

The First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 28, 2021, 8:00 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist
Renewed Ancient Text – Traditional Language

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Surely the Lord cometh quickly;
People: **Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

Collect for Purity (*in unison*)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

First Reading (*all be seated*)

Zechariah 14:3-9

Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives, which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley; so that half of the Mount shall withdraw northwards, and the other half southwards. And you shall flee by the valley of the Lord's mountain, for the valley between the mountains shall reach to Azal; and you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there shall not be either cold or frost. And there shall be continuous day (it is known to the Lord), not day and not night, for at evening time

there shall be light. On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter. And the Lord will become king over all the earth; on that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual (*all remain seated and read responsively*)

Psalm 50:1-6

Deus deorum

- 1 The Lord, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken, *
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
- 2 **Out of Zion hath God appeared ***
in perfect beauty.
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; *
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred
up round about him.
- 4 **He shall call the heaven from above, ***
and the earth, that he may judge his people.
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me; *
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
- 6 **And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; ***
for God is Judge himself.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. 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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(all stand)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-33

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And 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, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *(all stand and recite in unison)*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(please kneel)*

The Deacon says:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “Lord, in thy mercy: Hear our prayer.”

Please offer your prayers this morning, either out loud or silently.

The Deacon concludes with the following prayer:

Grant these our prayers, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Confession *(in unison)*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28t

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16t

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15t

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Peace (*all stand*)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Celebrant: Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as Head above all. All things come of thee, O Lord,

And of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration (*all kneel*)

Holy and gracious Father: In thine infinite love thou didst make us for thyself; and when we had sinned against thee and become subject to evil and death, thou of thy tender mercy didst send thine only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to thy will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to thy right hand in glory, that we might come boldly unto the throne of grace.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks unto thee, he brake it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks unto thee, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee.

Sanctify them, we beseech thee, by thy Word and Holy Spirit, that they may be for thy people the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under thy Christ, and bring us with all thy saints into the joy of thy heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through thy Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

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 Fraction

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

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

Prayer of Humble Access *(in unison)*

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; **grant us thy peace.**

Celebrant says:

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for thee and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

All baptized Christians who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. All who do not wish to receive are still welcome to come forward to the altar rail. You may cross your arms across your chest as an indication you do not wish to receive, and a prayer of blessing will be offered for you instead.

Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, simply ask the priest.

Additional prayer is offered by our Altarside Prayer Team to the side of the altar, if you are in need of specific prayer, they would be happy to pray with you after you have received communion.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

O Heavenly Father, We thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive – Thank You!

Many thanks to all of you who participated in our Thanksgiving turkey drive last Sunday. With your donations, we were able to provide 94 turkeys to the St Agnes Parish of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The turkeys went into food boxes and were distributed to needy families in Phoenix along with a message of God's love. Your generosity made this holiday much more meaningful for those in need. Thanks again for your great support.

Send-off for Bishop Mark and Cindy

Please join us on Sunday, December 19th, between services in the Parish Hall to say goodbye to Bp. Mark and Cindy and extend our love, prayers, and eternal gratitude to them for all they have meant to CCA. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. A collection will be taken for their retirement fund, so please bring cards or contributions to the celebration, or mail them to the church office before December 16th.

Lessons and Carols - December 19th during the 10:15 a.m. service

This year we will hold our annual service of nine Lessons and Carols during the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, December 19. The lessons will serve as the Liturgy of the Word and will be followed by the Eucharist.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Amy Fondry will be directing the annual children's Christmas pageant on December 24th at the 5:00 p.m. outdoor service. There are speaking and non-speaking parts for children 3 years old through eighth grade. To participate all performers will need to attend the rehearsal on Saturday, December 18, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Costumes are provided but parents may need to acquire additional clothing to match. If you are interested, please email Amy Fondry at Amy.Fondry@gmail.com

Family Fellowship Saturday, December 11, 9-11 a.m.

Our next Family Fellowship Saturday will be December 11, from 9-11 a.m. We'll enjoy gathering outside with our Parish family and neighborhood friends! Bring your lawn chair or blanket and come to the church lawn for a relaxed time of fellowship (and playtime for the kids on our beautiful new playground!) Contact Sarah Thomas with any questions: sarahlynthomas@gmail.com. We look forward to being together!

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Advent Devotionals – “And He Dwelt Among Us”

Daily Reflections for Advent 2021 by Rev. Dr. Timothy Smith

Why is Jesus becoming human essential to our salvation? How does Jesus being like us in every way except sin, help us in our day-to-day living? Be encouraged and strengthened by these daily reflections for Advent and Christmas. Each day's reflection explores the wondrous mystery of God coming to dwell among us so that we might forever share His life and glory. You will find these daily reflections helpful for your personal devotions or group Bible studies. Copies are available in the Narthex and church office. Online eVotionals can also be found on the Water from Rock website: www.waterfromrock.org

Adult Education

Reading for Advent with Bree Snow

Please join Bree Snow for “Reading for Advent,” an Adult Education class that will begin this Sunday, November 28, at 9:15 a.m. in **Room 7**. Each week, this group will meet around the table in Room 7 to read and discuss an Advent-themed short story, poem, sermon, or article. No outside reading will be required. If you have any questions, please contact Bree at bsnow@christchurchphoenix.org.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday school classes are held in between services from 9:15-10:00 a.m. Children, PreK-2nd are in classroom 13 and 3rd-6th grade are in classroom 11. Parents are encouraged to join the Adult Education opportunities during this time.

Instructions for Worship Services

In light of the updated guidance from the CDC for fully vaccinated individuals, we are asking that all parishioners wear masks while indoors at CCA, regardless of vaccination status.

Service Times:

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist using Traditional Language

10:15 a.m. – Sung Eucharist Service (Congregational singing has resumed)

For those who are still unable to be with us in person, we will record the audio portion of our 8:00 a.m. service.

We still need volunteers for the various ministries that lead us in worship on Sunday mornings, so please be sure to volunteer in the needed areas for the service you are attending.

Nursery

The nursery is open to children 1-4 years during both services. Children play, sing, and hear a biblical story.

Godly Play During 10:15 a.m. service

Our Godly Play program is offered for children entering preschool through the third grade in Room 8. Godly Play is a multisensory style of storytelling that leads children to encounter and worship God.

DONATION OPTIONS

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Christ Church Anglican is now able to accept online donations made via Zelle. If your bank uses **Zelle** (other bank versions of this type of payment are not yet available to us) as an online bill payment option you may send a donation to Christ Church Anglican by entering the following email lpetrovic@christchurchphoenix.org and the donation will be made directly to CCA's account with no extra fees. This is our favorite method of accepting online donations.

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