

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

ORDER OF WORSHIP



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

December 11, 2022
7:30 a.m.

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Nashville, Tennessee 37203
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Cathedral Parish of the
Diocese of Tennessee (Episcopal)

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

A Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE DECALOGUE

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant may read

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:4-9

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. †††
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP, p. 328*)

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; John, Bishop of Tennessee, and the Cathedral clergy that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, President of the United States; Bill, the Governor of Tennessee; and John, Mayor of Nashville, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray especially for Susan, Patti, John, Bill, David, Lisa, Rosemary, Olivia, Holli, Gail, John David, Stacey, Benetta,, Caitlin, John, Erin, Walker, Lacey, Tony, Katie, Nicholas, Fr. Jacoba, Clara, Alex, Virginia, Pamela, Diane, Tom, Margo, S R, Millie, Janet, Betty, Bob, and French.

Bless the missions of this congregation in Bolivia, Iraq, all congregational partnerships, for St. Andrew's, Hinche, for St. Anselm's, Nashville, and for Gordon Memorial United Methodist and, especially the residents of Kantuta House at Amistad Mission Bolivia: Elsa, Gary, Jhoel, Pilar Magaly, Brayan Jorge, Raul, Silvia, Marina, Dlina Neysa, Noemina, Santiago, Victoria, and Mamá Mary. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember the Anglican Church of Kenya. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. David's Church, Nashville.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, especially Chardae Phillips, sister of Will Fulcher, † beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



*Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet to leave your tithe and offering this morning.
You may also leave your tithe and offering in the alms basins as they are passed.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer II BCP, p. 340*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious
Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

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 people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine
own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to
suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world;
and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious
death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the
cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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.” †

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Then may be said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

AN ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and may the blessing of God Almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Honey Alexander on behalf of her grandchildren: *Lauren Blair Alexander, Helen Victoria Alexander, Taylor Meredith Irwin Alexander, Jonathan Andrew Davanzo, Matthew Alexander Davanzo, William Rankin Davanzo, Houston Lamar Alexander, Margaret Blair Alexander and Wynne Sayers Alexander.*

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL PLEDGE DRIVE 2023

“...You are here to be light.”

-Matthew 5:16

We acknowledge with gratitude those who have recorded a pledge as of December 7, 2022:

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PLEDGE UPDATE

As of Wednesday, December 7, a total of **310** households had pledged **\$1,493,450** of these, **144** increased their pledge and **27** were new pledgers. Mail your pledge card today or pledge online at christcathedral.org/giving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE TODAY!

You Are Here To Be Light – Christ Church Cathedral Pledge Drive 2023

See the Cathedral website for more information www.christcathedral.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Nursery/Toddler – Atrium

Youth Formation – 810 Broadway Building

The Dean's Forum: An Interview with Parish Author Paul Elledge, author of *Siege of Troy* – Parish Hall

The Contemplation Class: Musical guest, Nate Dugger, a parishioner who'll share a few holiday tunes.

Archdeacon Roger Saterstrom will share a brief devotional message, "Advent's Discerning Heart." – Chapel

A Call for Vestry Nominees

The election of the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry class of 2026 will take place during the Annual Parish Meeting in January. The Vestry Nominating Committee is presently seeking names of Cathedral parishioners who might serve well on the Vestry. Suggested individuals must be at least 18 years old and confirmed members of Christ Church Cathedral. Members of the retiring class of the Vestry, including *Denise Bentley*, *Christina Callaway*, *Ben Fuqua*, *Karmine Quiggle*, and *Brooks Smith*, as well as their spouses/partners, are ineligible, as are members of the previous class, including *John Bridges*, *Jill Meese*, *Pete Stringer*, *Varina Willse*, and *Ellen Wright*. Please give prayerful thought to suggesting fellow parishioners who might serve the Cathedral well as Vestry members, and forward the names to *Trone Sawyer* at trone.sawyer@gmail.com or if you wish to submit names anonymously, you can do so at <https://forms.gle/ejJ4EZTcCjvLCdZT6>

The deadline for suggesting individuals is Today, at 7 p.m. CST.

The Vestry Nominating Committee will then finalize a slate of 10 nominees according to the approved Vestry Election procedures: "two nominees for each vacancy on the Vestry, bearing in mind the age and gender distribution of the parish." Members of the Vestry Nominating Committee, formed according to the Cathedral Vestry Election Procedures, include *Bill Koch*, appointed by the Dean; *Ken King*, appointed by the Dean; *Trone Sawyer*, Chair, appointed by the Senior Warden; *Christina Callaway*, drawn by lot from the outgoing class of the Vestry (2022); and *Ben Fuqua*, drawn by lot from the outgoing class of the Vestry (2022). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this next class of parish leaders.

Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols

Today, 4 p.m.

In this traditional Anglican Festival, readers from the Cathedral congregation join the Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers in tracing the story of prophecy and fulfillment, from Advent through the birth of Christ. Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers under the direction of Canon Dr. Michael Velting, Dr. Malcolm Matthews, organ. Reception to follow.

Christmas Music and Christmas Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers or music to celebrate Christmas in loving memory of, in thanksgiving for, or in honor of family or friends, go to the Cathedral website here:

www.christcathedral.org/christmas-music-and-flowers

Deadline for inclusion in Christmas Orders of Worship is **Wednesday, December 14, 2022.**

Nashville Unlimited Concert

Tuesday, December 13 7 p.m.

Suggested Donation \$20 at the door

The Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 18, 4 p.m.

All are welcome!

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER
The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*

SACRISTAN
Brooks Smith

CATHEDRAL FLOWER GUILD
Lauren Hall, Debby Koch, Melanie Leader

USHER
Robert Rich

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may be found at christcathedral.org*

CATHEDRAL VESTRY

2023

Denise Bentley
Christina Callaway
Ben Fuqua
Karmine Quiggle (*Junior Warden*)
Brooks Smith

2024

Erica Chappell
Brad Daugherty
Eran Stanley
Kelsey Urness
Amy Woodson

2025

Hal Johnson
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