



# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

## WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

### 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *The Christ Church Mass*, Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Voluntary *Divinum mysterium*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 100** *Joy to the World!*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

## Opening Acclamation

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*All sing*

## Gloria in Excelsis

Organ  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Organ  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa ther: re-ceive our prayer.  
 Organ For you a-lone are the ho-ly one.  
 You a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus  
 Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for*

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."*

*The Choir sings*

**Psalm 147:13-21** *Laudate Dominum*

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;  
 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.  
 He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
 He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.  
 He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?  
 He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

*Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."*

*Please stand and sing*

**Gradual Hymn 82** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Hymnal 1982

*The Gospel is carried into the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.*

## The Gospel Reading

*John 1:1-18*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

*Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## The Homily

Michael Kurth

*Please stand for*

## The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* Let us declare our faith in God:

*People* ***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.*

*A member of the parish leads*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray to Jesus our Savior.

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless and searching for safety. Jesus our Savior,

*hear our prayer.*

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep. Let those who are hurting know the strength of your salvation, especially N., and those we name now. Jesus our Savior,

*hear our prayer.*

Christ, worshiped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed, and lead them to the sanctuary of your presence. Jesus our Savior,

*hear our prayer.*

Christ, whose family fled the tyranny of Herod, give humility and wisdom to all who govern. Jesus our Savior,

*hear our prayer.*

Christ, whose radiance gives light to the world, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you, especially N., and those we name now. Jesus our Savior,

*hear our prayer.*

Christ, child of Mary, Son of God, you know us and love us; we give thanks for the blessings of our lives. Jesus our Savior,

*hear our prayer.*

Lord, by the song of the angels you disclosed your birth to your own people, and by the leading of a star you revealed your glory to strangers. Teach us to know you now, and to make you known to all. *Amen.*

*Please kneel, as able, for*

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 declares the absolution.*

*Please stand for*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory and Preparation of the Table**

*Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.*

### **Anthem**

traditional German tune, arr. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy sure!  
The Virgin bears the infant with virgin honor pure.  
Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!"

The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high!  
And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.  
Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!"

While thus they sing your monarch, those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains, ye oceans clap your hands.  
Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!"

Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored,  
The Infant born in Beth'lem the Savior and the Lord.  
Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!"

And idol forms shall perish, and error shall decay,  
And Christ shall wield his septre, our Lord and God for ay.  
Repeat the hymn again! "To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!"

*Please stand and sing*

### **Presentation Hymn 84 Love Came Down at Christmas**

Hymnal 1982

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

(red) Book of Common Prayer 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying*  
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant People  
A-men.

*The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

***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**

*We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.*

Organ Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass - ov - er is  
sa - cri - ficed for us; There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -  
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host*

is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

### Communion Anthem

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

“When He is King we will give him the King’s gifts,  
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,  
Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph.  
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight  
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,  
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,  
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,  
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary  
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,  
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,  
Mary for love, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

*Please stand for*

### The Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* In thanksgiving, let us pray.

*People* ***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 Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*All sing*

**Hymn in Procession 109** *The First Nowell*

Hymnal 1982

### Dismissal

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Voluntary** *In dulci jubilo*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.*

*We are sent forth to be Christ’s blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today’s worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.*

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



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