



Christ Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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: "John baptizing at the Jordan River," 6th century ivory

All organ music this morning is based on the melody of "Comfort, Comfort ye my people." These settings were written by Georg Böhm, a Baroque composer, who worked for most of his life in Lüneburg, Germany, and was a great influence on the compositional style of Johann Sebastian Bach, who met Böhm during a visit in Lüneburg.

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude

"Freu dich sehr"

Georg Böhm

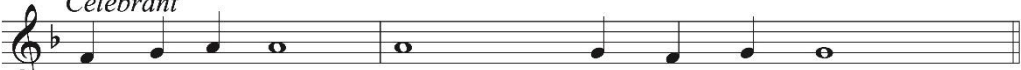
At the ringing of the bell, all rise as able and turn to face the baptismal font.

Processional Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Hymnal 1982 67
FREU DICH SEHR


The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



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

People



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

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 1982 S102

The Trisagion is sung three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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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 11:1-10

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Assembly sings **bold** verses.



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 Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

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 3:1-12

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 Rev. Jen Rude

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer,
page 358

The Prayers

Deacon: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all those who await the light of God's love and justice.

After each petition:

The musical notation is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and contains the melody for the Deacon or Cantor. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and contains the accompaniment for the People. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Deacon or Cantor *People (unison or harmony)*

Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.

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.

Memorial Acclamation

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

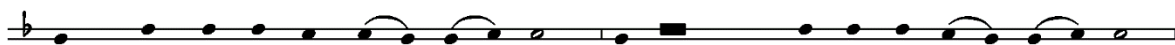
Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

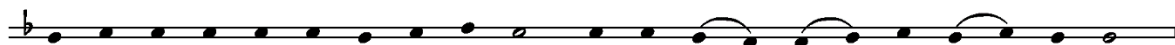
Christ Jesus, come in glory.

The Great Doxology

Celebrant

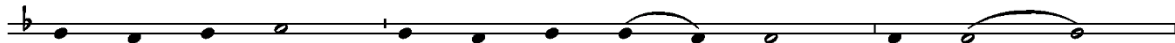


Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Ho - ly Spi - rit,



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

“Freu dich sehr”

Georg Böhm

Communion Hymn

“Wait for the Lord”

Taizé

Assembly sings refrain with the choir, while cantors sing verse.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Wait for the Lord" in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. All the earth will see the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always: God is at hand. Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.

I waited for the Lord. God heard my cry.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord our God.

Seek first the Kingdom of God. Seek and you shall find.

O Lord, show us your way. Guide us in your truth.

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Silence and stillness

Communion Meditation

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted:

Let your herald's voice pierce our hardened hearts

And announce the dawn of your kingdom.

Before the advent of the one who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit,

Let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice,

And conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ.

We ask this through him who coming is certain,

Whose day draw nears: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

~ The Roman Missal, 1973

All rise as able.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have ...

Blessing

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 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *Hymnal 1982 76*
VOM HIMMEL KAM DER ENGEL SCHAR

The Dismissal

Postlude

“Freu dich sehr”

Georg Böhm

*Flowers donated by Carol and Dick Gregory in memory of their sons,
Bruce Rohrscheib and Tony Gregory.*

Assisting with the liturgy: Presider: The Rev. Samuel Torvend; Preacher: The Rev. Jen Rude; Deacon: The Rev. Donna Arellano; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Robert Hicker; Acolyte: Caroline Huckaby; Lector: Shelby Clayson; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; The Christ Church Choir; Ushers: Joe Conklin, Hector Arellano, and Len Johnson; Altar Guild: Liz Heath, Brianne Knudson, Liz Schroedel Lansing, and Evelyn Tomter; Coffee Hour Hosts: Sue Stibbe and Jim Limerick.

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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