



# 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

**Voluntary** Improvisation on *Lobe den Herren*

### Welcome and Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 390** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(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* 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*

### Canticle of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
 God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will  
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -  
5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of  
depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_  
you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for*

## **The First Reading**

*Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

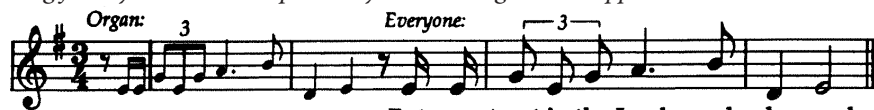
Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

## **Psalm 37:1, 3-8, 10** *Noli aemulari*

Chant: Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

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



*Refrain:*

**Put your trust in the Lord and do good.**

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. *Refrain*  
Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.  
Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. *Refrain*  
He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.  
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. *Refrain*  
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.  
For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. *Refrain*

## **The Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50*

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable,

what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

*Please stand and sing*

**Gradual Hymn 568** *Father All Loving, Who Rulest in Majesty*

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 6:27-38*

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*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 for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Episcopal Church in Delaware, for each congregation and school. We pray for this congregation and we lift up *N*. Strengthen our witness and our welcome. Lord, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our president, Donald, for Congress, and for those in the diplomatic corps or military service. Lord, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for *N.*, and those we remember now. Lord, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *N.*, and those we remember now. We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

Together let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

### 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

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands:

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

*Please stand and sing*

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

Hymnal 1982

### The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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 Anthem**

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

The feast of love is spread; the wine of joy outpoured.  
Now Jesus is bidding us come and dine at the table prepared for us.  
“My body is bread indeed; it was bruised and broken for you.  
Now eat it all in remembrance of me, and your soul shall be satisfied.”  
“This wine is drink indeed; ’tis my blood once shed for you.  
Now drink it all in remembrance of me, for behold, it is freely given.”  
O sacrament of love; O testament of grace!  
Lord, thus may we ever remember you ’til we sit at your feast above.

*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.***

### **Sending Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

*People* ***We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

### **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

*People* ***Amen.***

*All sing*

**Hymn in Procession 657** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymnal 1982

### **Dismissal**

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

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

**Voluntary** *Fantasy on Hyfrydol*

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

*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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