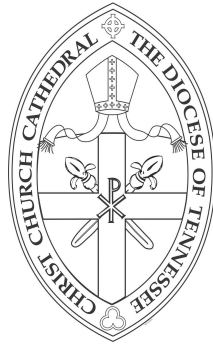


# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 15, 2019  
11:00 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 II

### VOLUNTARY

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Savior of the nations, come

Adagio in D<sup>b</sup>

Dietrich Buxtehude

(1637-1707)

Franz Liszt

(1811-1886)

### THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 68 – Rejoice! rejoice, believers

*Llangloffan*

### 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. 350*)

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION (*BCP, p. 352*)

TRISAGION S 102

*Sung three times by all.*

*S page numbers are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

*after Archangelsky*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **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.

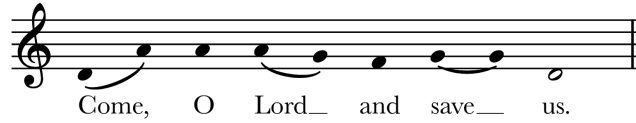
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

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.**



- 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. **Refrain**
- 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! **Refrain**

#### 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.**

#### HYMN 76 – On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

*Winchester New*

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 11:2-11

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

#### ALLELUIA VERSE



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor.*

*Luke 4:18*

THE SERMON – The Reverend Lissa Smith

*A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.*

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP, p. 358*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I (*BCP, p. 383*)

*Lector* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

THE PEACE

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

### ANTHEM

People, look East

Besançon Carol Tune  
arr. Barry Ferguson

People, look East, the time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast  
him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the Word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.

*Eleanor Farjeon*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*BCP, p. 367 B*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus S 124

*New Plainsong*

David Hurd

The Lord's Prayer (*BCP, p. 364*)

The Breaking of the Bread (*BCP, p. 364*)

Agnus Dei S 161

*New Plainsong*

David Hurd

*Please follow the direction of the ushers in order to receive Communion.  
Those who wish to receive the Laying on of Hands and Anointing  
may proceed to the Chapel after receiving Communion.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Anthem

How beautiful upon the mountains

John Stainer  
(1840-1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,  
that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation,  
that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!

*Isaiah 52:7*

*Please join in singing the Communion hymn.*

Hymn 640 – Watchman, tell us of the night

*Aberystwyth*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 365*)

BLESSING

HYMN 59 – Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

*Merton*

DISMISSAL

VOLUNTARY

Sonata in C minor  
-Allegro maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

ACOLYTES – Kelsey McCallops, William Jordan, Kylie Jordan, Mimi Rock  
ALTAR GUILD – Hosanna Banks, Dede Clements, Teddie Clark, Greer Broemel  
DECALOGUE LECTOR – John Tyler Lutz  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Mimi Rock, Hannah Kimbrough  
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR – Ann Gwin  
HEALING PRAYER – Susan Hudson  
LECTORS – Marjorie Proctor, Rick Greenwood, Denise Bentley  
SACRISTAN – Kris Moore  
USHERS – Ann Hopton (Head Usher), John Bridges, Ginny McCoy, Ben Turnage

## 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.

## FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

### CELEBRANT

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

### PREACHER

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

### ASSISTING

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

### MUSICIANS

Canon Dr. Michael Velting, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
Adam Lutz, *Guest Organist, Belmont University*

The Cathedral Choir  
The Cathedral Senior Choristers

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## CATHEDRAL VESTRY

### 2020

Catherine Clark (Junior Warden)  
Charlie Cook III  
Mary Herbert Kelly  
Gibson Prichard (Senior Warden)  
Anna Rodriguez Masi

### 2021

Win Bassett  
Wyeth Burgess  
Becca Ingle  
Ken King (Clerk)  
Trone Sawyer

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John Bridges  
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Ellen Wright

Dale Maxfield (Treasurer)

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