

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 8, 2019  
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 in your bulletin refer to the **Book of Common Prayer**, which is the red book located on the rack in front of you; the blue book is the **Hymnal**. Anyone sitting near you will be happy to answer questions about our community here at Christ Church Cathedral. Additionally, we invite you to fill out the Newcomer's Card and drop it in the offering plate. And, even better, come meet one of the clergy after the service in front of the lectern with the angel and we'll be happy to make your acquaintance. Peace and welcome!*

## 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 (*BCP, p. 317*)

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION (*BCP, p. 320*)

#### KYRIE

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's en.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name;”  
and again he says,  
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people;”  
and again,  
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him;”  
and again Isaiah says,  
“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 3:1-12

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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 ax 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.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*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 (*BCP, p. 326*)

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

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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

*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 our God.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*BCP, p. 336*)

The Breaking of the Bread (*BCP, p. 337*)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 339*)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

ALTAR GUILD – Hosanna Banks, Dede Clements, Teddie Clark, Greer Broemel

SACRISTAN – Brooks Smith

USHER – Picksly Cheek

## PRAYERS

**Today we pray for** Katheryn Stevens, Susan Dupont, Conway Bilbo Hubbard, George Allen, Geoffrey Fleming, Laura Temple, Jim Welch, Alex Coleman, Gretchen Watts, Patti West, Rachel Touchton, Al Finegan, Poppy Buchanan, Andy Grimes, Joyce Wilding, and the Reverend John Kuenneth.

**We give thanks for the birth** of Terrell Ophelia Paine, daughter of Georgia and Thompson Paine, granddaughter of George and Ophelia Paine.

**We pray also for those who have died**, especially Valerie Nasatir; Mary Louise Malone, mother of Katie Meader; and Lane Duncan, beloved friend of Gail Reeve.

**This week we also pray for 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.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

9:45-10:45 A.M.

### ADULT CLASSES

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

*Foods of the Bible and Why They Matter*

"A Teaching on Gluttony"

Presenter: The Reverend Dr. Thomas Williams is the Precentor and Canon Theologian at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in St. Petersburg, Florida, and Professor of Philosophy at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He has published widely on medieval theology and philosophy; his most recent publications include a translation of Augustine's *Confessions* and *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Ethics*. He holds a B.A. from Vanderbilt University and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame.

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

*The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*, by Richard Rohr

Led by Arlene Wilson, Susan Hilderbrand, Benetta Ligon, John Wellborn, and Laura Copeland

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

Led by Ben Curtis, Paul Elledge, and Lyonel Gilmer

#### **Advent Book Study** (Chapel)

*Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by Amy-Jill Levine

Led by the Reverend Matthew W. Lewis, Assistant to the Rector

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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

3-6 year olds through 1st grade (Cheek Hall)

7-10 year olds from 2nd through 5th grade (Cathedral Annex Building)

#### **YOUTH CLASSES** (810 Broadway Building)

Sunday School Break-Out Groups

6th-12th grades

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