

CHRIST CHURCH  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:  
DECEMBER 19, 2021

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshipping with us today.*

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

10:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
*The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366*

PRELUDE

*Gesù Bambino*, Arr. Heather Sorenson  
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 56, *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Verses 1,5,6,7  
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1 O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

6 O come, thou Day-spring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and deaths dark shadow put to flight.  
Refrain

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on  
high, and close the path to misery.  
Refrain

7 O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease  
and be thyself our King of Peace.  
Refrain

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Priest says:* Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen. (Please be seated.)*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET MICAH 5:2-5A

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

### PSALM - THE SONG OF MARY *MAGNIFICAT* (*Please stand*)

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. (*Please be seated.*)**

## A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

**Hymnal 75, *There's a voice in the wilderness crying***  
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1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places,  
where the Lord our God may go!

3 but the word of our God endureth,  
the arm of the Lord is strong;  
he stands in the midst of nations,  
and he will right the wrong.  
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,  
the lambs he'll gently hold;  
to pastures of peace he'll lead them,  
and bring them safe to his fold.

2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings,  
get thee up to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people  
the coming of their King.  
Like the flowers of the field they perish,  
like grass our works decay,  
the power and pomp of nations  
shall pass like a dream away;

## THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, 1:39-45  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*A period of silence will be kept.*

THE NICENE CREED, p. 326 (*Please stand*)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*  
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We pray for members of our Christ Church Family, and for the special needs of those who are ill or in need of your healing touch. We pray especially this day for the family of Don Davis, for Mercina, for Chuck Hartley, Cecile Harrison Neumann, Terry Edwards, Deidre Smith, Carolyn Ogbourn, Mindi, Bayard Sheldon, Doug Teegarden, Nancy Sweet, Don Bird, and for Julia Munson. We pray for Scott, Mindy, Madeleine, Chris, and Jim, for Loren and Mary Ryerson and the extended Ryerson family, for Philip, for Susan and Mickey, for Tony Welgos, for Marilyn, Jan, and for Keith. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

Let us pray, in silence or aloud, for our own needs and those of others.

*Presider:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN *(Kneel)*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE ABSOLUTION AND COMFORTABLE WORDS

### THE PEACE *All stand.*

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS / TRAVEL PRAYERS

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Merry Angels, Arr. Judy Nishimura*

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### DOXOLOGY

**Hymnal 380 vs. 4, Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The people remain standing)*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

**Tune: Land of Rest**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** [*The great AMEN is said as a loud acclamation*].

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand)*

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:*

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

#### INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.*

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lo, How a Rose*, Arr. John Purifoy  
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#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 365

*Presider and People:* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### A BLESSING BY THE PRIEST

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Hymnal 76, *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*** Verses 1,2,4,5  
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1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore.

*Presider:* Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

#### POSTLUDE

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*, Arr. John Purifoy  
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