gendelman
Buddy Evans, cousin of Suzy Jones	The Rev. Chris Huff, friend of Fr. Furman
Jean Clark, sister of Suzy Jones	Curt Ledbetter, friend of Chip & Suzanne Knowlton
Donna Richards, cousin of Suzy Jones	Jennifer Kimbrell, friend of Carolyn Moon
Keith Grey, friend of Anne Kilpatrick	Sandy Hobbs, friend of Carolyn Moon
Keith Cox, relative of Anne Kilpatrick	Randal Hancock, friend of Dick Kelly
Annie Nason, friend of Anne Kilpatrick	

Repose

Please share with Fr. Furman the names of any relatives or friends who have died, and we will include them in our verbal prayers for repose during The Holy Eucharist.

We pray for those who have died, including:



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