Christ Church Grosse Pointe

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026 ✠ 11:15 am

Welcome to this service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.

Scripture readings are printed in Currents *(leaflet insert).*

Hymns are found in the red hymnal in your pew.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Mass Setting Missa quarti toni *Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

Voluntary Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

The Announcements The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

The Entrance Rite

Introit Advent Responsory *Giovanni P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins (early medieval Roman rite)

The people stand.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant We light this first candle to remind us of all God's people, preparing for Jesus to come among them.

People **He will teach us his ways,**
so that we may walk in his paths.

The first candle of Advent is lighted.

Jesus said, "Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

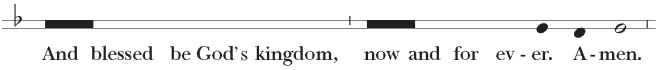
People **Lord, help us to be ready to serve you, to follow you, and to know you, so our lives will reflect your love.**

Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us *Wachet auf*

Opening Acclamation

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

People



The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, and the people respond **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

The Word of God

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People



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.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated for the readings.

The First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 chant: *Plainsong, Tone IV.4*

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

The people stand for the hymn.

Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns *St. Stephen*

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.
The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

All **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

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.

Leader As we keep the season of Advent, may it be a time of reflection and love. Let us be awake to the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ as we offer our prayers to the God who comes to help us.

For the holy Catholic Church, for bishops, priests and deacons, and for all the people of God; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For all the nations, and for the people of this land and our leaders, that we may be guided in the way of justice, freedom, and peace; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For *N.*, for travelers and the healing of the sick, for the hungry and homeless, for the oppressed, for refugees and immigrants, and for those who come to us as strangers, that they may know the welcome of Christ; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and for those on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*); let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For those expecting babies, and for those who give life to others; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For the comfort of the dying, and for (*N. and*) those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, our families and friends, and those we love, and for those who do not know love; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

We offer our petitions and thanksgivings to God, either silently or aloud.

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Saint Margaret, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord, our God.**

We pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, saying,

People **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Gospeller Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief period of silence is observed.

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 Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

The Offertory

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

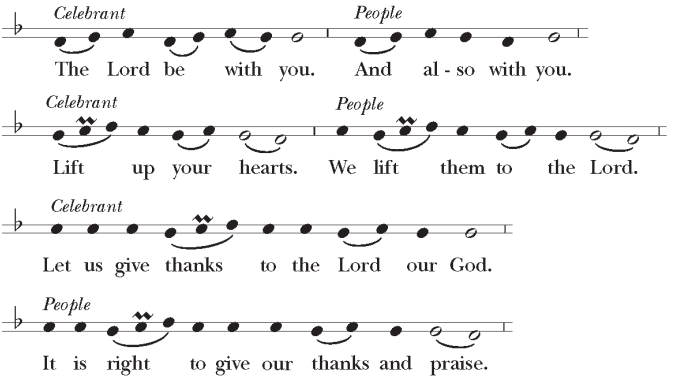
Anthem O thou, the central orb *Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this, our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measur'd grace, to each thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand.



The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus & Benedictus

The people are seated or remain standing as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant 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 forever.

People A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

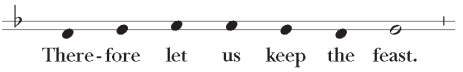
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People



The Invitation

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Agnus Dei

The Postcommunion Prayer

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Gospeller dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Voluntary Sortie (Venez, divin Messie) *César Franck (1822-1890)*