

# ADVENT

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*- The liturgy is taken from The Book of Common Prayer-*

## Christ Church Episcopal

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 11:00 AM

### *LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH*

Let us pray together:

ALL:

**O Lord, your love reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. Yet you delight to make your home with us. You feed us, and you save us. With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. Help us to walk in your light always, and share your love and your life with all those we meet. Amen.**

Song of Entrance: **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

CELEBRANT: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.**

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: 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.**

*THE FIRST READING – ROMANS 13:11-14*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

READER: The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

*PSALM 122*

*Antiphon*

from "Better Is One Day" by Matt Redman

Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is one day in Your house, bet-ter is  
one day in Your courts than thou-sands else-where, than thou-sands else where...

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- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

***Antiphon***

- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

***Antiphon***

*THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 24:36-44*

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

CELEBRANT: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE 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

PRAYER LEADER: Lord of all, as we wait for the coming of our Savior, help us remember that our hope is in you.

PEOPLE: ***“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”***

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

PEOPLE: ***“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”***

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for those whose lives are closely linked with ours, that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

PEOPLE: ***“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”***

PRAYER LEADER: You are our hope, and our savior in times of trouble.  
And so we pray for all to live in joy, peace, and health.  
We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

PEOPLE: ***“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”***

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for all who have died in the hope of the  
resurrection, and for all the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

PEOPLE: ***“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”***

PRAYER LEADER: Lord, your plans for us give us hope and a future. We  
rejoice in our hope of sharing your glory. For yours is  
the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, now and  
forever. **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: **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*

CELEBRANT: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

### *INVITATION TO PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS*

Offertory Anthem: **“Advent Alleluia”**

arr. Christopher

Song of Offering: **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

*Nettleton*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table. There are three ways to receive: the wafer only, dip wafer into cup, or take wafer and cup separately. The second chalice is always non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

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.**

CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your 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 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:

Keith Tan, based on *Veni Emmanuel*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho

5 sa-na in the high - est! Ho sa-na in the high - est! Blessed is he who comes in the

9 name of the Lord. Ho - sa-na in the high - est! Ho - sa-na in the high - est!\_\_\_\_\_

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CELEBRANT: 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,

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

CELEBRANT:       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 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.**

CELEBRANT:       And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say . . .

ALL: **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.**

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

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

CELEBRANT: 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.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow Christ; and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Song of the Table: **“Glorious Day”** Chapman/Hall/Bleeker

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

ALL: **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*

Song of Dismissal: **“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**  
Story/Duren, arr. Haschek/Galbraith

CELEBRANT: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**



**Advent begins today. Turn the page for ways  
to engage in this Season of Hope.**

# **Advent at Christ Church**

*Let every heart prepare him room!*

## **Art in Advent Class**

*Sundays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 at 10 AM in the Parlor | Nursery Care Provided*  
Gather with Rev. Neal to explore "Advent in Art." Each week, several pieces of art in various mediums will stimulate our imaginations and provide a forum for faith-filled conversation as we prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us, at Christmas.

## **Advent Quiet Day**

*Saturday, Dec. 10*

Gather at the beautiful Roslyn Retreat Center with Sara Vale as she leads us through meditations on finding quiet to hear the voice of God through the noise of the holiday season. This is a day to quiet your heart to prepare to receive the coming of Christ at Christmas. Register at [www.ccerva.org/advent](http://www.ccerva.org/advent) or in Realm Events.

## **Dedicate a Christmas Flower**

In honor or memory of a loved one

Visit Realm Events or use a form on the Welcome Table

## **Support the Hope for Humanity "Giving Tree"**

*Dec. 4-18 in the Milling Area*

Make a Donation to this amazing educational ministry in South Sudan and receive a special ornament.

## **Advent Celebration for Families**

*Sunday, Dec. 4, 10 AM, Education Building*

Register in Realm Events or with Adam Williams

## **Habitat for Humanity Build Day**

*Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 AM – 3 PM*

If you can swing a hammer, you can change a life! Register in Realm Events or with lay leader Jay Theado

## **Children's Christmas Pageant**

*Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9 AM*

All children will be invited to participate in a variety of on-the-spot roles. The music ministry team will take care of everything, just bring your kiddos. And CCE'ers of ALL ages are invited to 9 AM worship this day to be delighted by the spirit of Christmas!

# **Come Home for Christmas**

*Please reach out to friends and neighbors and invite them  
to Christ Church in this season of Hope*

## **Christmas Eve Worship**

Saturday, Dec. 24

Family Worship at 2 PM

Classic Worship at 4PM

Candlelight Worship at 7PM

## **Christmas Day Worship**

Sunday, Dec. 25

One Worship Service at 10 AM

## **New Year's Day Worship**

Sunday, Jan. 1

Worship at 9 & 11 AM

## **Thank you for giving to Christ Church**

Lives are being change through Christ and with your prayers, presence, service, and financial gifts. Our ministries thrive with your support.

### *HOW TO GIVE*

Place a gift in the basket

Give online at [ccerva.org/give](http://ccerva.org/give)

Text CCE to 73256

### *HOW TO PLEDGE*

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We are Christ Church: Always Inviting;  
Growing Deeper; and Serving Others.

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