



# 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 THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 12, 2025

10:30 AM BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

**Voluntary** *Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

### Welcome and Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 454** *Jesus Came, Adored by Angels*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

### The Opening Acclamation

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

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

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit.

*People* ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* ***One God and Father of all.***

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated for*

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my

sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

At the conclusion the People respond, “Thanks be to God.”

**Psalm 29:3-5, 7-11** *Afferte Domino*

Chant: Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

The refrain is sung first by the Cantor, repeated by all, then together as appointed.

Refrain:



**The Lord shall give strength to his peo-ple.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. *Refrain*  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. *Refrain*  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!” *Refrain*  
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Refrain*

## The Second Reading

*Acts 8:14-17*

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

At the conclusion the People respond, “Thanks be to God.”

Please stand and sing

**Gradual Hymn 120** *The Sinless One to Jordan Came*

Hymnal 1982

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

## The Gospel Reading

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*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

## The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

(red) Book of Common Prayer 301

*The candidates are presented by sponsors, parents, and godparents, who make promises in their own names and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.*

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* ***We will.***

*Please stand for*

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* ***I do.***

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.***

***He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.***

***He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

## The Prayers for the Candidates

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving Over the Water

BCP 306

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*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, concluding*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for*

## The Baptism and Anointing

*Water is poured upon the head of the candidates, symbolizing the inward cleansing from sin in the name of the Trinity. Then the oil of Chrism is marked upon the head, symbolizing the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. These outward actions make the candidates new Christians, inwardly and spiritually. A candle is given, symbolizing Christ's light now shining in this new life. At the conclusion of these actions, the congregation stands to pray.*

*People* **Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.**

## The Welcoming

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

*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. Today, part of our offering is a collection of items to be donated to the Clothing Bank of Delaware. 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

William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heaven, God's holy will to do.

Straight-way and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

*Please stand and sing*

**Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal 1982

### The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

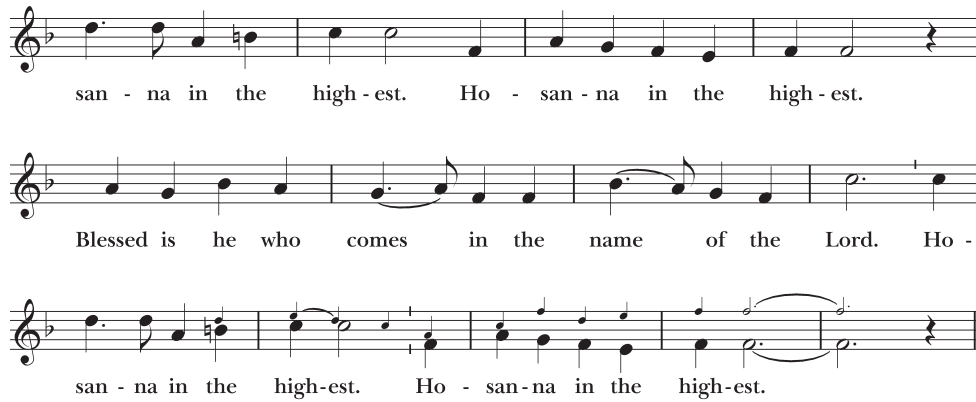
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*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:





san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*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. ***Amen.***

*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.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

*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 Hymn 294** *Baptized in Water*

Hymnal 1982

*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 Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

*People* ***Amen.***

*All sing*

**Hymn in Procession 616** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymnal 1982

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Voluntary** *Improvisation on Old Hundredth*

*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 light. 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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