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A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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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, to learn more about the Cathedral. Thank you for visiting!

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The Word of God

THE GREAT LITANY (*BCP, p. 148*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

SERMON – The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

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

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, Susan Standbrook, Nancy Drake, Sandra Merritt
SACRISTAN – Rob Barrick
USHER – Picksley Cheek

PRAYERS

Today we pray for Katheryn Stevens, Roberta LaBour, Max Steele, Steve Doak, Sereana, Juanita Cate, Bob Allen, David Pearce, David Paul, and Stephanie Vlahos.

We pray for those who have died, especially for the Reverend Jay Pierce, father of Stacy Pierce Nickle, grandfather to Julia and Emma Nickle; and Kefiloe Nomahlekehleke Majova, cousin of Naomi Tutu.

This week we also pray for the Magdalene Ministries, providing residential support for women with a history of prostitution and addiction. Residents at Magdalene run a cottage industry known as Thistle Farms.

All Christian formation classes are encouraged to attend the ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Make a donation to a local or global charity in honor of family and friends.

Also attend the INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT GATHERING from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in Cheek Hall. Enjoy walking the labyrinth, making Advent wreaths, crafts, and Christ Church Chowder!

Refreshments and donuts provided.
Classes will resume next week on December 10.

Sermon Notes:

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7:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

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

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