Advent Procession
Sunday, November 29 | 4 pm



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Welcome to Christ Church Grosse Pointe

In this Advent season of quiet anticipation, we are delighted to have you join us as we retell the story of Christ's coming.

As you enter the church, you will see the Advent Wreath in the Crossing. The candles on the wreath symbolize the four weeks of Advent, and the candle in the middle symbolizes the nativity of Christ. We are told by John that Christ is the light who comes into the world to lighten our darkness.

Our hope is that through the poetry of the ancient prophets you will experience the joyous expectancy and longing given voice by the Church from its earliest days.

Our King and Savior now draws near:
Come let us adore him!

The Order of Service

Voluntary — Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 — *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

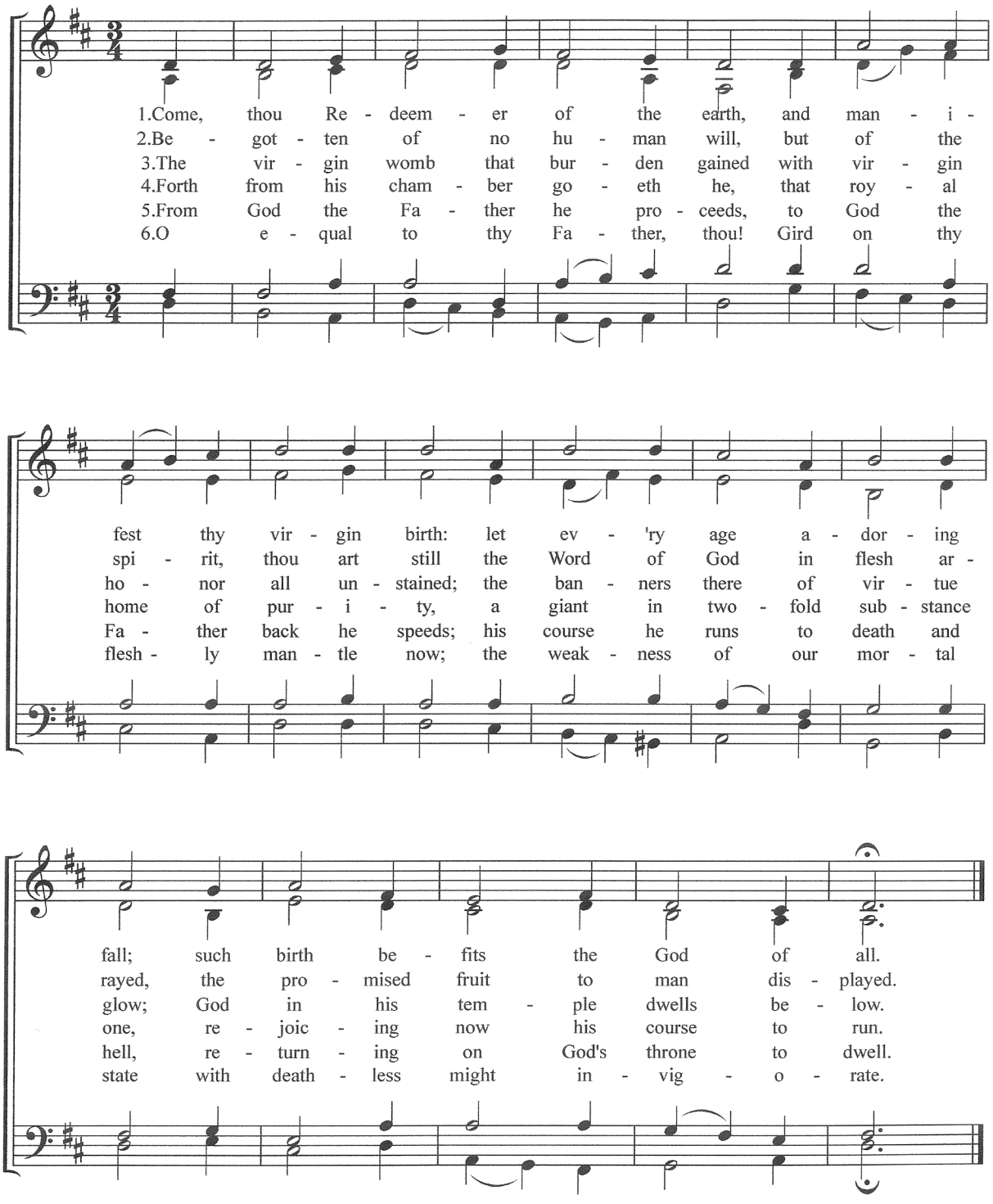
The Greeting & Announcements — The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

Introit — Advent Responsory — *Giovanni Pierluigi 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.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering 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 for the hymn as the choir processes to the aisles.



7. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
where endless faith shall shine serene,
and twilight never intervene.

8. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

The Blessing of the Light

Officiant You, O Lord, are my lamp:
People **You turn our darkness into light.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
People **In your light shall we see light.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet:
People **And a light upon our path.**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
People **A light no darkness can quench.**

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lighted.

The Officiant continues

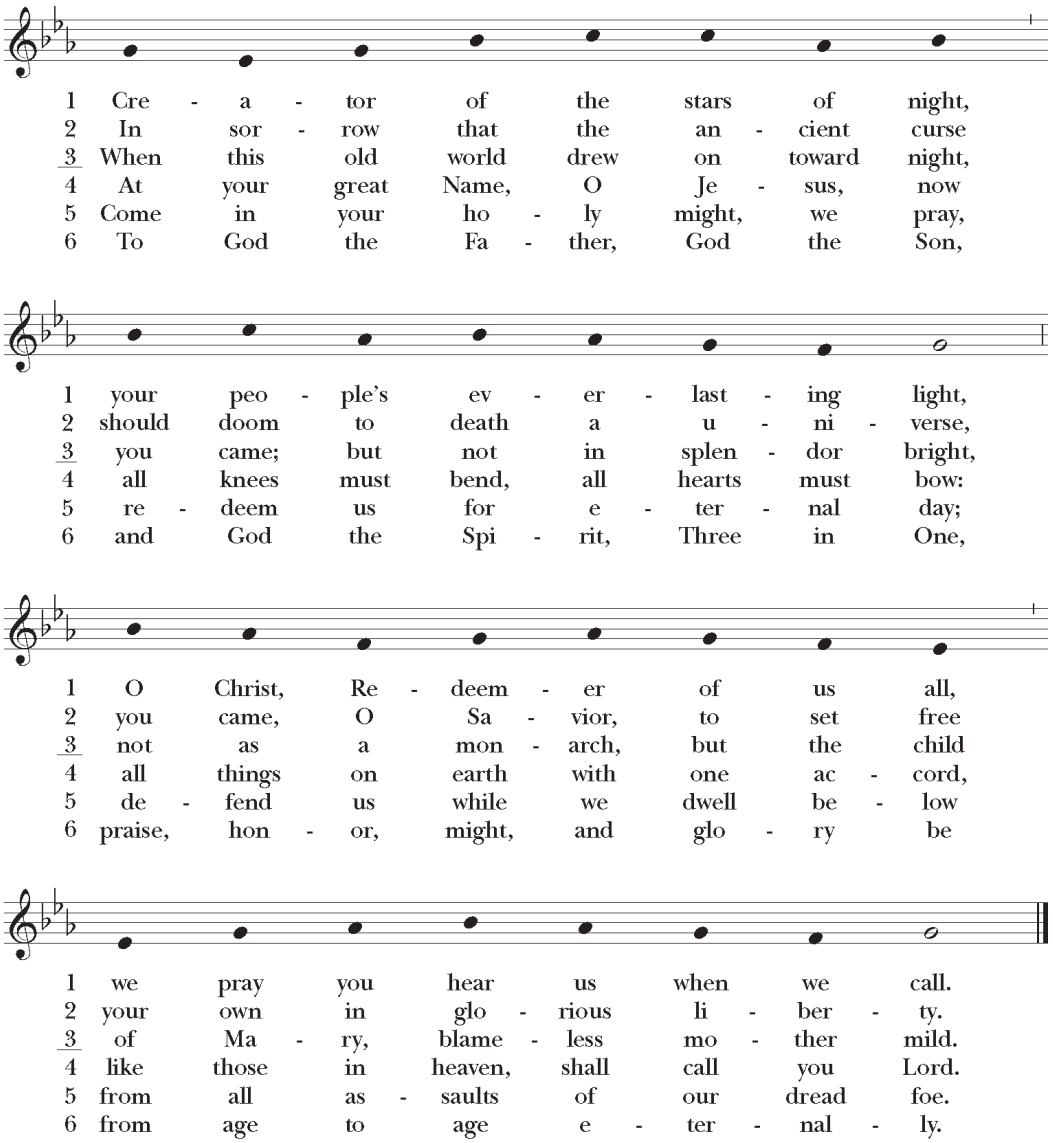
Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, eternal creator of day and night. Now, as darkness is falling, hear the prayer of your faithful people. Wash away our trangressions, cleanse us by your refining fire, and make us temples of your Holy Spirit. May we live in watchfulness as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, who shall judge the world and all its works. Rouse us from the sleep of sin and make us ready to enter your Kingdom where songs of praise for ever sound. For you are the true light, who lightens everyone, and the new heavens and the new earth join to sing your praise now and for evermore.

People **Amen.**

The people remain standing for the hymn as the choir processes to the South Transept.

Hymn Creator of the stars of night *Conditor alme siderum*

Choir sings verses 1 and 2. Choir and the Congregation sing verses 3 through 6 together.



Great O Antiphon O Sapientia

O wisdom, coming forth from the Most High,
filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth;
come and teach us the way of truth.

The people are seated.

Lesson Ecclesiasticus 24:1-9

Jesus, son of Sirach, extols the nature of wisdom.

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar

of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting-place; in whose territory should I abide? Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.' Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be."

Anthem This is the truth sent from above *arr. Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing that I do relate,
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run:
That he would redeem us by his Son.

And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear,
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

The people stand as the Officiant stands.

Great O Antiphon O Adonaï

O Lord of Lords, and ruler of the House of Israel,
you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and gave him the law on Sinai:
come with your out-stretched arm and ransom us.

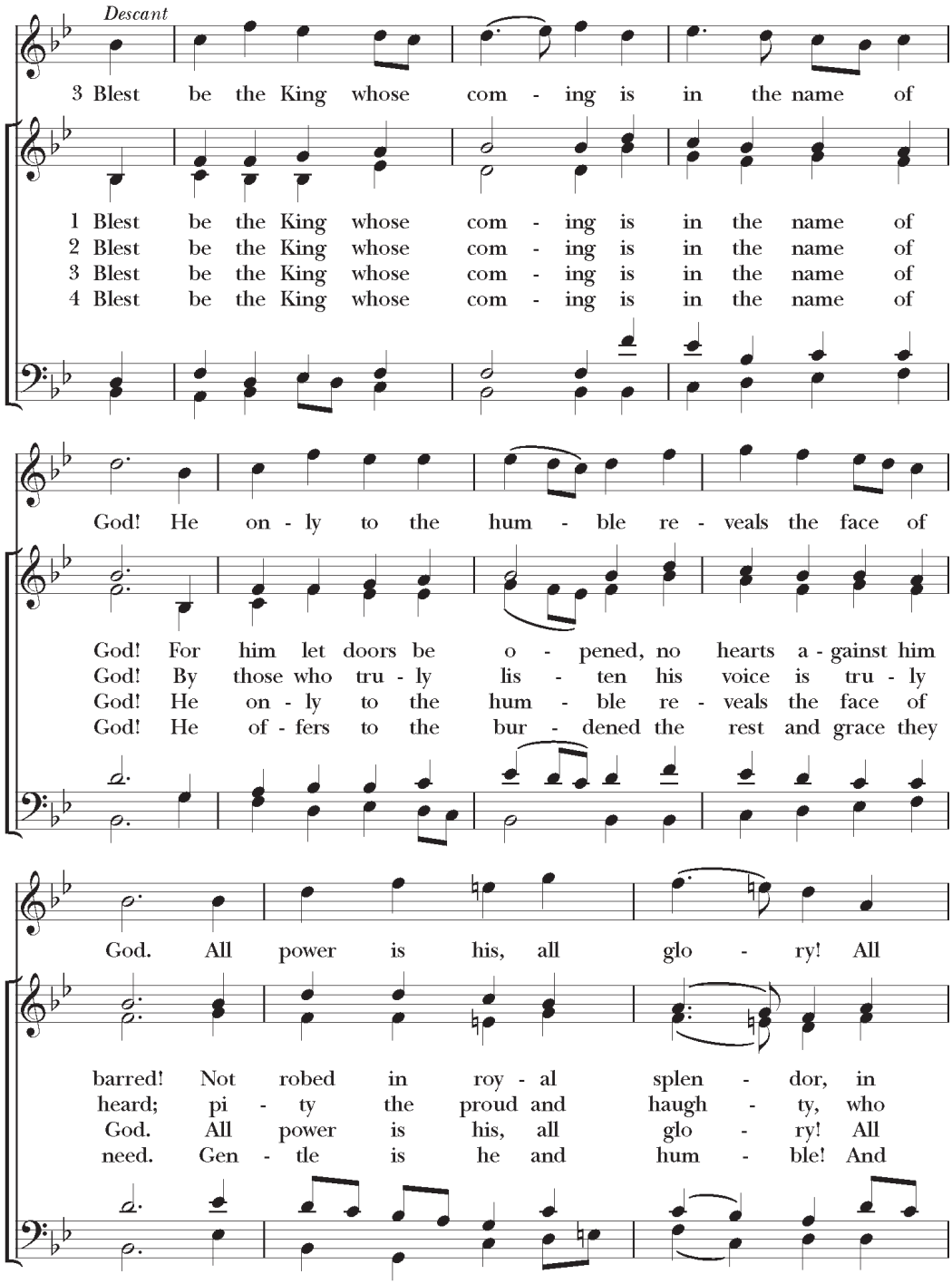
The people are seated.

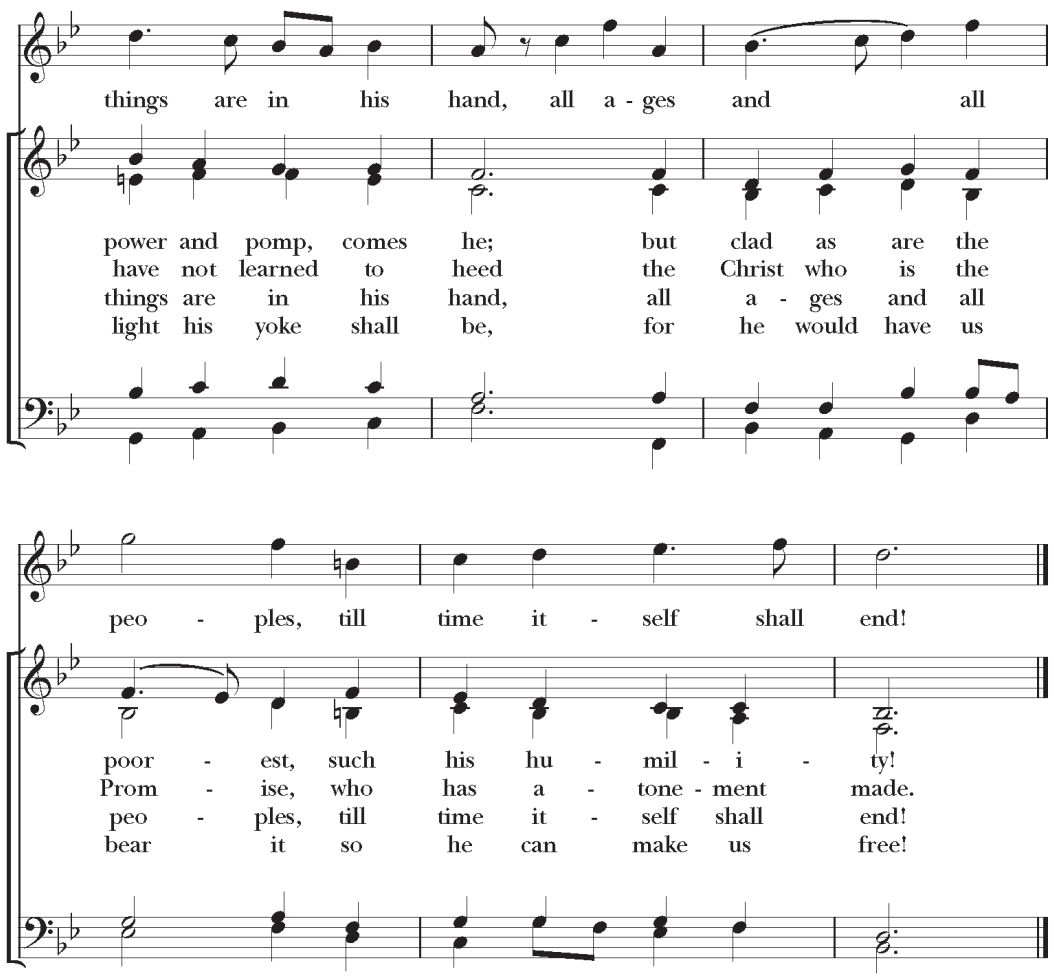
Lesson Exodus 3:1-6

Moses encounters God in the burning bush.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

The people stand for the hymn as the choir processes to St. Margaret's Chapel.


Descant
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And



Great O Antiphon O Radix Jesse

O root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations;
kings will keep silence before you for whom the nations long;
come and save us and delay no longer.

The people are seated.

Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 10

Isaiah fortells the coming of the Messiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Anthem A tender shoot *Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)*

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.
It blooms without a blight,
blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.
Our God of endless might,
gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

The people stand as the Officiant stands.

Great O Antiphon O Clavis David

O key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and none can shut;
you shut and none can open:
come and free the captives from prison, and break down the walls of death.

The people are seated.

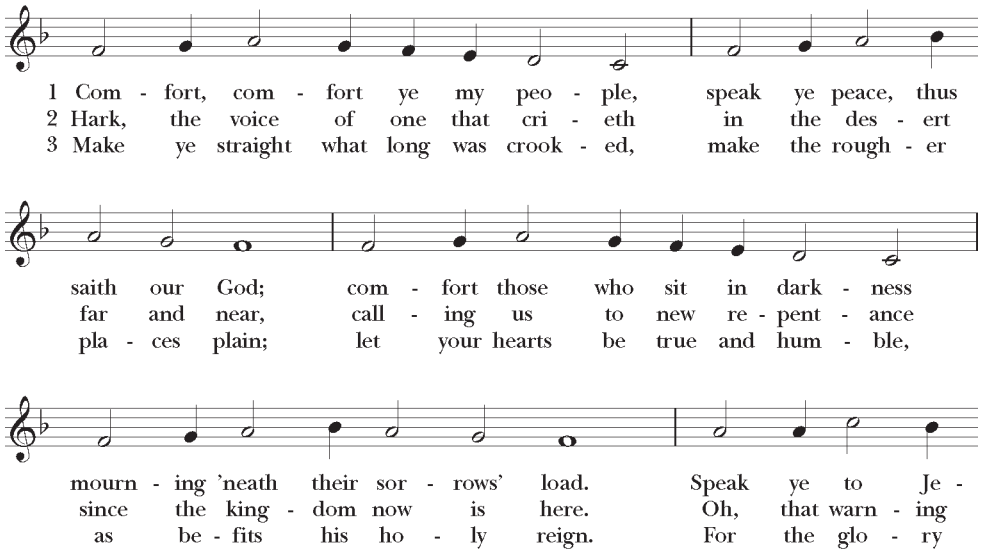
Lesson Jeremiah 23:5-6

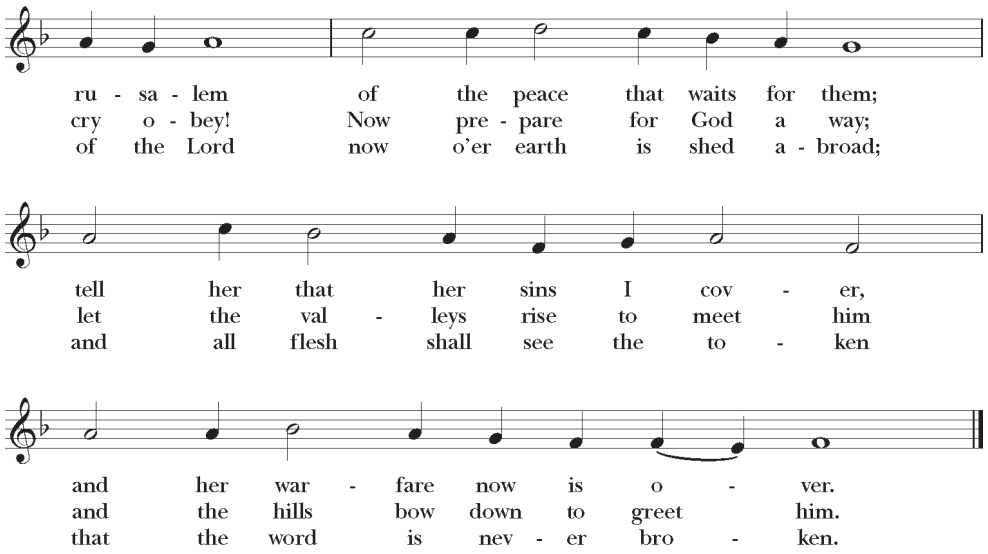
The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The people stand for the hymn as the choir processes to the Chancel steps.

Hymn Comfort, comfort ye my people *Psalm 42*





Great O Antiphon O Oriens

O morning star, splendor of the light eternal and bright sun of righteousness:
come and bring light to those who dwell in darkness and walk in the shadow of death.

The people are seated.

Lesson John 1:19-28

John the Baptist testifies to the Jewish authorities.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jewish authorities sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'", as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Anthem Benedictus Dominus Deus *P. Moore*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of His servant David.
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
And thou child shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father: and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The people stand as the Officiant stands.

Great O Antiphon O Rex gentium

O king of the nations, you alone can fulfill their desires:
cornerstone, binding all together:
come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust of the earth.

The people are seated.

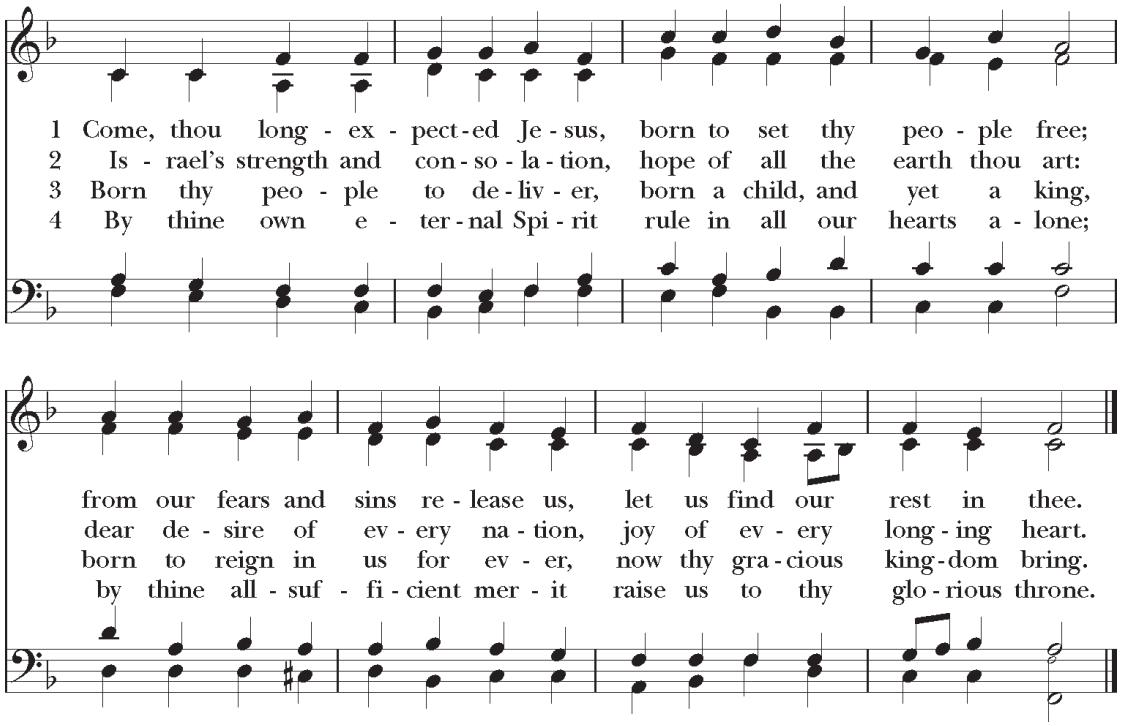
Lesson Revelation 15:2-4

The heavenly hosts sing praises to the Lamb.

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: "Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments have been revealed."

The people stand for the hymn as the choir processes to the Chancel.

Hymn Come, thou long-expected Jesus *Stuttgart*



Great O Antiphon O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, hope of the nations and their savior:
come and save us, O Lord our God.

The people are seated.

Lesson Matthew 1:18-23

An angel of the Lord tells Joseph that Mary will give birth to the Messiah.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Anthem The Cherry Tree Carol *arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)*

Joseph was an old man, and an old man was he,
When he wedded Mary in the land of Galilee.

Joseph and Mary walk'd through an orchard good,
Where was cherries and berries so red as any blood.

O then bespoke Mary, so meek and O so mild,
'Pluck me one cherry, Joseph; for I am with child.'

O then bespoke Joseph, with words most unkind,
Let him pluck thee a cherry that brought thee with child.'

O then bespoke the baby within his mother's womb:
'Bow down then the tallest tree for my mother to have some.'

Then bowed down the highest tree unto his mother's hand;
Then she cried, 'See Joseph, I have cherries at command.'

O then bespoke Joseph, 'I have done Mary wrong;
But cheer up my dearest and be ye not cast down.'

Then Mary plucked a cherry as red as any blood,
Then Mary went she homewards all with her heavy load.

Lesson Revelation 22:12-13, 16-17, 20

Jesus tells us to await his coming.

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

During the anthem an offering is received to support the ministries of Christ Church.

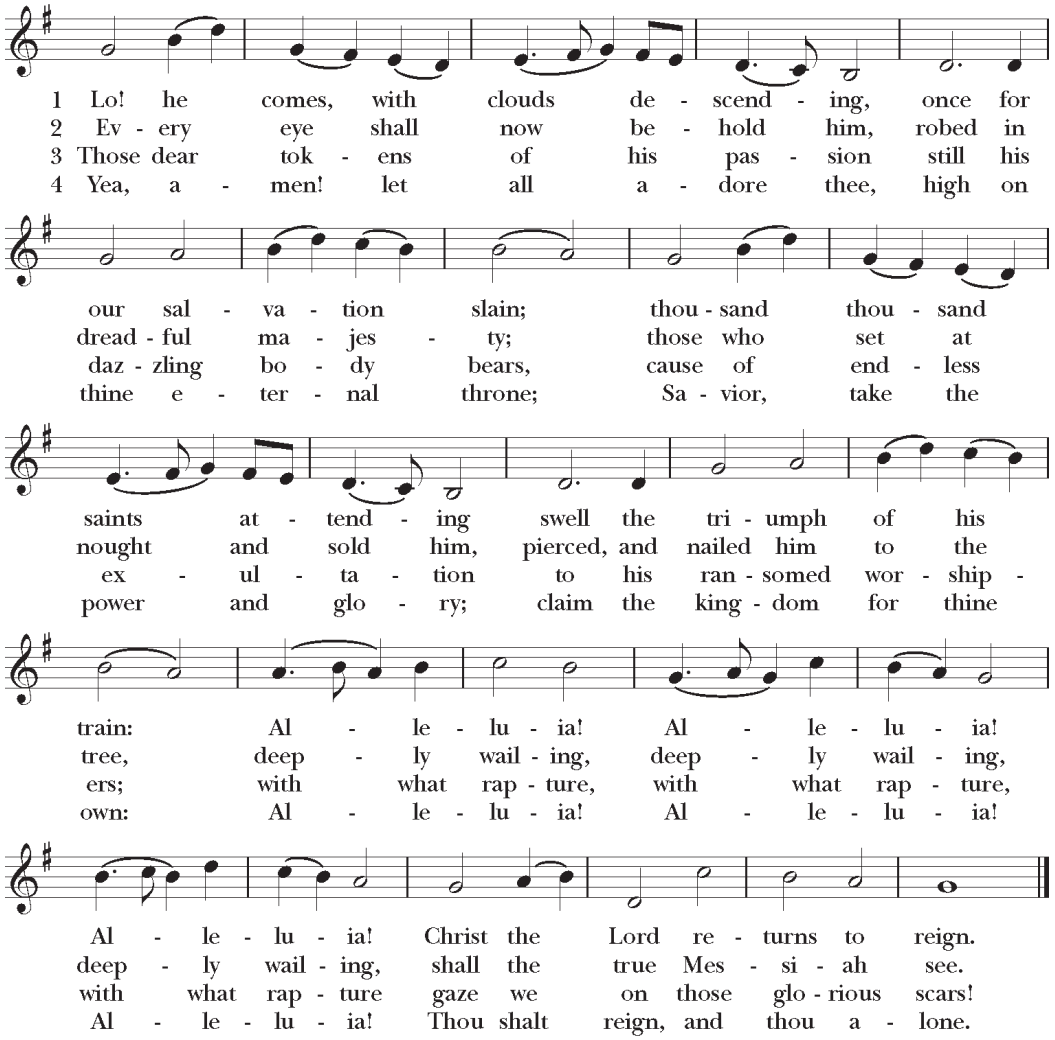
Anthem Angelus ad Virginem *arr. Andrew Carter (1939-2026)*

Angelus ad Virginem	When the angel came secretly
subintrans in conclave,	to the Virgin in her room,
Virginis formidinem	soothing the maiden's fear,
demulcens, inquit, "Ave!	he said, "Hail!
Ave, regina virginum;	Hail, Queen of virgins.
Coeli terraeque Dominum	While yet untouched by man
Concipies et paries intacta	you shall conceive and bear the Lord
Salutem hominum;	of heaven and earth, salvation for mankind.
Tu porta coeli facta,	You have become the gate of heaven,
Medela criminum."	a remedy for sins."
"Quomodo conciperem	"How can I conceive,
quae virum non cognovi?	since I have not known a man?
Qualiter infringerem	How can I break
quod firma mente vovi?"	the vow I made with firm intent?"
"Spiritus Sancti gratia	"The grace of the Holy Spirit
Perficiet haec omnia;	shall bring all this to pass.
Ne timeas, sed gaudeas, secura	Fear not, but rejoice,
Quod castimonia	secure in the knowledge
Manebit in te pura	that pure chastity shall remain yours
Dei potentia."	through God's mighty power."
Ad haec virgo nobilis	To this the noble Virgin
respondens inquit ei:	replied, saying:
"Ancilla sum humilis	"I am the lowly handmaiden
omnipotentis Dei.	of Almighty God.
Tibi coelesti nuntio,	I bend my will to you,
Tanti secreti conscio,	O celestial messenger,
Consentiens, et cupiens videre	who share so great a mystery,
Factum quod audio;	and I long to see performed
Parata sum parere,	what I now hear.
Dei consilio."	I am ready to yield myself to God's design."

Eia mater Domini,	Ah, mother of the Lord,
quae pacem redidisti	who gave back peace
Angelis et homini,	to angels and mankind
cum Christum genuisti:	when you bore Christ,
Tuum exora filium	pray your son
Ut se nobis propitium	to be gracious to us,
Exhibeat, et deleat peccata:	and wipe awayour sins,
Praestans auxilium	granting us aid to enjoy
Vita frui beata	a blessed life
Post hoc exsilium.	after this exile.

The people stand for the hymn. The acolytes light the candles of the congregation during the hymn.

Hymn LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING *Helmsley*



The Prayers

Officiant Let us pray.

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.
Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.
We pray for Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie our bishop.
Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your Kingdom.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations.
We pray for Donald, our president, JD, our vice president, and Gretchen, our governor.
Before you, rulers will stand in silence.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and Comforter.
We pray for the sick, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.
Break in to our lives where we struggle with sickness and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as a shepherd and guardian of our souls.
We remember those who are dying and those who have died.
Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you,
that, with the blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints and angels,
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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 Blessing of Advent

Officiant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify us with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await,
make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People **Amen.**

May we, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer,
at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us for ever.

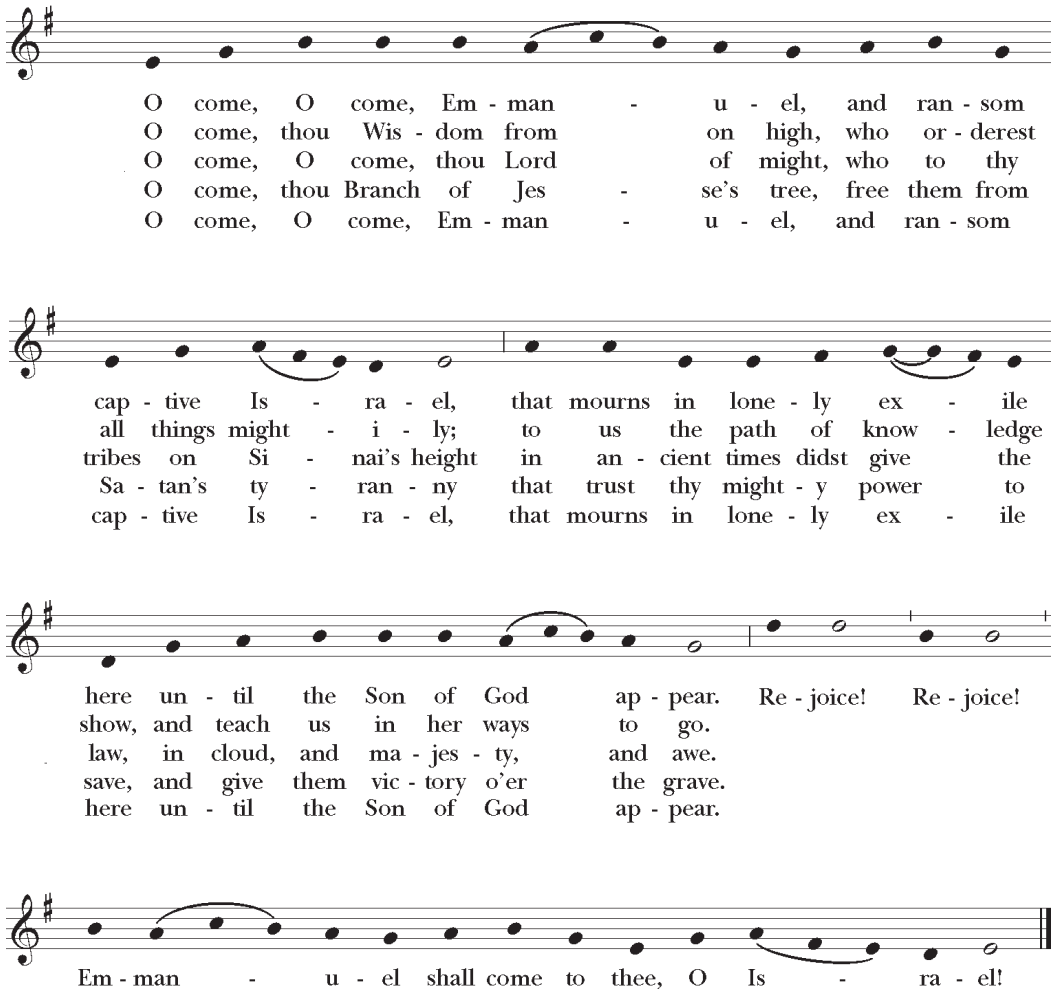
People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Officiant dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn O come, O come, Emmanuel *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*



The people extinguish their candles during the voluntary.

The people exit after the voluntary.

Voluntary Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel* *A. Carter*

Please join us for a reception in the Lobby


Candlelight
Service
of Nine Lessons
and Carols
Sunday, December 20 | 4:30 pm



Wherever you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

Worship

The worship of God lies at the center of all that we do at Christ Church and forms the foundation of our Christian community. Each week, each day even, we gather in prayer to offer our gratitude to God from who all life proceeds. And it is from this great well of gratitude that our lives and ministries—our hospitality and fellowship, our service to the poor within our community, and our formation as Christians—collectively flow.

Music

Music is at the heart of our Christ Church community and is one of the primary ways in which we worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our choirs sing at over 100 choral worship services every year. The choirs also sing at special liturgies, including the Advent and Epiphany Processions, Christmas and Easter Lessons and Carols, and the triduum liturgies in Holy Week.

Children & Youth

Christ Church is a place where children are loved and valued, and we strive to provide fertile ground for our children to grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially. The Church School offers a variety of regular classes and activities for children and youth. We work together to lead our children through age-appropriate lessons, crafts, and interactive discussions as they explore a new theme each week.

Learn

Christian Formation is a multi-faceted and life-long process of transformation. Christian Education gives language to our experiences of the Holy and provides us a place to explore the deep questions and implication of our faith. It is our profound hope that the Educational programs offered at Christ Church—for children, youth, and adults—will aid you and your children in your journey of faith.

Connect

Many people find the anonymity of a large parish safe when they first begin attending. At some point, however, most seek a community, a way to join with a group of people sharing the same journey. We gather all the time in different kinds of groups: for prayer, study, to help others, and just for fun. Whether you don't know what a Nave is or you are an expert at navigating Coffee Hour, there is a community here for you.

Serve

At Christ Church we believe that the expression of our Christian faith and life is made complete in the life of service. Throughout the year our Outreach Ministries provide opportunities for members to bring God's love into the our community and world through acts of compassion and service. In partnership with area agencies we build homes, feed the hungry, visit the sick and homebound, and clothe the poor.

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