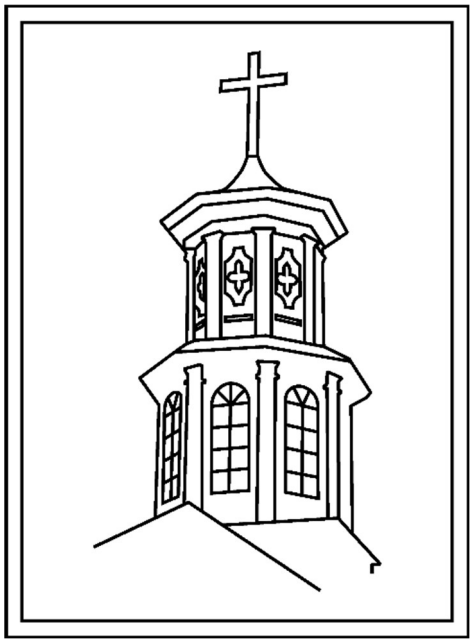


Christ Episcopal Church

MOUNT PLEASANT

The 1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
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 Once He Came in Blessing *arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

THE WORD OF GOD

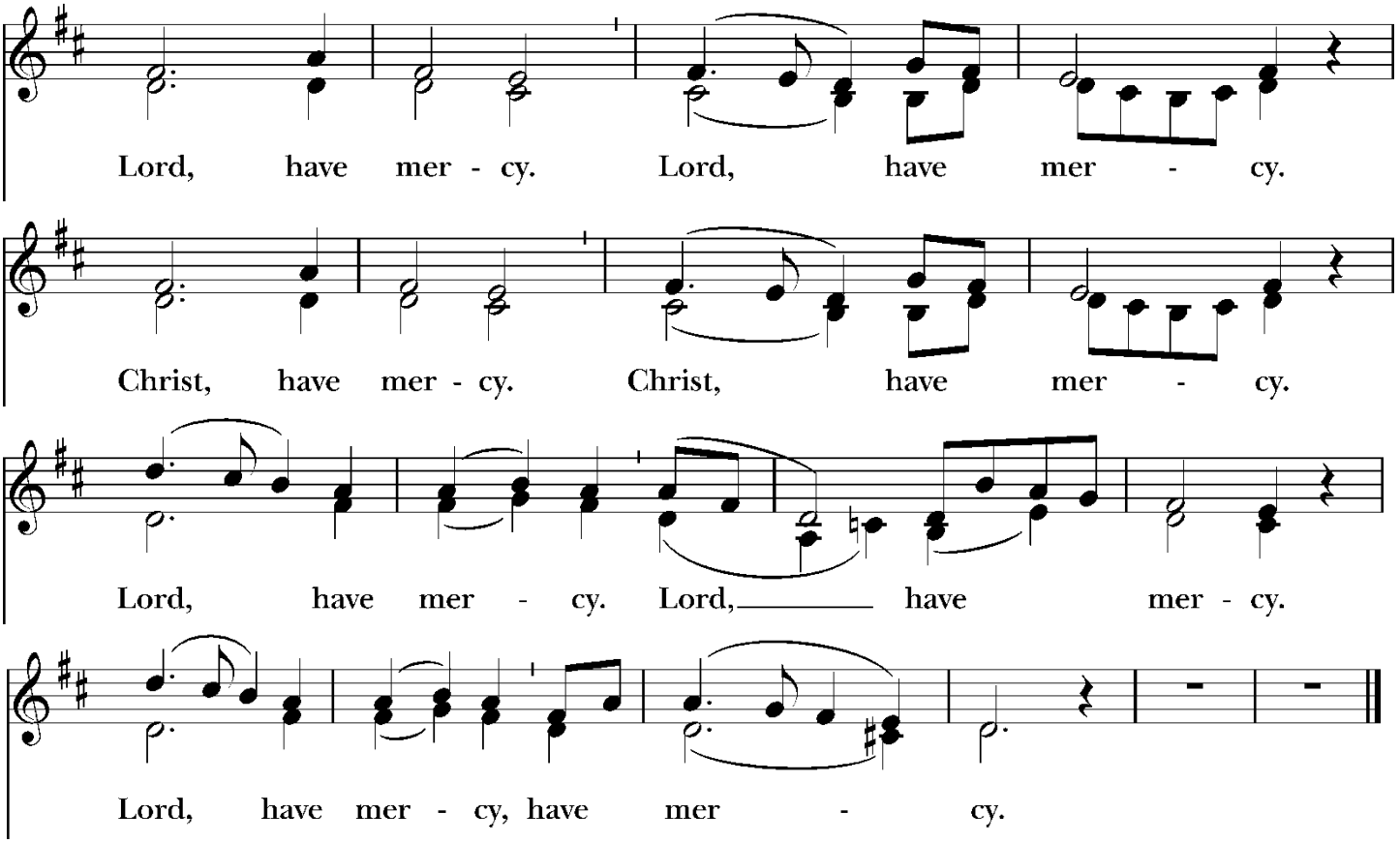
Opening Hymn # 59 **Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding** ***Merton***

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 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 # 615 **"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee** ***St. Flavian***

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 may 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: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether *Harold Friedell (1905-1958)*

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.

Alternate tune - Puer nobis

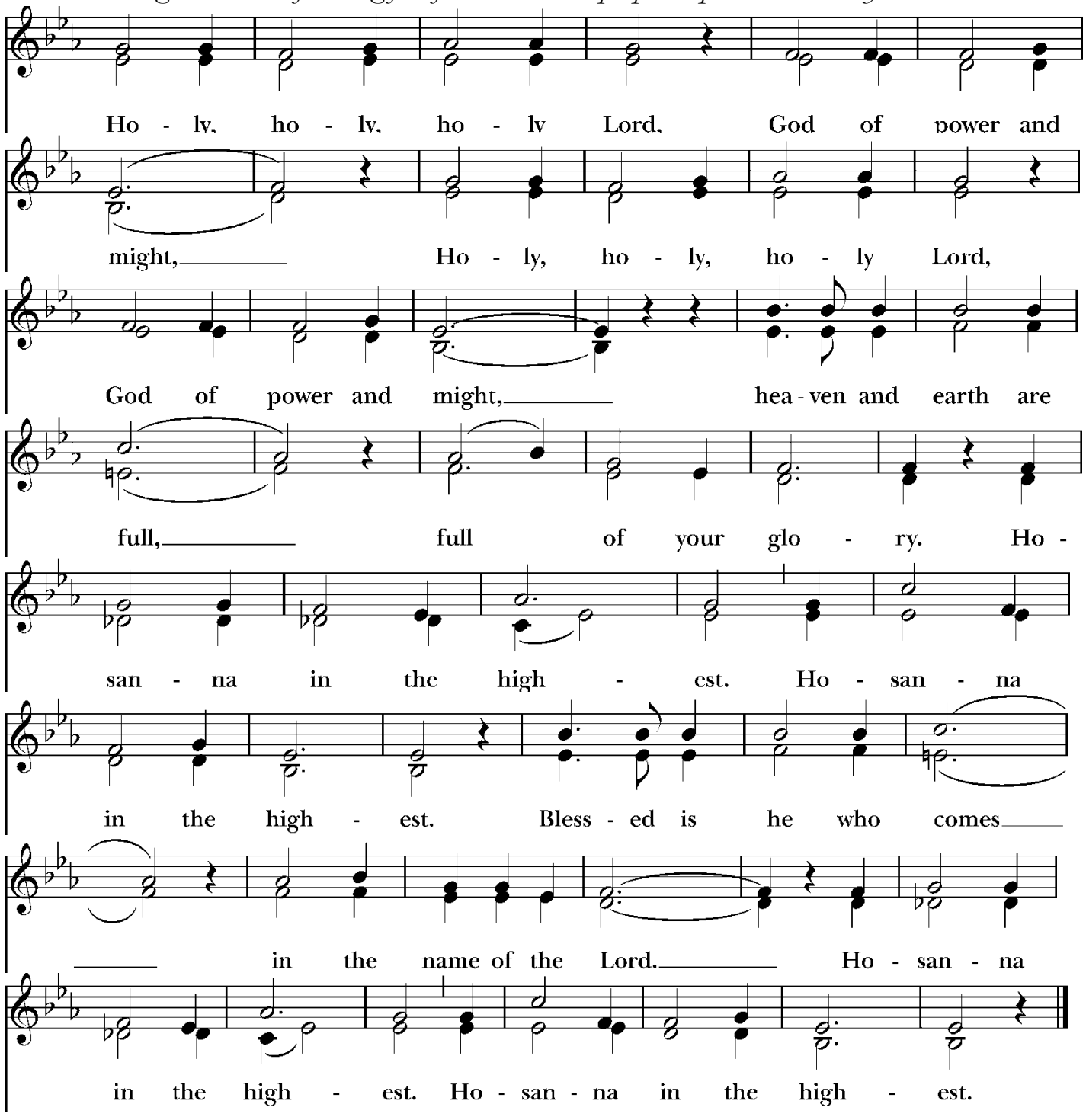
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving *The people stand.* **Prayer B**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361*
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,



The people may stand or kneel for the remainder of this prayer. If it is a physical hardship, please be seated.

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,
for ever 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 # 454	**Jesus came, adored by angels**	***Lowry***
Communion Hymn # 613	**Thy kingdom come, O God!**	***St. Cecilia***

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitor *(only when one is sent)*

The Priest presents the Sacrament to the Lay Eucharistic Visitor and says

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy Gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

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

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.

The Blessing *The Celebrant blesses the people.*

Closing Hymn: # 57 **Lo! he comes, with clouds descending** ***Helmsley***

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 Trumpet Tune on "Wachet Auf" *Marth Sobaje (b. 1948)*

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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:

Dale Barnett
Capers Cross
Lauren DeShields
Charles Farmer
Jack Jansta
Margaret Passailaigue
Ebbie Smith
Keith Cox, relative of Anne Kilpatrick
Ted Smith, brother of Claire Burt
Carrie Davis, friend of Cheri McCusker
Jon Andrew Allan, father of Julie Allan
Sherry Blatt Hooper, friend of Lee Early
Lola Jones, friend of Katye Daley
Chuck Burks, friend of Carrie Dolin
Jeffrey Smith, cousin of Kaitlyn Murray
Libby Hood, friend of Jo Hethcox
Susan Hodges, aunt of Karen Powell
Jack Rogers, friend of Tim Scofield
Saniyah Lovett, friend of Natalie Bily
Olivia Nachman, cousin of Natalie Bily
Kathryn Masuga, sister of Mary Erler
Yvonne Dickson, mother of John Dickson
Elee Bassett, friend of Jennie Scudder-Levin
Molly Begle, granddaughter of Caroline Gendelman
Carol Stephens, sister-in-law of Taylor & Judy Stephens
Katy Jurkiw, daughter of Suzy & Allyn Jones
Sarah Paxton, daughter of Ralph and Andrea Knupp
Charlie & Malinda Tulloh, friends of Marianna MacIntyre
Nicole Foster, cousin of Cheri McCusker
Joe Padgam, son-in-law of Dan & Susan Sokoloski
Reginald Foxx, brother of Ann Cheri Leach
Lois Dolin, mother of Carrie Dolin & Danielle Bane
Jeanie Bane, mother-in-law of Daniele Bane
Pete Kalogridis, brother-in-law of Jo Hethcox
Sandy & Steve Hobbs, friends of Carolyn Moon
Leo Corrigan, friend of Viktor Hammer
Michael Russo, cousin of Susan Lipham
Patti Flint, friend of many in the Parish
Dick Goodwin, past Music Coordinator for our Jazz Mass
Molly Smith, mother of Lindsay Bridges
Bob Scudder, father of Jennie Scudder-Levin

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: