



**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 28, 2021 - 8:30 AM

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. **BCP: Book of Common Prayer** (black), **S or H: Hymnal 1982** (blue), **WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise** (green), **L: Lift Every Voice** (red)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Voluntary **Prepare the Royal Highway** **David Cherwien**

Processional Hymn **Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending** **H 57**

Advent Wreath Meditation **Bert & Bill Hambidge**

Reader 1 Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope. Our hope is in God and in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem all people. We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises He has made to us and for the light He has brought into the world.

Reader 2 Let us pray
O God of hope, Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing to you, both now, and forever more. Amen.

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.**



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace.____
 the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.____
 O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.____

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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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalms 25:1-9 *Read responsively by half verse*

BCP 614

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Steal Away

WLP 804

The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Homily

The Rev. H. Paul Canady

Sermon

Ashley Simpson

The Nicene Creed *All stand*

BCP 358

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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our bishop, Paul our priest, Lisa our deacon, Ashley our Candidate for Holy Orders, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all bishops, and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

We commend to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad, as well as those who provide protection and comfort in our communities. Defend them day by day with God's heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, and give them courage to face the perils which beset them. Grant them patience and endurance and let them be a reminder to each other of your enduring love. Make this love known in and through the family, friends, and neighbors of those who are deployed.

Kindly, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

For those included in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church & Galilee Mission, Creswell; and St. Luke & St. Anne's, Roper

Hear us, Lord

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The People and the Leader may offer additional petitions.

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People.

BCP 393

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknowns, 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 & Offertory Sentence

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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

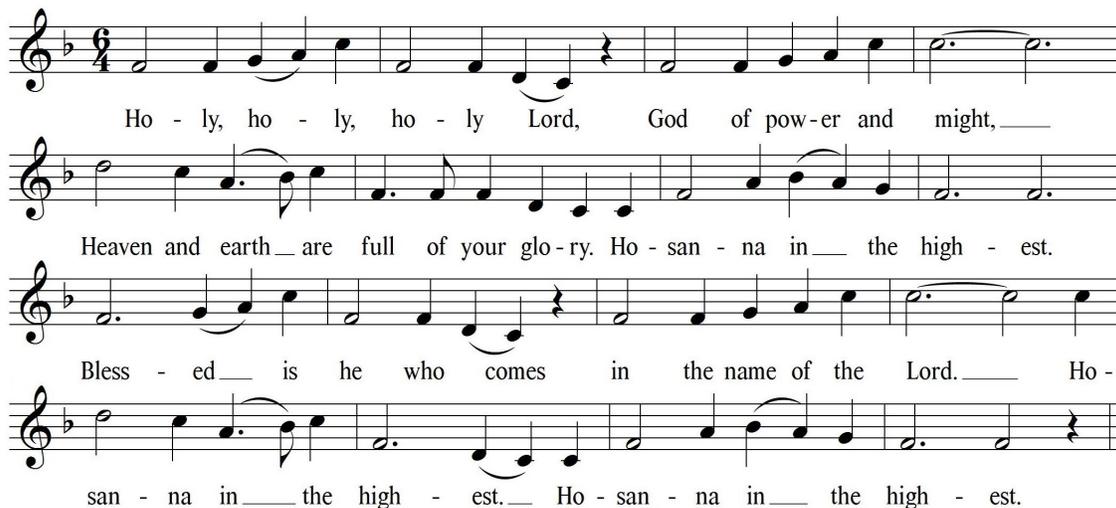
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through 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 triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —
Heaven and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.
Bless - ed — is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -
san - na in — the high - est. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink

of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer And now 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread *Said in Unison*

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 are available. Please tell the priest if you wish to have one.

Communion Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

H 324

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.**

Recessional Hymn

Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

H 72

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Wachet auf

Paul Manz

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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, & service to one another and to the community beyond.

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THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Nov. 28

First Sunday of Advent
8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Advent Wreath Making
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))
5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)

Monday, Nov. 29

11 am: Staff Meeting
3 pm: Growing in Grace

Tuesday, Nov. 30

8:30 am: Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor LR)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
6 pm: Rehearsal (Nave)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier)
7 pm: Handbell Choir (Music Room)

Wednesday, Dec. 1

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
4:30 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church
6 pm: EfM (2nd Floor Living Room)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Thursday, Dec. 2

12:15 pm: Lunch Recital w/ Erika Butters (Nave)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

Sunday, Dec. 5

Visit from St. Nicholas (8:30 am and 11 am)
8:30 am: Eucharist for children and families (Nave)
9:05 am: Rise Against Hunger (Harrison Center)
10 am: Annual Meeting (Harrison Center)
11 am: Eucharist (Nave/[online](#))
5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)

*Voting for Vestry held during all three worship services.