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Christ Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022 10:30 am

*If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer (red book) beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program.
Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.*

Cover art: Jacopo del Casentino and workshop,
"St. John the Baptist," 1330

The organ selections for this morning are based on the melody of "Veni Redemptor gentium," found in the *Hymnal 1982* under the title "Redeemer of the Nations, Come" (H 55). Both composers of these settings, Michael Praetorius and Samuel Scheidt, are from Germany, and lived around 1600, in the late Renaissance, early Baroque period.

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude

"Veni Redemptor gentium"

Samuel Scheidt

At the ringing of the bell, all rise as able and turn to face the baptismal font.

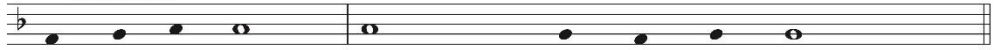
Processional Hymn

"There's a Voice in the
Wilderness Crying"

Hymnal 1982 75
ASCENSION

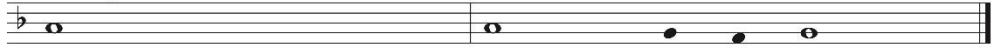
The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People



And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Celebrant



There is one Body and one Spi - rit;

People



There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant



One Lord, one Faith, one Bap - tism;

People



One God and Fa - ther of all.

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 1982 S102

The Trisagion is sung three times.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily homophonic, consisting of chords. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score concludes with a double bar line.

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The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Concluding: "...for ever and ever." **Amen.**

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:4-9

Assembly sings **bold** verses.



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 Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Gospel Acclamation

Assembly sings refrain, and repeats refrain after the verse.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. al-
le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation, the salvation of God.

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton

Silence and stillness

Confirmation

Presentation of Candidates

The candidates will now be presented.

The Presenters: I present Ann for Confirmation. I present David for Confirmation.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil.

I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ.

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

All stand as able.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these people in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

The Baptismal Covenant is found in The Book of Common Prayer, page 304

The Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for Ann and David who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

The deacon proclaims each petition, the assembly responding:

Lord, hear our prayer.

The bishop concludes the prayers, the assembly responding **Amen.**

The Laying on of Hands with Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Collect

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain in place to share the peace by offering the ancient Christian gesture of a bow to your neighbors.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

An offering of money is collected. With the gifts of many others, your contribution makes possible the worship, formation, and service of Christ Church.

Offertory Music

“Veni Redemptor gentium”

Samuel Scheidt

All rise as able.

Offertory Hymn

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Hymnal 1982 60
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Memorial Acclamation

We present to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, and we acclaim you, O Christ:

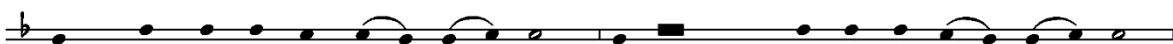
Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

The Great Doxology

Celebrant

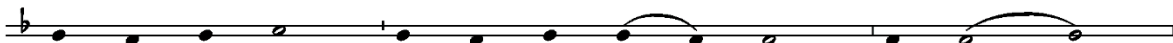


Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Ho - ly Spi - rit,



we wor - ship you our God and Cre - a - tor in voi - ces of un - end - ing praise.

Celebrant and People



Bless - ed are you now and for ev - er. A - MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who desire to receive the Body and Blood Christ in the gifts of bread and wine and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion. Follow the usher's invitation and come to the altar platform along the middle aisle of the left and right sections. When a place at the altar railing opens up, walk to that space and stand or kneel. Receive the bread in your hand and consume it; then assist the minister as they guide the cup of wine to your lips and take a sip. Please note that to protect the health of our community, **we do not practice intinction** (dipping the bread in the cup). Once you have received communion, return to your seat by the outer aisle.*

Communion Music “Veni Redemptor gentium” Michael Praetorius

Communion Anthem “O Jesus, Grant Me Johann Wolfgang Franck
Hope and Comfort”

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me never in sorrow pine.
My heart, my soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus trust alone in Thee.
Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, True God, true Man, My Morning Star.
O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart, my soul.

O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.
In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine.
My thoughts, desires, and all my longing, I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.
O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart, my soul.

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have ...

Blessing

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

From this time forth for evermore.

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn “Prepare the Way, O Zion” *Hymnal 1982 65*
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

The Dismissal

Postlude “Veni Redemptor gentium” Samuel Scheidt

*Flowers donated by Christi and Hayden McCarren
in thanksgiving for Megan McCarren
on her birthday.*

The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton

We welcome the Most Rev. Melissa Skelton who was affirmed as our provisional bishop during diocesan convention in October. Bishop Skelton served as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Seattle and Canon for Congregational Development. During this time, she developed and launched our College for Congregational Development. In 2013, Bishop Skelton was elected ninth Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster, and in 2018, she was elected Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, making her the first woman in the Anglican Church of Canada to hold the position. We are grateful for her presence and that of her spouse, the Rev. Eric Stroo, a deacon of the diocese.

David Pierce and Ann Welton

We are thrilled to witness the confirmation of David and Ann and grateful for their sponsors, Mary Hanneman and Jim Elliott. David is an early childhood teacher trained in Montessori method and also serves as a Godly Play leader at Christ Church. Ann served for many years as a public school teacher and now works for Tacoma Screw. We give thanks for their presence among us and the confirmation of their lives in the Episcopal Church.

An Online Tour

If you'd like to take an online tour of St. John the Baptist in Art, go to: <https://joyofmuseums.com/artists-index/saint-john-the-baptist-in-art/>

Assisting with the liturgy: Presider and Preacher: The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton, Assisting Bishop; Assisting Priest: The Rev. Samuel Torvend; Deacon: The Rev. Donna Arellano; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Sandy Johanson; Acolyte: Pam Vidan; Lector: Don Johnson; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; The Christ Church Choir; Ushers: Len Johnson, Linda Johnson, and Doug Worth; Altar Guild: Linda Johnson, Edith Abicht, Shelby Clayson, and Caroline Woodhams; Coffee Hour Host: Sue Beer.

Welcome to Newcomers: If you would like to know more about our way of life, and subscribe to our *Weekly* E-news, fill out the Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plates. Worry not: we won't besiege you with emails. We invite you to explore our website and participate in any activities which interest you.

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 18: Advent IV

The Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am in Trinity Chapel; 10:30 am in the church, the Rev. Samuel Torvend, presider and preacher

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

The Holy Eucharist, 4:00 pm, in the church, the Rev. Samuel Torvend, presider and preacher

Carols and Anthems with choir and organ, 9:00 pm in the church

Festive Holy Eucharist, 9:30 pm, the Rev. Samuel Torvend, presider and preacher

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

The Holy Eucharist, 10:30 am, in the church, the Rev. Samuel Torvend, presider and preacher

Sunday, January 1: The Holy Name of Jesus

The Holy Eucharist, 10:30am, in the church, the Rev. Catharine Reid, presider and preacher

