# The Church of Christ The King

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ADVENT
A SEASON OF REFLECTION, PENITENCE,

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Third Sunday Of Advent
A Rising Church: Embracing A Bold Vision
To experience and share God's reconciling love

#### THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

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## WELCOME TO EVERYONE

Please take a moment to TURN OFF all cell phones as the signal interferes with our sound system. Thank vou.

Our Head Usher for today is Mrs. Wendy Howard.

## Worship tips and gentle reminders

When you come into Church, remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is He is present and to be adored under the form of His Blessed here. Sacrament reserved for Holy Communion. Kneel down and worship Him. Give thanks for your blessings. Bring to Him your needs. Remember all those in distress, sorrow and pain. Pray that the dead may rest in peace. And do not forget those who minister and worship here.

## The Circle of Light



During the Sundays in the Advent season, we light the candles on the Advent wreath, one by one. With each lighting, the brightness increases until we have a circle of light. Then, for Christmas we light the "Christ Candle" in the centre.

So too in our personal lives we build up our faith and life one step at a time. We start on the First Sunday with vision and **Hope**. Vision shows us new areas to explore and hope gives us the courage to move out and try.

We then add, on the Second Sunday, a sense of **Peace**, of shalom, the deep inner calm that reflects the spirit of God that is within us. This gives us reassurance and makes us feel at one with God and with other people.

To these we add on the Third Sunday, **Love**, the ingredient that gives warmth to our growing lives. God is love, God created us, and it is the continuing love of God and others that makes life rich and full.

The finishing touch on the Fourth Sunday adds the experience of **Joy**. In a sense, joy is the fruit of hope and peace and love. This joy is not mere light-heartedness or gaiety. It is a deep inner satisfaction made up of many parts, all of them rooted in God's providence.

Like the circle of light, however, our life finds its centre in Christ and so we light the **Christ Candle** on Christmas Eve. It is Jesus, who makes all the rest possible. As Christ's light shines within and through us, life's full beauty can be seen.

By this will you know that you are my disciples, that you love one another!

## The Season of Advent

## Welcome:

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

## **Introduction of Service:**

The Leader welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

Let us Pray together the Collect for Purity: Page 101 (BCP)

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

## **Opening Prayer:**

**Voluntary:** Choir & Altar Party Enter

**Priest:** Introduction of the Advent Circle of Light

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** 

The Altar party approaches the Advent Candle. The child appointed lights the appropriate Candle and says:

I Light the Candle of Love.

God loves everyone so much that He 'gave his only begotten Son' at Christmas time. In turn, we must love each other. This is the Christian garment.

The child then places the descriptive Banner in place and says:

Let us pray

All:

Almighty God, you called us to Love each other. Create in us a sincere love for each other, that we may truly be children of our Father in Heaven, and true disciples of the one who was born at this time, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Opening Hymn: CH 348

- 1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word: from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.
- 3. Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore opprest, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distrest, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy!

Lord, give us grace that we, like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Opening Sentence: (Advent) Page 97 (BCP)

Jesus says, surely, I am coming soon! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:20

Acclamation: Page 101 (BCP)

#### PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **ALL**

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Prayer of Intent:**

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#### **ALL**

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

### THE KYRIES:

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One;

you alone are the Lord;

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT: Third Sunday of Advent: Page 157 (BCP)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

### THE COLLECT: St. Thomas - Page 182 (BCP)

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**1st Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10** Miss Sabrina Howard

READER: A reading from the word of God, written in Isaiah Chapter 35, beginning to read at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

## Psalm 146: 4-9 Page 662 (BCP)

## (congregation remain seated)

- 4. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6. Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.
- 7. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \* the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8. The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9. The LORD shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:\* and to the Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning is now \*and ever shall be, world without end....Amen

2nd Lesson: James 5:7-10

Mrs. Angela Taylor

READER: A reading from the word of God, written in James Chapter 5, beginning to read at the 7<sup>th</sup> verse.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*The word of the Lord* 

ALL: Thanks be to God

## Gradual Hymn: CH 398

1. More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show; more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

### Refrain:

More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus; more of his saving fullness see, more of his love, who died for me.

2. More about Jesus let me learn, more of his holy will discern; Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me.

### Refrain:

More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus; more of his saving fullness see, more of his love, who died for me.

3. More about Jesus; in his word, holding communion with my Lord; hearing his voice in every line, making each faithful saying mine

## Refrain:

More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus; more of his saving fullness see, more of his love, who died for me.

(Final verse after Gospel)

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

(Congregation remain standing for the Gospel)

**PRIEST:** The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you

**PRIEST:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew Chapter 11

beginning to read at the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

PRIEST: This is the Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord

## Gradual Hymn:

CH 398 (Final Verse)

4. More about Jesus; on his throne, riches in glory all his own; more of his kingdom's sure increase; more of his coming, Prince of Peace.

## Refrain:

More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus; more of his saving fullness see, more of his love, who died for me.

## THE SERMON:

**REFLECTION:** Come into my heart

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, Into my heart, into my heart Come into my heart, Lord Jesus Come in today, come into stay Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

## The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen or 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, one in 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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfilment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven

he was born of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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 Bidding Prayer:

The Intercessions: Litany of Penitence - Page 217 (BCP) Mrs. Kiana Hall

The Minister and People together, all kneeling:

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

#### LEADER:

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves as we ought. We have not forgiven others, as we desire to be forgiven. We have not forgiven ourselves as we have been forgiven.

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.

#### LEADER:

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit,

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.

#### LEADER:

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

#### LEADER

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

#### LEADER:

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

#### LEADER:

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

### LEADER:

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

#### LEADER:

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

### LEADER:

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

#### LEADER:

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

#### LEADER:

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

ALL: Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

#### LEADER:

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

ALL: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

#### LEADER:

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

ALL: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection

The bishop, if present, or the priest, stands, and facing the people says:

#### LEADER:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to His ministers to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission oftheir sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe His holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

A deacon or lay person leading the service remains kneeling and says the following instead:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.** 

## **ACT OF PENITENCE**

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#### **PRESIDENT**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

#### **PRESIDENT**

Let us therefore confess our sins.

#### FORM A

#### **ALL:**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen* 

#### FORM B

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 neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. 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 ABSOLUTION

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#### **PRESIDENT**

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

## THE GREETING OF PEACE Page 124/125 (BCP)

### **FORM A**

#### **PRESIDENT**

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL** 

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

### **FORM B**

### **PRESIDENT**

If your are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

**ALL** 

Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

### **FORM C**

### **PRESIDENT**

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**ALL** 

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

The President shall then greet the congregation.

#### **PRESIDENT**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### ALL And also with you.

The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## **Peace Song:**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

#### Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know Him in His fullness and believe; You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

### Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place. If you say He saved you from your sin, Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in, You can make it right if you will yield, You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

### Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.

## Offertory Hymn: CH 39

- Creator of the starry height, thy people's everlasting Light, Jesu, Redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.
- 2. Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die, didst come to save our fallen race by healing gifts of heavenly grace.
- 3. When earth was near its evening hour, thou didst, in love's redeeming power, like bridegroom from his chamber, come forth from a Virgin-mother's womb.
- 4. At thy great name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow; all things in heaven and earth adore, and own thee King forevermore.

5. To thee, O Holy One, we pray, our Judge in that tremendous day, ward off, while yet we dwell below, the weapons of our crafty foe.

(Final verse after the Offertory Prayer)

The Offertory Prayer:

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### PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE,

Father, we offer to you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Offertory Hymn:

CH 39 (Final verse)

6. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

### THE EUCHARIST

Sursum Corda: (The Lord be with you) Page 126/127 (BCP)

PRESIDENT The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

PRESIDENT Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### **PRESIDENT**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God:

## The Proper Preface: (Advent) Page 127 (BCP)

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.

## Sanctus: (Holy, Holy, Holy) Page 131 (BCP)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **ALL**

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 Eucharistic Prayer C:

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#### **PRESIDENT**

We give thanks to you Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;

in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh,

Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For on the night he was betrayed He took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take this, and eat it: 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."

#### **PRESIDENT**

Therefore, Father, according to his command, ALL
We remember his death
We proclaim his resurrection
we await his coming in glory.

#### **PRESIDENT**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and ever.

ALL: Amen

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Page 144 (BCP)** 

PRESIDENT As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

### ALL

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Page 145 (BCP)** 

**Page 147 (BCP)** 

One of the following may be used

#### **PRESIDENT**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

or

#### **PRESIDENT**

God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us.

**ALL** 

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

or

#### **PRESIDENT**

This is the true bread which comes from heaven.

**ALL** 

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

## The Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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#### FORM A

#### **PRESIDENT**

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### **ALL**

Grant gracious Lord, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

#### FORM B

#### **PRESIDENT**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### ALL

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

#### **FORM C**

#### **PRESIDENT**

Draw near and receive the Body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

#### **ALL**

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore Lord of grace and love that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink his blood that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

## The Administration of Communion:

During the singing of the Communion Hymns, we invite to the Lord's Table all those persons who are communicant members in this church and in their respective churches. "Please remember to place your arms across your chest if you are taking communion by intinction, that is, by the Priest dipping the bread into the wine."

## Communion Hymn: CH 456

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When weary in this earthly race, I rest on his unchanging grace. in every wild and stormy gale, my anchor holds and will not fail.

## Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His vow, his covenant, and blood are my defence against the flood. when earthly hopes are swept away he will uphold me on that day.

## Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When the last trumpet's voice shall sound, O may I then in him be found!
Clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne

### Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

## Communion Hymn: LEV 139

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

### Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

2. Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief; kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

### Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

3. Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.

### Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

### Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

## Communion Hymn: CH 524

- 1. I lift my heart to thee,
  Saviour Divine,
  for thou art all to me,
  and I am Thine;
  Is there on earth a closer bond than this,
  that my Beloved's mine, and I am his?
- 2. Thine am I by all ties, but chiefly Thine, that through thy sacrifice thou, Lord, art mine;
  By Thine own cords of love, so sweetly wound around me, I to thee am closely bound.
- 3. To thee, thou Bleeding Lamb, I all things owe, All that I have and am, And all I know; All that I have is now no longer mine, and I am not my own: Lord, I am Thine.

- 4. How can I, Lord, withhold
  Life's brightest hour
  From thee; or gathered gold,
  Or any power?
  Why should I keep one precious thing from thee,
  When thou hast given Thine own dear Self for me?
- 5. I pray thee, Saviour, keep
  Me in thy love,
  until death's holy sleep
  shall me remove
  To that fair realm, where, sin and sorrow o'er,
  thou and Thine own are one for evermore

## Communion Hymn: CH 493

- 1. All the way my Savior leads me,
  What have I to ask beside?
  Can I doubt His tender mercy,
  Who through life has been my Guide?
  Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
  Here by faith in Him to dwell!
  For I know, whate'er befall me,
  Jesus doeth all things well;
- 2. All the way my Savior leads me, Cheers each winding path I tread, Gives me grace for every trial, Feeds me with the living Bread. Though my weary steps may falter And my soul a-thirst may be, Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.
- 3. All the way my Savior leads me,
  Oh, the fullness of His love!
  Perfect rest to me is promised
  In my Father's house above.
  When my spirit, clothed immortal,
  Wings its flight to realms of day
  This my song through endless ages:
  Jesus led me all the way;

## Communion Hymn: CH 627

- 1. We pray thee, heavenly Father, to hear us in thy love, and pour upon thy children the unction from above; that so in love abiding, from all defilement free, we may in pureness offer our Eucharist to thee.
- 2. Be thou our guide and helper, O Jesus Christ, we pray; so may we well approach thee, if thou wilt be the Way: thou, very Truth, hast promised to help us in our strife, food of the weary pilgrim, eternal source of life.
- 3. And thou, creator Spirit, look on us, we are thine; renew in us thy graces, upon our darkness shine; that, with thy benediction upon our souls outpoured, we may receive in gladness the body of the Lord.
- 4. O Trinity of Persons,
  O Unity most high,
  on thee alone relying
  thy servants would draw nigh:
  unworthy in our weakness,
  on thee our hope is stayed,
  and blessed by thy forgiveness
  we will not be afraid.

During the singing of the next hymn, all children who are not confirmed are invited to the Altar for a Blessing.

## Hymn for the Blessing & Recommitment: CH 654

- 1. Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me; take my hand and ever keep me close to thee.
- Teach me how to grow in goodness daily as I grow; thou hast been a child and surely thou dost know.
- 3. Step by step, O lead me onward, upward into youth; wiser, stronger, still becoming in thy truth.
- 4. Never leave me nor forsake me, ever be my friend, for I need thee from life's dawning to its end.

## Hymn for the Blessing & Recommitment: CH 657

- 1. Lord, I would own thy tender care, and all thy love to me; the food I eat, the clothes I wear, are all bestowed by thee.
- 2. 'Tis thou preservest me from death and dangers every hour;I cannot draw another breath unless thou give me power.
- 3. Kind angels guard me every night, as round my bed they stay: nor am I absent from thy sight in darkness or by day.

- 4. My health, and friends, and parents dear to me by God are given;I have not any blessing here but what is sent from heaven.
- Such goodness, Lord, and constant care
  I never can repay;
  but may it be my daily prayer,
  to love thee and obey.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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One of the following shall be used

#### **ALL**

Almighty Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body
live His risen life; we who drink His cup
bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Eternal God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

or

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 honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

## **Final Blessing**

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### Advent

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing ...

or

The Son of Righteousness shine upon you, gladden your hearts, and scatter the darkness from before you; and the blessing ...

....of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

#### ALL Amen.

## **Additional Notices and Announcements:**

## Hymn of Eucharistic Thanksgiving: CH 837

- 1. LET saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in Heav'n and earth are one.
- 2. One family, we dwell in Him, one Church, above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.
- 3. One army of the living God, to His command we bow; part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.
- 4. E'en now to their eternal home there pass some spirits blest; while others to the margin come, waiting their call to rest.
- 5. Jesu, be Thou our constant guide; then, when the word is given, bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to Heaven.

## **DISMISSAL**

PRESIDENT:

The Lord be with you

**ALL:** 

And also with you.

#### **PRESIDENT**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

#### **ALL:**

In the name of Christ. Amen.

**BENEDICTION:** May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day, As you trust Him and walk in His way. May His presence within guard and keep you from sin, Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

If you were blessed and enjoyed our service

Tell and bring others

Help them experience God's reconciling

Love for themselves and then share it with others.

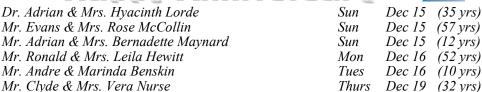
# Happy Birthday

Mrs. Patricia Johnson Dec 17 Tues Mrs. Wyalanda Crawford Wed Dec 18 Ms. Maria Newton Wed Dec 18 Fri Dec 20 Mrs. Grace Browne Mr. Seibert Scantlebury Dec 20 FriMs. Velestine Belgrave Dec 21 Sat

# Happy Birthday - Children

Siara Devonish Friday December 20 (16 yrs)

# Happy Anniversary



## **Our Prayer List**

Please remember and pray for those who are travelling. Please remember and pray for those who are in hospital: Please remember and pray for those who are recuperating:

### Please remember those who have requested the prayers of the Church:

Cynthia Wilson, Margo Hamblin, Norma Douglas, Stanley Medford, Grafton Brathwaite, Cecile Isaacs, Monica Downes, Joyce Fitt, Edlin Chandler, Joyce Clarke, Bernard Sealey, Itheil (Jimmy) Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Jones, Seibert Scantlebury, Henderson Hinds, Elsie Clarke, Alexis Alleyne.

### Please remember and pray for those who are sick & shut-in:

Ometa Allamby, Erma Babb, Eric Best, Grafton & Doreen Brathwaite, Isolene Mason, Marjorie McCollin, Marge Walke, Maureen Workman, Patricia Lorde (Snr.), Agnes Mars, Anita Skeete, Carmen Shepherd, Karmina Lavine, Rosemary Gooding-Carmichael.

### Please remember and pray for those who grieve:

The family of the late Monica Kirton. We remember all those who have died. May the Almighty God, who gave them life, take them back to himself and grant them eternal peace.

### Notice

The Co-ordinators of the Singing Priests Concert, the Choir Concert and the Christmas Wonderland have asked that all ticket monies be paid in immediately. Thank you all for your support.



## NEXT SUNDAY - 22nd December, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A
8:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON
10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **READINGS:**

Isaiah 7: 10-16 / Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18 / Romans 1: 1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25

## A Word of Challenge

It is right, therefore, that we not just be called Christians, but that we actually be Christians.

-Jgnatius of Antioch

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **DECEMBER 2019**

Friday 20th 6:00 p.m. Christmas Wonderland (opens to public)

Saturday 21st 6:00 p.m. Christmas Wonderland

**Sunday School Programme** 

Sunday 22nd 6:00 p.m. Christmas Wonderland

Tuesday 24th 11:30 p.m. Carol Singing / 12:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon

Christmas Day - Blessing of the Crib

Wednesday 28th Holy Innocents Day