



CHRIST CHURCH  
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA  
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God loves

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020 - 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 4:00 pm

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

*When presented with an option to either “stand or sit,” we hope you will choose the posture that is both comfortable and prayerful. Please be sure all cell phones are silenced. If you need to use a restroom, the reception area doors are unlocked.*

<https://youtu.be/xpCYhPqlhXY> (10:00 am only)

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

Bach/Busoni

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP 355**

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both 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.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Karen O’Connell (8:00 am)

David Skaggs (10:00 am)

Bob Husson (4:00 pm)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
 From ages past no one has heard,  
 no ear has perceived,  
 no eye has seen any God besides you,  
 who works for those who wait for him.  
 You meet those who gladly do right,  
 those who remember you in your ways.  
 But you were angry, and we sinned;  
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
 We all fade like a leaf,  
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
 There is no one who calls on your name,  
 or attempts to take hold of you;  
 for you have hidden your face from us,  
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
 we are all the work of your hand.  
 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
 and do not remember iniquity forever.  
 Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

*Qui regis Israel*

*Continue with Psalm responsively by half verse*

**Bill Dorn (8:00 am)**

**John Harper (10:00 am)**

**Bob Husson (4:00 pm)**

- 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.**
- 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.**

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 man of your right hand, \*

**the son of man 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.**

**Voluntary**

**Rejoice, rejoice believers**

**arr. John Carter**

*Children 4th grade and younger are invited to go to 'Gospel and Prayers.' They will return at The Peace.*

**The Holy Gospel** *Standing*

**Mark 13:24-37**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. H. Paul Canady**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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 Prayers of the People: Form II** *(Stand or Kneel)*

BCP 385

Ada Ruth Canady (8:00 am)

Howard Furnas (10:00 am)

Ann Bustard (4:00 pm)

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for Rob, our Bishop; for the clergy and staff; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and for those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember the Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina. A contribution was made to the altar flower fund in honor of Mnatzakonian Families by Peter and Michelle Mnatzakonian.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Deacon* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

*If you are new to Christ Church, please fill out the form on our homepage, [www.christchurchnewbern.com](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com). We would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better and share a little more about Christ Church, too.*

*Thank you for your ongoing support of Christ Church. You can place your offering in one of the red bins. To make a contribution online, visit <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. You can also text the word FUNDS to 833.233.8760 or mail a check to PO Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE** **Holy Communion**

### **Eucharist Prayer C**

**BCP 369**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood he reconciled us. By his wounds we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebekah, Jacob, Rachel & Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** 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.**

## Fraction Anthem

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Invitation to Communion

*We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition.*

*Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available at the lower communion rail. Please tell the priest and/or chalice bearer if you wish to have either or both.*

*Please remain standing where you are, and the clergy will bring communion to you. After you have received the host, please wait until the clergy has moved beyond six feet from you, then remove your mask to consume. You may be seated after you have received communion. For those not yet ready to receive communion, we offer you this prayer, adapted from the Armed Forces Prayer Book. You may also cross your arms over your chest and a priest will say a no-contact blessing over you.*

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I can not now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 833

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Voluntary

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

Gregory Hamilton

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## MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

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### SERVING US TODAY

Musician: Clifford Badgley

Video Production Coordinator: Meg Jones

Set up Assistant: Zach Thuringer

8:00 am Lectors: Karen O'Connell, Bill Dorn,  
Ada Ruth Canady

10:00 am Lectors: David Skaggs, John Harper,  
Howard Furnas

4:00 pm Lectors: Bob Husson, Susan Husson,  
Ann Bustard

8:00 am Greeters: Joe and Jeanie Schelke

10:00 am Greeters: Peter and Michelle Mnatzakanian

4:00 pm Greeters: Delle and Sam Curry

8:00 am Ushers: Dave and Karen O'Connell

10:00 am Ushers: Randy and Joanie Bogle

4:00 pm Ushers: Lynn Norris, Bob Husson

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina

A contribution was made to the altar flower fund in honor of Mnatzakanian Families by Peter and Michelle Mnatzakanian.

### CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

Rector ~ The Rev. H. Paul Canady

Associate Rector ~ The Rev. Cortney Dale

Deacon ~ The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

### CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

Director of Christian Formation ~ Meg Jones

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### CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2020: Bill Dorn, Sheridan Holstein (*Clerk*), Jean Reichenbach (*Senior Warden*) & Guy Smith

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