



**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2023 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 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.*

**Christ Church Sound System**

We are grateful for your patience as we continue to work with a temporary sound system and as plans are made for a permanent system that will benefit all worshippers. We are guided by technicians who have expertise in working with resonant concrete structures.

**Cover art:** Gislebertus of Autun, "Christ, the Merciful Judge,"  
Cathedral of Saint-Lazare, 1130-45

The solo organ selections today are settings of the chant "Conditor alme siderum," which appears in many hymnals as "Creator of the stars of night" (*Hymnal 1982 60*). The prelude is a keyboard arrangement of a choral setting of the chant by the Spanish composer Tomás Luis de Victoria; the other selections are organ settings by the French Renaissance and Baroque composers Louis Couperin, Eustache du Caurroy, and Jean Titelouze.

*Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.*

**Prelude**

“Conditor alme siderum” Tomás Luis de Victoria

*At the tolling of the bell, all rise as able and face the baptismal font.*

**Processional Hymn**

“Immortal, Invisible”

*Hymnal 1982 423*

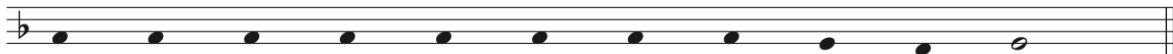
**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*



Bless - ed be the One whose ad - vent we a - wait.

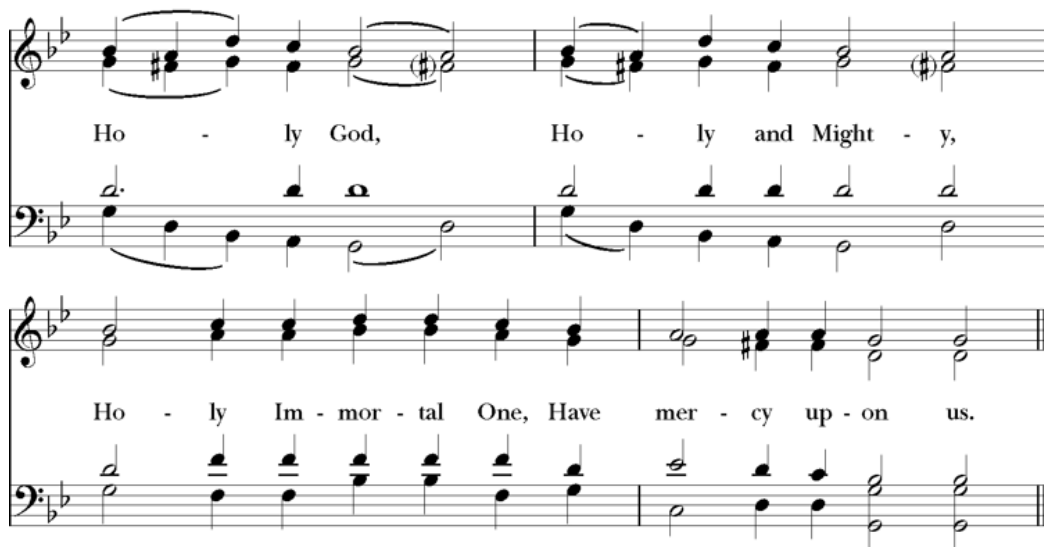
*People*



Praise to God in the high - est and peace on earth.

## Trisagion

*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.

## The Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray...

**Amen.**

## The Word of God

*All are seated.*

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9

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

## Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Assembly sings the **Refrain**; choir sings the verses:

O hear our cry, O Lord; now hear us as we  
pray. Re-store us; save us; re-store and save us now!

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us. **Refrain**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **Refrain**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, \*  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Refrain**

## The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

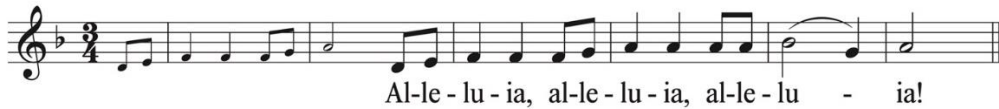
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence and stillness*

*All rise as able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Sing with the choir and then repeat Alleluia after the cantor sings the verse.*



Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

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

**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. Samuel Torvend

*Silence and stillness*

*All rise as able.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

## The Prayers

Deacon: As we prepare for the advent of God's kingdom of love and forgiveness, justice and peace, let us pray for the church and the world.

*Cantor:*

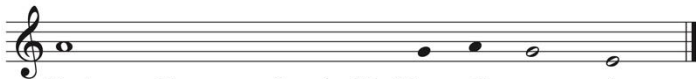
O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People:*



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 peo - ple.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;



That they may be faithful ministers of your word and sac-ra-ments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;



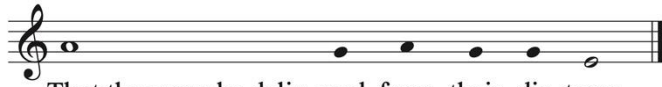
That there may be jus-tice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;



That our works may find fa - vor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;



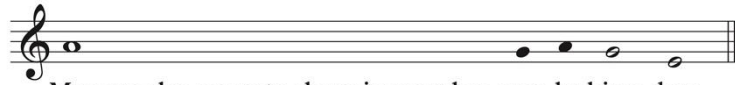
That they may be deliv-ered from their dis-tress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;



Let light perpetual shine up - on them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;



May we also come to share in your hea-ven-ly king-dom. ;.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## Concluding Collect

### Confession and Forgiveness

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence, then:*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*You are welcome to offer a word or gesture of peace to your neighbors.*

# **The Holy Communion**

*All are seated.*

## **Offertory Sentence**

## **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**

“Conditor alme siderum”

Louis Couperin

*All rise as able.*

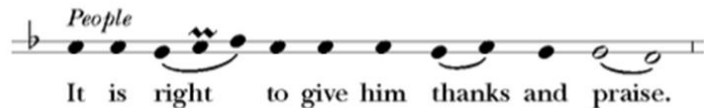
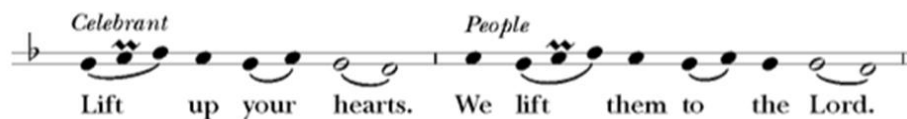
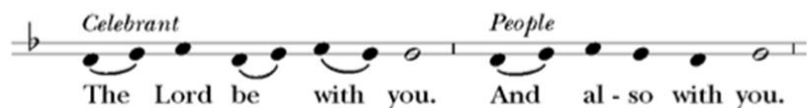
## **Hymn at the Presentation**

“Jesus Came, Adored by Angels”

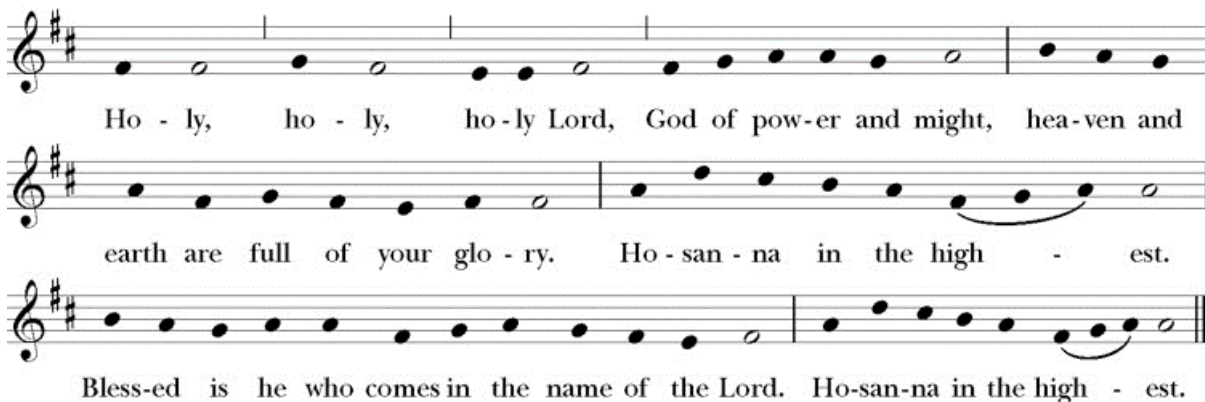
*Hymnal 1982 454*

## The Great Thanksgiving

## ELW Eucharistic Prayer VII




## Sanctus



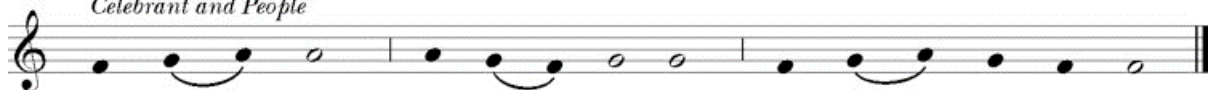
## Memorial Acclamation

*Celebrant*



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:


*Celebrant and People*



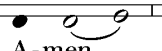
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

## The Great Doxology

*Celebrant*




*People*



A-men.


## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*




As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


*Celebrant and People*



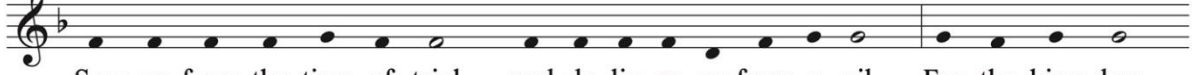
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,



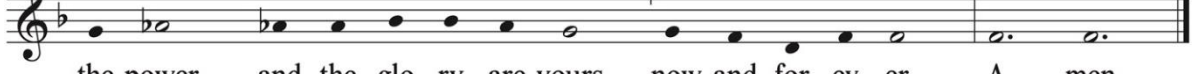
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

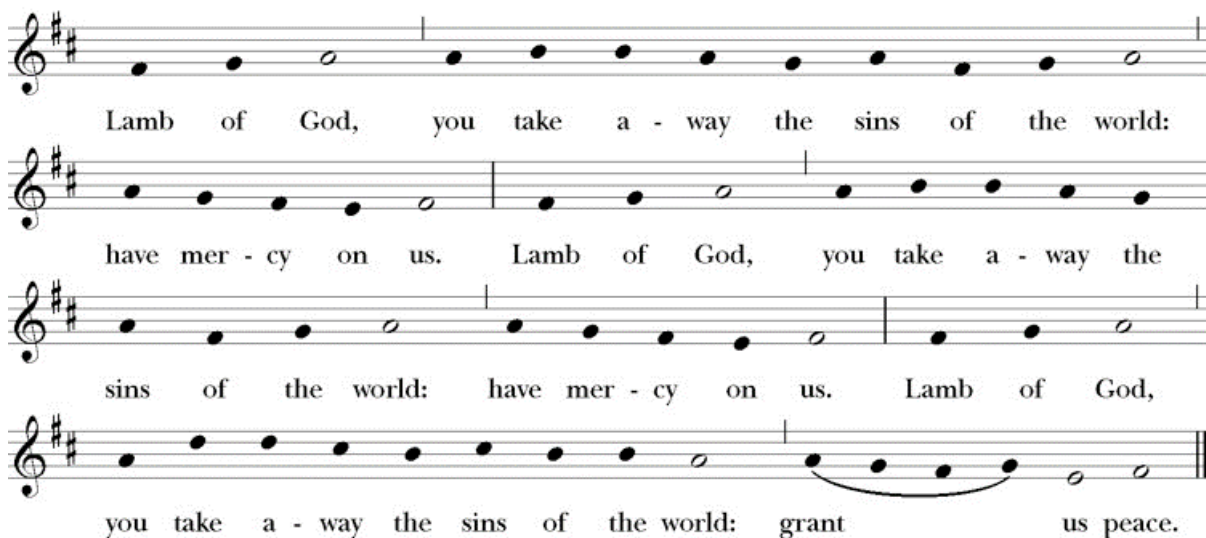


Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,



the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## 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.

## 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. 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 central or outer aisle**.*

Communion Music

“Conditor alme siderum”

Eustache du Caurroy

## Communion Anthem

“Ecce dominus veniet”

Izawa Nobuaki

*The Christ Church Choir*

Ecce Dominus veniet, et omnes sancti ejus cum eo: et erit in die illa lux magna.	Behold the Lord shall come, and all his saints with him: and in that day there shall be a great light.
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## Communion Meditation

They watch for Christ who are sensitive, eager, apprehensive of mind; who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in seeking and honoring Him; who look out for Him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if they found that He was coming at once. This, then, is to watch for Christ: to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as He came once, and as He will come again; to desire His second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of His first coming among us.  
~ John Henry Newman, “Sermon 22: Watching,” 1834

*All rise as able.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.  
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.**

## **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.**

*As the ministers process to the doors, all turn toward the baptismal font.*

**Recessional Hymn**

“Low! He Comes”

*Hymnal 1982 57*

## **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

“Conditor alme siderum”

Jean Titelouze

*The flowers were donated by Pamela Vidan in memory of her mum and dad, Alfred and Elsie Greenhalgh. Thank you for the wonderful memories of childhood you created for Pam and Judith.*

**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.

### **Advent Lessons and Carols**

Today, December 3, at 4 PM in the church

Join us for this time-honored Tacoma tradition as the Christ Church Choir sings us into the beloved season of Advent. Invite friends, family, and colleagues to this beautiful service which has its origin in King's College, Cambridge University, England.

**Assisting with the liturgy:** Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Samuel Torvend; Deacon: The Rev. Donna Arellano; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Carol Gregory; Acolytes: Rodney Blackburn and Caroline Huckaby; Lector: Sue Beer; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; the Christ Church Choir; Ushers: Doug Worth and Hector Arellano; Altar Guild: Liz Heath, Brianne Knudson, Liz Schroedel Lansing, and Evelyn Tomter; Coffee Hour Host: Fran Blair.

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