



*The First Sunday of Advent*  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Sunday, 3 December 2023 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
*Pensacola, Florida • Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast*

The People's responses are in ***bold italics***.

Hymns are in the blue *Hymnal 1982*.

Service music (marked "S") is found at the front of the Hymnal.

Other page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*.

### **Worship Information**

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We especially welcome our visitors and newcomers and ask that you fill out a visitor card so that we can thank you for coming.

**For Children** – Children are always welcome during service. There is a Kid's Korner with books and activities at the entrance.

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### **Opening Voluntary**

*Chorale Prelude on* Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645  
— Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### **Hymn in Procession**

**Hymn 616** — *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

### **Welcome**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD – BCP 355**

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

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

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.***

### **Hymn of Praise: Trisagion**

**Hymnal S 102**

*The Hymn is sung three times.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.***

*The People may be seated.*

### **The First Lesson — Isaiah 64:1-9**

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.

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

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

*(10:30 - sung by the choir)*

- 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.**

### **The Second Lesson — 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among



you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

*The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.*

**10:30 - Sequence Hymn**

**Hymn 61** — “Sleepers, wake!” *A voice astounds us*

**CHILDREN’S CHAPEL — 10:30 Service**  
*During the Hymn of Praise, children in grades Pre-K—5th may follow the children’s acolytes down the center aisle to Children’s Chapel. They will return at the Peace.*

**The Gospel — Mark 13:24-37**

*Priest* 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.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Dr. Michael Hoffman*

*Silence may be kept.*

**The Nicene Creed** *The People 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.*

**Prayers of the People: Form IV**

**BCP 388**

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially the Middle East, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray especially for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially...*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died (*especially...*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*



*Minister and People*

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 Priest stands and says*

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.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Announcements**

**The Offertory**

**10:30 - Offertory Anthem**

*"Keep your lamps!" – André Thomas (b. 1952)*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children, don't get weary,  
'til your work is done.*

*Christian, journey soon be over,  
the time is drawing nigh.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
the time is drawing nigh.*

**At the Presentation**

**Hymnal 380:3**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*At the presentation of the monetary gifts,*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP 361**

*Celebrant* 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Hymnal S 124**

*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 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.

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**

*Celebrant* 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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*



*Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*



**10:30 - Then is sung**  
**Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei***

**Hymnal S 157**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:  
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance  
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.*

### **The Communion**

*Christians of all ages (regardless of where you were baptized)  
are welcome to receive Holy Communion. • Please come forward  
to the Altar Rail, being careful of the step just before the rail. •  
The rail fills from the center, and please don't hesitate to cross  
to the other side if there is space. • Communion is available in  
two kinds. If you choose not to receive communion in one or both  
kinds, please cross both arms across your chest and the priest  
will offer a blessing. • If you choose to receive communion in one  
kind, know Christ is fully present and all benefits of the Eucharist  
are fully received. • If you receive the chalice, please assist the  
chalice bearer by guiding the base of the cup. Or you may choose  
to intinct in the chalice. • If you need a gluten-free wafer, please  
cross one arm across your chest. There is no separate chalice. •  
If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in  
the pew, please notify the ushers at the door.*

### **Communion Hymns**

**Hymn 68** — *Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

**Hymn 59** — *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

*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.*

### **Prayer for Mission**

**BCP 101**

*Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the  
hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the  
reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that  
we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do  
not know you to the knowledge and love of you: for the honor  
of your name. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

### **Hymn in Procession**

**Hymn 57** — *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

**Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### **Closing Voluntary**

*Chorale Prelude on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme**

*— Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)*

**Notes on the Notes** — The voluntaries this morning are based on the tune of our Sequence Hymn, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, to which we sing the words “‘Sleepers, wake!’ a voice astounds us.” The opening voluntary is a well-known chorale prelude, one of the “Schübler-Chorales,” by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), an organ transcription he himself crafted from a movement from his cantata by the same name (BWV 140). The postlude is a trumpet-tune setting of the same tune by contemporary composer Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954), Professor at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, and Director of Chapel Music at Camp David, Thurmont, Maryland.

Our Offertory Anthem this morning is a setting of the spiritual “Keep your lamps!” arranged by André Thomas (b. 1952), Professor of Music Emeritus at the Florida State University. The text of this anthem urges its listeners to be ready for the coming of Jesus. At the same time, it urges its original enslaved singers to be ready for any chance for escape to freedom.

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