

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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7:00 a.m.

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## To Visitors

*Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, which is the red book located in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. The Hymnal is the blue book. Anyone sitting near you will be happy to answer questions about worship at Christ Church Cathedral and opportunities for fellowship, education, and servant ministry. Please complete a Visitor's Card and leave it with an usher or place it in the alms basin. You may also visit our website, [christcathedral.org](http://christcathedral.org), to learn more about the Cathedral. Thank you for visiting!*

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

### A Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 319*)

THE DECALOGUE (*BCP, p. 317*)

CONFESSION OF SIN (*BCP, p. 320*)

KYRIE

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.*

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.”

*Lesson continues on next page.*

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.

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.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 11:2-11

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.”

SERMON – The Reverend Dr. Benjamin J. Anthony  
*A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.*

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

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

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 – Adam Hutson, Jane Boram, Hosanna Banks, Dede Clements

FLOWER Guild – Dede Clements

SACRISTAN – Brooks Smith

USHER – Picksly Cheek

## PRAYERS

**Today we pray for** Roberta LaBour, David Paul Cotton, Gus, Mimi Rock, Mary Bocking, David Keister, Frances Robinson, Marcheta Claus, and Sheila Williams.

**We pray also for those who have died,** especially Richard M. Penegar, brother of Ken Penegar.

**Safe Haven Family Shelter** (*one of the agencies the Cathedral supports*) provides the only 24-hour shelter in Nashville where homeless families can stay together. In addition to meals, clothing, and shelter, Safe Haven provides training in family budgeting, assistance in finding permanent housing, job training, job placement assistance, and help with home furnishings.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of the 26 children and educators who died in the Sandy Hook school shooting four years ago this weekend.

## CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45-10:45 a.m.

### ADULT CLASSES

#### **Dean's Forum** (Parish Hall)

The Dean's Forum will not meet today. Everyone is invited to attend the Alternative Gift Market in the Parish Hall.

#### **Centering Prayer** (Cathedral Annex Building)

*Living Buddha, Living Christ*, by Thich Nhat Hanh

Led by Arlene Wilson, Susan Hilderbrand, Heather Rippetoe, John Wellborn, and Benetta Ligon

#### **Faith & Family Matters** (Chapel)

Led by Hannah and John Lavey

#### **Sitting with Scripture:** (Room 4, Undercroft)

Led by Ben Curtis, Paul Elledge, Lyonel Gilmer, and Rod Murray

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES (Cathedral Annex Building)

#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Age 3 (as of 08/15/16) through 1st grade—Cheek Hall

2nd through 5th grade

### YOUTH CLASSES (810 Broadway Building)

#### **Sunday School Break-Out Groups**

6th-12th grades

### SERMON NOTES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016  
7:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

**CELEBRANT**

The Reverend Matthew W. Lewis, *Assistant to the Rector*

**PREACHER**

The Reverend Dr. Benjamin J. Anthony,  
*Assistant Professor of Preaching School of Theology, Sewanee*

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