

**The First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 26, 2021
The Holy Eucharist
Renewed Ancient Text**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born,
People: **Unto us a son is given.**

Collect for Purity (*in unison*)

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 Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend 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 your spirit.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (*all be seated*)

Isaiah 61:10-62:5

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be

termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Psalm 147:12-20

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion.

**13 For he has made strong the bars of your gates *
and has blessed your children within you.**

14 He makes peace in your borders *
and fills you with the finest of wheat.

**15 He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

16 He gives snow like wool *
and scatters the white frost like ashes.

**17 He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *
who is able to abide his frost?**

18 He sends out his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**19 He declares his word unto Jacob, *
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.**

20 He has not dealt so with other nations; *
neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever: world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all

of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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 John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

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

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 (*please kneel*)

The Deacon says:

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

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

The Deacon concludes with the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession (*in unison*)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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 the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 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 your spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sursum Corda

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

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.

The Sanctus (*in unison*)

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.

The Prayer of Consecration (*all kneel*)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your 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 your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 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, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your 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 your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **grant us your peace.**

Celebrant says:

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your 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 *(in unison)*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among 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

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27.

Year-End Giving

All donations made on Sunday, December 26, by law must be credited toward 2021 donations unless the check is dated with a January 2022 date. If you intend to give towards your 2022 pledge on that day, please be certain to date your check as of January 1, 2022. You may also choose to pre-pay your pledge for next year but receive credit towards your tax deductions this year, but we would greatly appreciate it if you would indicate this with your gift. All checks that are postmarked by December 31 with a December date on the check will also be applied to the 2021 year. If you would like to bring a check to the office prior to the year's end, please do so by noon on Thursday, December 30 in order for it to be processed as a 2021 donation. Thank you!

2022 Vestry Slate

The Vestry Nominating Committee work is completed and the following candidates will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022: Junior Warden – Beth Weicht; Vestry Members – Jen Hinsberger, Brad Holaway, and Jonathan Olson. Their pictures and biographies will be displayed in the Parish Hall and linked to the weekly compass. Additionally, Doug Irish has been appointed as the Senior Warden for 2022.

The following is cited for your information:

Per the Christ Church Anglican bylaws, CCA Members may nominate candidates to the Vestry in addition to the slate of candidates the Vestry presents. Members must submit nominations at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting. To nominate a candidate, a Member must obtain the concurrence of the Candidate and present the nomination to the Interim Rector. To be valid, the nomination must include the concurrence of ten other Members as evidenced by their signatures.

Next Baptism Opportunity

On Sunday, January 9, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and it is a traditional time for the Sacrament of Baptism. If you or a loved one would like to be baptized, please contact Cheryl at ctimmerman@christchurchphoenix.org.

Caring for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors

The Scriptures tell us that God is "Father of the fatherless" who "places the lonely in families." **During the Adult Education hour on January 16**, come to an informational session about Catholic Charities' programs for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors and the many ways you can be part of this life-changing ministry through foster parenting, mentoring, or other opportunities. There is no obligation--just come and learn! Contact Mary Kaech with questions: 520.975.8588, marykaech@gmail.com.

Adult Education

Bree Snow will conclude her **Reading for Advent** series on January 2 in **Room 7**. There will be no Adult Education class on January 9.

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

Zelle Donations through Your Bank

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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If you prefer to send a check via US Mail, please use the following address:

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