

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 30, 2025
8:00am and
10:30am and Livestreamed on Facebook



We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary.

We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Please silence all cell phones and other digital devices and we ask that you refrain from "texting" during the service.

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

***The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love,
and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.***

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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prepare the royal highway

arr. J. William Greene

Processional Hymn

Austria

Hymnal #522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Advent Prayers and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: *Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.*

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

The first candle is lit.

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Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Trisagion

Hymnal #S-102

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.*

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.
 Many peoples shall come and say,
 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.'
 For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
 He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
 they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122

BCP p. 779

Antiphon



I re-joiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord, *
 the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of the Lord.

Antiphon

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5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Antiphon

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence Hymn

Morning Hymn
Awake, my soul

Hymnal #11

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be

taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Edgar Otero

All stand

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Presider: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople, especially Sean and Rob, our bishops, and Edgar and Dan, our clergy.

Tell Out my Soul,

People: *The Greatness of our House of Prayer.*

Leader: I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice. We pray especially for Donald, our president, and Brian, our governor, Nicole, our county chair, Craig, our mayor, and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Daniel, and Andrew.

Tell Out my Soul,

People: *The Greatness of the Promise of Liberty.*

Leader: I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. We pray especially for the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, our Path to Shine volunteers, and for our Vestry.

Tell Out my Soul,

People: *The Greatness of our Love.*

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and who we name now either silently or aloud. We pray especially for John, Brooks, Jack, Cathy, Marcia, Heather, John, Bob, Debanhi, Scott, Judy & Richard, Fr. Edgar, Graham, Wes, Ron, and Robert.

Tell Out my Soul,

People: *The Greatness of our Compassion.*

Leader: I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, especially Carla Nixon, sister of Susan Gupton; and Dotty Lardieri, aunt of Leslie Wengenroth; Robert Wheeler, friend of John Titus; and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now with our voices or in our hearts. Tell Out my Soul,

People: *The Greatness of our stories.*

Leader: I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. We ask for your blessings for members of our parish that we pray for this day: Arthur & Claudia Spalding; Jonathan Spencer; Paula & Katie Speros; Laurie Stanley. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as we Tell out of Soul,

People: *The Greatness of the Lord.*

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Absolution

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All stand.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy recipient for November is the Holy Comforter.

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

E-Giving QR Code—>



THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.

Please ask the priest for them when you are at the altar rail.

Offertory Anthem

O come, O come, Emmanuel
Carol Brocksmit, flute

arr. Lloyd Larsson

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn

Song 1
Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Hymnal #617

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant and People

Sanctus (8:00am)

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Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal #S-124

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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Celebrant and People:

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

Hymnal #S-161

Invitation

BCP p. 364

Communion Hymn

Helmsley
Lo, he comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal #57

Postcommunion Prayer

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Advent Blessings

The priest blesses the people

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 for ever. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

Llangloffan
Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Hymnal #68

Dismissal

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Postlude

Exspecto adventum

arr. J. William Greene

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As for those who in the present age are rich . . . they are to do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6:17 Stewardship Quote

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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

John Arminio, Brooks Breedlove, Jack Brocksmith, Cathy Canfield, Marcia Curtis, Heather Emery, John Emery, Bob Haer, Debanhi Hernandez, Scott McCue, Judy & Richard Moore, Fr. Edgar Otero, Graham Perrins, Wes Quesenberry, Ron Rice, and Robert Richardson.

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul

Carla Nixon, sister of Susan Gupton;
Dotty Lardieri, aunt of Leslie Wengenroth;
Robert Wheeler, friend of John Titus.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O'Keefe, and Andrew Pridgen.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Brad Burns, John Buchek, Sylvia Clark, Sophia Crawford, Carroll & Judy Edge, Nick Forleades, Richard Freeman, Ernesto González, Dotty Lardieri, Debbie Lasko, Val McCall, Howard McNally, Kaye McRoberts, John Mocharski, Riley Moore, Tommy & Cindy Morris, Julie Murray, Marty & Anne Nordland, Anita Oliver, Patty Peña, Woody Pickren, Bonnie Pitman, Ann Pruitt, Frances Rich, Gary & Cindy Russell, and Andrew Thompson.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

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TIME-SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read The Christ Church Chronicle (CCC) at www.ccnorcross.org for detailed announcements.

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ADVENT CLASS: PRACTICING GENEROSITY

This Advent season we will offer a four-week class based on the *Living Compass Advent* program in which we focus on how generosity shapes our faith and daily lives. Each week we will explore a different dimension of generous living—grounded in God's abundant generosity toward us. You can join each week or drop in—classes start next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and will be held in room 100 of the Ed Wing (across from the Nursery). Copies of the program are available in print and PDF - and even if you can't join us, we invite all to use the materials to reflect, learn, and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. Contact Diane Lynch at lynchinterpreting@gmail.com or Kathy Smith at ksmithd106@gmail.com with any questions.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Get into the spirit of Advent by creating or refreshing your Advent wreath. A DIY Advent wreath-making station will be set up this Sunday, November 30th, in Webster Hall. We will have a limited number of wreath frames, candles, and greens available to help you prepare for the season.

STEWARDSHIP 2026—TELL OUT MY SOUL

If you have not had the opportunity to return your 2026 pledge card, we encourage you to do so soon and to consider how you will support the mission and ministry of Christ Church Episcopal in the year ahead. We have several ways to return your pledge cards: mail it through the U.S. Postal Service, hand deliver to the church office, drop it in the offering plate at any worship service, drop it in the small black box in the Narthex, or signup on line through the church website at this link: [https:// www.ccnorcross.org/2026-estimate-of-giving/](https://www.ccnorcross.org/2026-estimate-of-giving/) Let's rejoice in all that God is doing here as we tell out our souls and continue building a vibrant, welcoming community of faith.

SEWING GUILD & SCOFFREY'S CHOCOLATE DISPLAYS

It's time to start thinking about Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Sewing Guild has been busy making your favorite crafts. They can be purchased during the week, 10am until 4pm, and on Sundays from 8am until 2pm in Webster Hall, using the "honor system" for payment. **Scoffrey's Chocolate** offers their delicious handcrafted treats, made with the finest Swiss chocolate. They are set up next to the **Sewing Guild** table at the back of Webster Hall. 20% of all proceeds will be donated to Outreach at Christ Church. So now you can take advantage and do your one-stop shopping side by side.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, November 30, 2025

Celebrant	The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon	The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes	McKenzie Wortman, Kristie Bernard, Kassie Diehl
Altar Guild	Ann Post, Joyce Proctor
AV Team	TBD, Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Breedlove; Angela Becker, Lori Landis
Greeters	Amy Ross
Lectors	Jenny Ham; Aqeela Ray
Ushers	Karyn Angstadt, Scott Gottuso
Vestry of the Day	Matt Tuel; Afiong Ekong; Ange Justice

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, December 7, 2025

Celebrant	The Rev. Edgar Otero
Preacher	Dr. Lindsey Hardegree
Acolytes	Afiong Ekong, Jodi Arminio, McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild	Rita Boughrum, Amy Ross
AV Team	TBD, Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jenny Ham; Angela Becker
Greeters	Elliott Brack; Guy & Susan Gupton
Lectors	Steve Smith; Ashley Boggs
Ushers	TBD; Karyn Angstadt
Vestry of the Day	Janet Orr; Kristie Bernard; TBD

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, December 14, 2025

Celebrant The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes McKenzie Wortman, Kassie Diehl
Altar Guild Jodi Arminio, Lori Landis
AV Team TBD, Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers: Ange Justice; Lori Landis
Greeters TBD
Lectors Jenny Ham; Betsy Pickren
Ushers TBD
Vestry of the Day Scott Burce; Diane Lynch; Matt Tuel

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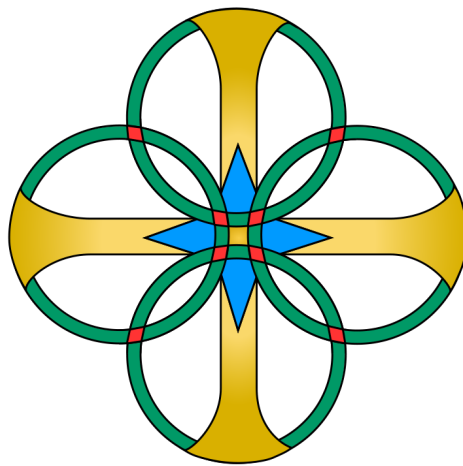
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