

# HOLY EUCHARIST—Rite I

## The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 323*)

TRISAGION (*BCP, p. 324*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

CANTICLE 9

1. Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.
3. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.
4. And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
5. Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.
7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘and we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

SERMON – The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP, p. 326*)

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

CONFESSION OF SIN (*BCP, p. 330*)

THE PEACE

## The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*BCP, p. 333*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*BCP, p. 336*)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (*BCP, p. 337*)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 339*)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

ALTAR GUILD – Greer Broemel, Anne Whitaker, Jane Boram, Wilburn Johnson, Sandra Merritt  
SACRISTAN – Jean Jackson

## PRAYERS

**Today we pray for** *Roberta LaBour, Steve Wilburn, Tessa Logan, Tom Cato, Florence Greenwood, Constance Pryor, Marion Cullen, Clayton Reeve, Nancy Conner, Martha Wilson, Mike Lyles, Curtis Haynes, Jim Meese, and Rees Mitchell. We pray also for those who have died, Walter Benneyworth.*

**Rooftop** (*one of the agencies the Cathedral supports*) provides rental assistance to individuals and families in need of emergency financial help in order to maintain stability in their housing, to prevent homelessness and provide hope. Contact Matthew Bourlakas, matthew.bourlakas@secondharvestmidtn.org, for more information.

## WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. Please complete a Visitor’s Card (you will find one in the pew rack) and leave it with an usher or place it in the alms basin. A church member will be happy to answer questions about Christ Church Cathedral and your opportunities for fellowship, education, and servant ministry. You may also visit our website, christcathedral.org, to learn more about our parish. Thank you for visiting us today!

**For the Hearing Impaired:** Hearing assistance devices are available at the reception desk for use during worship. It is recommended that you bring your own earphones or ear buds for personal comfort.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

### Adults:

The Sunday Forum  
"Epiclesis"  
Led by the Very Reverend Timothy Kimbrough (Parish Hall)

### Centering Prayer

"Tools Matter for Practicing the Spiritual Life," by Mary Margaret Funk.  
Led by John Wellborn (Chapel)

### The Bible Challenge

Led by the Reverend Canon Gene Manning (Wheeler Room)

### Faith and Family Matters

(810 Broadway Building)

### Children's Classes:

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3 yr. olds, 4 yr. olds, Pre-Kindergarten 5's, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades—Cheek Hall  
Kindergarten, 4th, 5th and 6th grades—Cathedral Annex Building

### Youth Classes:

7th-12th grades  
(810 Broadway Building)

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, December 16

*Advent III*  
7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
7:30-8:30 a.m. – Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
9:45-10:45 a.m. – Christian Education  
9:45-10:45 a.m. – Centering Prayer  
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
4:00 p.m. – Lessons and Carols  
5:00 p.m. – Reception

### MONDAY, December 17

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist  
5:15 p.m. – Vestry Evening

### TUESDAY, December 18

7:00 a.m. – Cathedral Men's Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Companions in Christ  
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist  
11:30 p.m. – Staff Christmas Luncheon (*off-site*)  
5:30 p.m. – Centering Prayer  
6:30 p.m. – EfM

### WEDNESDAY, December 19

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
11:00 a.m. – The Bible Challenge  
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist  
4:00 p.m. – Junior and Senior Choristers

5:15 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Prayer  
6:00 p.m. – Journey in Faith

### THURSDAY, December 20

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m. – First Friday Meeting  
11:00 a.m. – Bones Workshop  
12:00 p.m. – Advent Writing Circle  
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist  
12:15 p.m. – Centering Prayer  
5:00 p.m. – Room in the Inn  
7:00 p.m. – Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, December 21

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### SATURDAY, December 22

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Cathedral Tours  
2:30-4:30 p.m. – Jesse Tree Gathering

### SUNDAY, December 23

*Advent IV*  
7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
8:00-9:30 a.m. – Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ORDER OF WORSHIP



## The Annual Candlelight Festival of Lesson and Carols

TODAY  
4:00 p.m.



*Sung by*  
**The Cathedral Choir and  
Senior Choristers**

*Directed by*  
Canon Dr. Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster  
Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster

*Free and Open to the Public*

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT

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

PREACHER

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

Names and contact information for the Cathedral staff  
may be found at [christcathedral.org](http://christcathedral.org)

### CATHEDRAL VESTRY

#### 2013

John Bridges  
Steve Lasley (Senior Warden)  
Susie Ries  
Sandy Sanders  
Marie Stringer Yeagle

#### 2014

Denise Bentley  
Jo Dee Prichard  
Scott Viebranz (Junior Warden)  
Ann Walker-King  
Tyler Yarbro

#### 2015

Lawrence Blank-Cook  
Susan Hudson  
Kristine LaLonde  
Paul Myers  
Daniel Schafer

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2012

7:00 a.m.

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