November 28, 2021

Advent 1 Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using ACNA 1552 Order & BCP 2019.

Welcome!

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Happy New Year! Once again it seems strange in our culture to wish one another Happy New Year on November 28th, but that is exactly what happens, all over the globe, as Christians enter the season of Advent. Advent means "coming". It is a season of preparation and, as such, is the beginning of the Church's year. We are preparing our hearts for the proper celebration of Christmas; that God has arrived as our "Rescuer" in the person of Jesus. We are at the same time simultaneously preparing for His second coming, another "Advent", where He will complete the Kingdom that he inaugurated upon His first advent.

This year, we will spend the Advent season in the Year C Old Testament passages in the Lectionary. By looking into these Old Testament prophets, who were looking forward to our Lord's first Advent, we can maintain an expectant perspective in our day, as well as a hopeful one.

Welcome to Advent 2021 dear Christ Church family. As we begin our journey, may this year be filled with authentic Holy Spirit transformation in each and every one of our lives.

Yours in Jesus alone,

Gene



The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Helmsley, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Surely the Lord is coming soon,

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Decalogue (Ten Commandments)

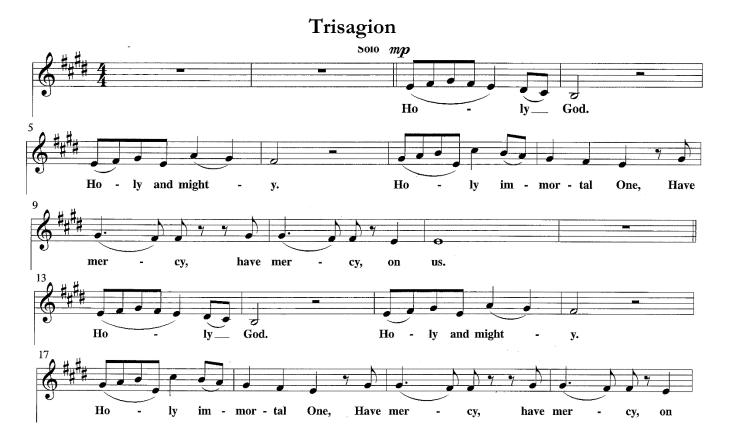
God spoke these words and said:

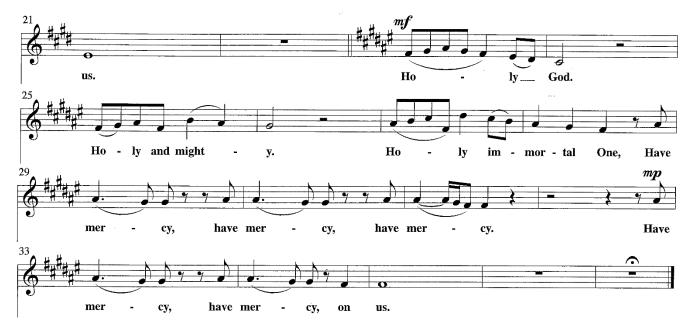
- 1. I am the LORD your God; you shall have no other gods before me.
- 2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth below, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.
- 3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

- 5. Honor your father and your mother.
- 6. You shall not murder.
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal.
- 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10. You shall not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts.





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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when he will come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (*This collect is to be said daily during Advent until Christmas Eve.)

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 14:1 – 9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1 – 6 (Please pray responsively by half verse.)

- 1. The Lord, even the most mighty God, has spoken*

 and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.
- Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty,*
 has God shone forth in glory.

- 3. Our God shall come and shall not keep silence;*

 there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
- 4. He shall call to the heavens above,*

 and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:
- 5. "Gather my faithful together unto me,*

 those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
- 6. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness,* *for God himself is Judge.*

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:6 – 13

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v. 1

Hymn 56

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937); Copyright: Words: © The Church Pension Fund

The people remain standing.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Luke 21:25 – 33

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Verse 2

O come, thou wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

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Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon Rev. Gene Sherman

"The Coming Day"

The Prayers of the People

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our maker and redeemer.

The people sit or remain standing.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy;

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may establish among the nations his scepter of righteousness;

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread;

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen;

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death;

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world;

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

I invite you to add your own intercessions and thanksgivings at this time.

In communion with all the saints, let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God. *Amen.*

THE EXHORTATION

The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the words of assurance and encouragement our Savior Christ speaks to all who truly turn to him:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Kelly Johnston	11/29	Jim Henley	12/1
RJ Middlemiss	11/29		
Vickie Stevenson	11/29		

Anniversary:

Bob & Carroll Middlemiss	11/30 (47 years)
Jim & Vickie Stevenson	11/30 (53 years)

Question for Week 49

The New City Catechism

Where is Christ Now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

(Ephesians 1:20-21)

That he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Offertory

Please stand.

Doxology Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Hymn 390, v. 4

Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath;

come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen sound from his people again;

Gladly forever adore him.

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We rejoice in him as is right and required.

Scripture teaches us always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the saints in heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

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.

The people sit or stand.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All praise and glory belong to you, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, and grant that we, receiving this bread and wine according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and have been baptized are welcome to receive Communion at Christ Church. If you have not been baptized, or do not desire to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for prayer with one of our ministers. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available at the small table by the windows.

Communion Music



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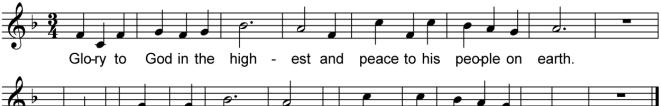
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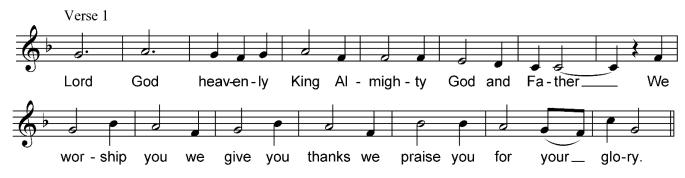
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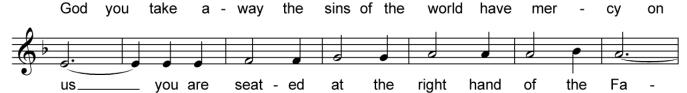


Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Refrain



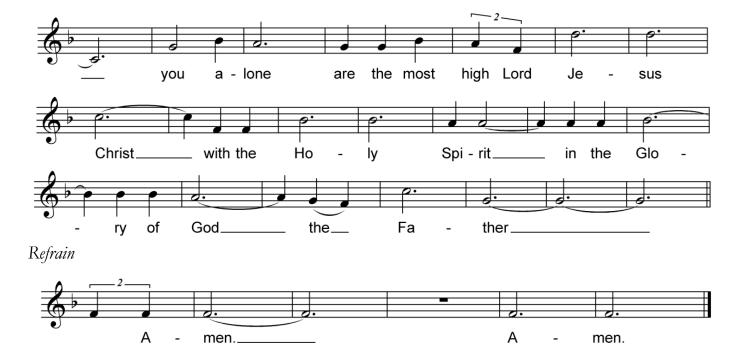




Refrain

Verse 3

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One you a - lone are the Lord_



Let us pray.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness to mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may be filled with your grace and heavenly blessing.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this, the duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory to you, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.





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Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Text in Church – If you are a guest attending today, please text "welcome" to 440.517.4401 to keep up with Christ Church updates.

Common Threads & CRS Update – Our last drop off for the year will be on Saturday, Dec. 4th from 10:00 am to noon at Anchor. Looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes – Thanks to everyone who donated to this ministry! A big shout out to Amy, Reesa & Evy Jackson for all your hard work managing this amazing outreach program!

CCW Annual Holiday Ladies Luncheon – Join us on Saturday, December 4th from noon to 2:30 pm at the Lakewood Country Club (2613 Bradley Road, Westlake, OH). The menu includes salad, rolls/butter, 3 different brunch options (Veggie Omelet w/fruit, Quiche w/fruit, grilled chicken club w/fruit, and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages. The cost per person is \$40. All the details, registration, and pay options were provided via Realm and there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. When registering on Realm, you will have to check off your choice of the entrée before checking out. Iris Neel is the guest speaker, and she will be talking about "The Upside of Grief!" Looking forward to seeing all of you there. Please make sure to invite a friend of two!!!

Gifts for the Homebound – We are remembering our home bound parishioners this Christmas with a gift bag from our church family. If you wish to donate, please write "Homebound gifts" on memo line on your check. The bags will be ready on Sunday, December 12th and we would appreciate your help delivering them. For more information, please contact Iris at the church office, Jane Godfray (440) 476-8152, or Peggy Joyce (216) 225-8180. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Dinners – Thanks to all who generously donated to this outreach program. The Thanksgiving baskets were delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 24th and all the families were so grateful! A huge shout out to the Bayvon Lake Little Church for doing such a great job managing this program!

Let's Go Caroling Together – Please join us on **Sunday, December 5**th from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Avon Lake Public Library! Calling all volunteers who like to sing Christmas carols to meet us the library at 12:50 pm for an hour filled with joy! Please contact Gene with any questions.

CRS Update – Your generosity provided (50) \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards to CRS for Thanksgiving. This month, we will focus our efforts on helping CRS provide food in the form of canned stew, chili, beef, chicken soups, or other canned / boxed items that will provide a meal to those in need. Specifically requested are canned foods with meat in them or canned meats such as chicken, ham, tuna, or Spam along with pasta or rice. Donations can be brought to church on Sundays. Our goal is to provide (50) \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards for Christmas as well! If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to CCW, and add CRS to the memo line.

Angel Tree – CRS provides Christmas gifts for 350 less fortunate kids in Avon Lake & Avon and our help is needed for their Santa's workshop. The goal is for each child to receive a coat, an item from their wish list, and one clothing item or pajamas. The tags hanging in the narthex are CRS's most needed items. Please take a tag (or 2, or 3) and simply buy the item written on the tag. **NO GIFT WRAPPING NEEDED**. Please put your gifts in the basket in the narthex. Make sure to attach the tag you picked from the tree. **The deadline for all donations is Wednesday, December 8**th. Please do not purchase Giant Eagle gift cards for the children.

Nominations for Vestry – Quality elders are one of the keys to a healthy church. Forms are available in the narthex and should be returned by **December 1**st to one of the vestry members listed on the nomination form. Interviews will be conducted in early December.

Poinsettias for 2021 Christmas Services – The donation forms are available in the narthex and the last day for signing up is Sunday, Dec. 19th. The suggested offering is \$10 and may be given in memory of a loved one or as a thank offering. If you would like to order them online, please send an email to the office or contact Iris directly at 847-404-6335.

Needs & Blessings

Acoustic Guitar – If anyone is interested in an acoustic guitar, it is free for the taking. Please contact Laura Sant at 440-387-7968.

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Sermon Text: Zechariah 14:1 – 9

Behold, a day is coming for the Lord, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. ²For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. ⁵And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. ^[a]

⁶On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. ⁷And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light.

⁸On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

⁹And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

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Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God!

2021 Financials

Through Sunday	11/21/2021
Current Month Budget	\$29,600
Current Month Actual	\$18,038
YTD Budget	\$365,200
YTD Actual	\$354,978
Annual 2021 Budget	\$400,000

Attendance for 11/21/2021

8:00 a.m. - 24

10:30 a.m. — 84

Wednesday — 18

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