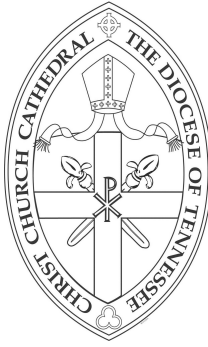


# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 15, 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 (*BCP, p. 320*)

#### KYRIE

#### 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 Reverend Lissa Smith  
*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 – Picksley Cheek

## PRAYERS

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

**We give thanks for the birth of** John McAdoo Bryant, son of Jack and Mary Kathryn Bryant, grandson of Rick and Mary Lea Bryant; Edwin Townsend Meador, son of John and Maddy Meador, and grandson of Keith and Katie Meador; and Walker Casey Mathews III, son of Chris and Emma Mathews, grandson of Walker and Renee Mathews.

**We also pray for those who have died**, especially Robert Byrd, brother of Will Byrd; and Virginia (Ginna) Foster Cannon, mother of Lolly Cannon and wife of Mark Cannon.

**This week we also pray for Matthew 25**, which provides transitional housing and support services to homeless men who have the potential to establish self-sufficiency within the 60-day period of the program.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of the children and educators of the Sandy Hook Elementary School who died on December 14, 2012, and in memory of all Americans who have fallen victim to gun violence in 2019.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

9:45-10:45 A.M.

### ADULT CLASSES

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

A visit with the "Cake Mix Doctor": Holiday Food and Customs—Part I

Presenters: Dean Kimbrough and Anne Byrn

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

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

Led by Arlene Wilson, 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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CELEBRANT AND PREACHER

The Reverend Lissa Smith, *Associate for Pastoral Care and Cathedral Life*

ASSISTING

David Nichols, *Seminarian*

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Wyeth Burgess  
Becca Ingle  
Ken King (Clerk)  
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