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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 1, 2024  
8:00am and  
10:30am (Livestreamed on Facebook)



*We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal, and the Lift Every Voice & Sing II hymnal, all located in the pew racks.*

*In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.*

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly. May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

***The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love, and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.***

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# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** *Now thank we all our God* arr. Cindy Berry

**Processional Hymn** *Stuttgart* Hymnal #66  
Come, thou long expected Jesus

### Advent Prayer and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

*People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.*

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

*The first candle is lit.*

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**Opening Acclamation** BCP p. 355

**Collect for Purity** BCP p. 355

**Trisagion** Hymnal #S-102

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading** Jeremiah 33:14-16  
*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.*

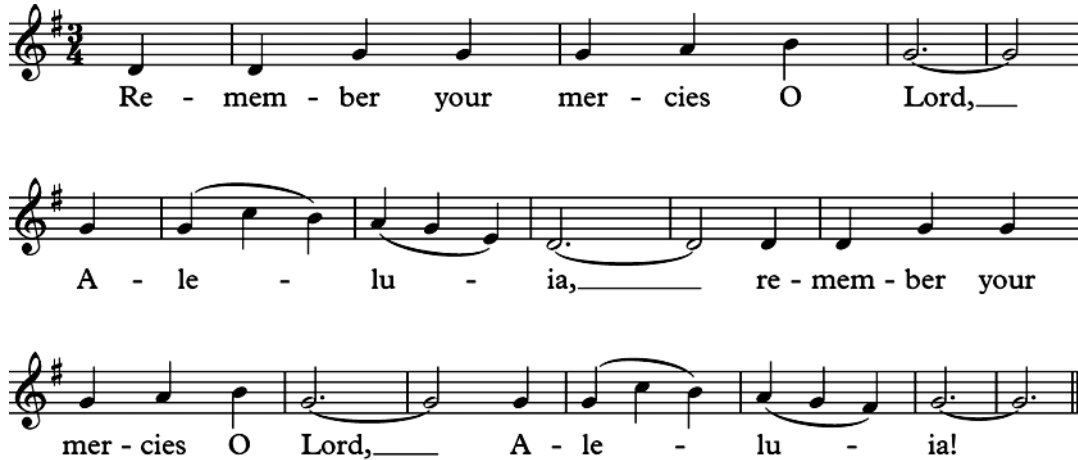
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for

David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 25:1-9** *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

BCP p. 614



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mer - cies O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ A - le - lu - ia!

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  
3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

**Refrain**

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.  
6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**Refrain**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.  
9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Refrain**

**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**

*St. Michael*  
 O day of God, draw nigh

Hymnal #601

*All remain standing.***Holy Gospel**

Luke 21:25-36

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

The Rev. Edgar Otero

**Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

**Prayers of the People***The Leader and People pray responsively.*

As the church worldwide celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us turn our minds and hearts to the larger community of which we are a part, saying: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For all peoples of every race, nation, and disposition: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses, and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another. We pray especially for Joseph, our President, and Brian, our Governor, Nicole, our County Chair, and Craig, Mayor of the City of Norcross, Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*And grant us mercy.*

For all the churches of the world, Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in acts of service. Call us to the one discipleship with its many gifts. We pray especially for Sean, our presiding bishop, for Rob, our own bishop, and for Edgar and Dan, our clergy. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*And grant us mercy.*

For all Christian communities, young and growing in Africa, aging and changing in North America: Renew our vision and experience of Christian community as ever birthing, ever transforming, ever young and open to risk, ever old and full of wisdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*And grant us mercy.*

For those who live in fear and confusion: Whether they be stateless people in refugee camps, or settled people hidden behind high fences, give to the vulnerable strength, and to the secure vulnerability, that our human compassion for one another may end injustice and give our societies a human face. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*And grant us mercy.*

For this community, especially for those who suffer most, for the emotionally and physically ill, especially for Jack, Heather, John, Bob, Jenny, Debanhi, Judy & Richard, Graham, Wes, and Val, for the dying, for those who grieve: May we all, out of our own suffering, give comfort and support. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*And grant us mercy.*

For the larger community around us, especially for the newborn children, the homeless, and the imprisoned: May we create a world where shelter, food, and medical care are available for all and where the law protects people for a better chance and better choices. We pray especially for the Neighborhood Co-Op, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, and for our Vestry. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*And grant us mercy.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

For members of our parish that we pray for this day:  
Jack, Carol, & Sarah Brocksmith;  
Bob, Robin, & Jean Brooks;  
Bob & Chris Brown;  
Buenaventura, Zaida, Joe, Maria, & Jesus Rafael;  
and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Daniel, and Andrew. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*And grant us mercy.*

For the Advent altar greenery, given to the glory of God by Karen Swenson, in honor of Leslie Wengenroth, and the Grace Chapter of the Daughters of the King and the Stephen Ministers. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
*And grant us mercy.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

On this first day of the year, we gather up our prayers and offer them to you, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars and in the common events of ordinary life that call us to attend to your coming. Prepare us for the time of trial and for your dominion, coming now, and at the close of this age. *Amen.*

**Confession of Sin**

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**Absolution**

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**Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Mission of Mercy Recipient**

The Mission of Mercy recipient for December is the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

**Blessings of Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries**

**E-Giving QR Code—>**



*The loose offering for today's service is designated for the  
Appleton Episcopal Ministries of the Diocese of Atlanta.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.*

*We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.  
Please ask the priest for them when you are at the Altar rail.*

**Offertory Anthem**

*How far is it to Bethlehem*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts,  
to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Presentation Hymn**

*Helmsley*

Hymnal 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

*The people remain standing.*

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP p. 367

**Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymnal # S-124

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

**Breaking of the Bread**

BCP p. 364

**Fraction Anthem**

*Lamb of God*

Hymnal #S-161

**Invitation**

BCP p. 364

**Communion Anthem**

*My Lord, what a morning*

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP p. 366

**Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

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

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

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

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

<b>Post Communion Hymn</b>	<i>Veni, veni, Emmanuel</i> O come, O come, Emmanuel	Hymnal #56 vs. 1, 2, & 3
<b>Dismissal</b>		BCP p. 366
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>My Lord, what a morning</i>	arr. Cindy Berry

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**Honor the lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce.**  
Proverbs 3:9 [Stewardship Quote]

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**Prayers for Members of Our Parish**

Jack Brocksmith, Heather Emery, John Emery, Bob Haer, Jenny Ham, Debanhi Hernandez, Judy & Richard Moore, Graham Perrins, Wes Quesenberry, and Val Wilson.

**Prayers for Members of our Military**

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O’Keefe, and Andrew Pridgen.

**Prayers for Friends and Family**

Alex & Natasha, Gisele Arminio, Margo Biringer, Elaine Black, Irene Brown, Staci Fair Burnett & family, Brad Burns, Mark Clayton, Sophia Crawford, Joyce Stone Daniel, Ralph Donnangelo, Will Drummond, Jacob Fair, R.J. Fair, Greg Harry, Dashiell Hatem Kelli Fair Holloway, Martha Gilbert Holmes, Michelle Losey, Val McCall, Kaye McRoberts, Andi Mocharski, Alan Nichols, Anita Oliver, Mike Pearlstein, James Pernini, Bonnie Pitman, Kristi Powers, Bill Quesenberry, Frances Rich, Robb Riddick, Gary & Cindy Russell, Tom Shaw, Andrew Thompson, and Noah Withrow.

*Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at [office@ccnorcross.org](mailto:office@ccnorcross.org) to add or remove names from the prayer list.*

**TIME SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please read *The Christ Church Chronicle* (CCC) at [www.ccnorcross.org](http://www.ccnorcross.org) for detailed announcements.

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**UPDATED** Christ Church Business Directory! Please consider using parishioners for all your housekeeping, landscaping, construction, photography needs and more! If you would like to submit your business to the directory, please email Kristie Bernard at thecure00@hotmail.com. You can access the directory at: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fvrRcM2sbNKXj\\_c77A6DW8thMNibfrnQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fvrRcM2sbNKXj_c77A6DW8thMNibfrnQ/edit)

**LEAD NURSERY WORKER ON BOARD; VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

We are thrilled to announce that Richard McNally has agreed to be our regular nursery worker. He has the required certification which means any volunteers need only to have a desire to play with delightful children and lead them in games and crafts. If you can give a little over an hour of your time once every 6-8 weeks, it would go a long way to help support our young families in worship. Volunteer opportunities are available through January at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A4AD2DA5FD0-48948370-christ>

or this QR code. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Smith at 678-644-9304 or Richard McNally at 415/810-7974.



**INVITING READERS TO LIGHT ADVENT WREATH BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024**

At the beginning of our Sunday worship services during the Advent Season, we light candles on The Advent Wreath. We invite members of our congregation to lead the prayers that accompany this lighting. If you would be interested in being a reader for one of the Advent Sunday services — individuals, couples, friends, or families — please contact Beth Holland at 770/447-1166 or email to [office@ccnorcross.org](mailto:office@ccnorcross.org) before Monday morning of each week, and she will put you on the schedule. The four (4) Sundays in Advent are: December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

We invite readers for both the 8am and 10:30am services. Thanks.

**2024 YEAR-END GIVING**

As the end of 2024 approaches, here are a few reminders regarding your charitable giving:

1. Checks that are mailed **MUST** be postmarked by December 31, 2024, to be credited in this calendar year for tax purposes. Please mail checks to:

Christ Church Episcopal.  
400 Holcomb Bridge Road  
Norcross, GA 30071.

2. Online donations (PayPal & Tithe.ly) are time-stamped. Please make sure all online donations are made by December 31st so they can be credited for 2024.

3. If you plan to give a stock gift, please make the request of your broker before December 15, 2024. We need time to sell the stock before the December 31st deadline.

For any further questions, please email [bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org](mailto:bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org).

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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**Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, December 1, 2024**

Presider..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Acolytes..... Meg Tuel, Kassie Diehl, Eleanor Diehl, McKenzie Wortman  
Altar Guild ..... Connie Leff, Amy Ross  
AV Team ..... Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Kathy Smith; Ann Post, John Haeger  
Greeters ..... Elliott Brack; Nancy Emery, Guy Gupton, Susan Gupton  
Lectors ..... Steve Smith; McKenzie Wortman  
Ushers..... Elliott Brack; Carla Johnson, Stephanie Usher  
Vestry of the Day..... Kathy Smith; McKenzie Wortman; Kathy Smith

**Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, December 8, 2024**

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows  
Acolytes..... McKenzie Wortman, Kristie Bernard, Jodi Arminio  
Altar Guild ..... Lori Landis, Jodi Arminio  
AV Team ..... TBD, Dwalu Tay; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Yen  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Jenny Ham; Meg Tuel, Lori Landis  
Greeters ..... Robert Richardson; Guy & Susan Gupton  
Lectors ..... Mike Breedlove; Myrna Campbell-Kelly  
Ushers..... Robert Richardson; Karyn Angstadt, Stephanie Usher  
Vestry of the Day..... Kathy Smith; McKenzie Wortman; Kristie Bernard

**Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, December 15, 2024**

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows  
Acolytes..... Meg Tuel, Jodi Arminio, McKenzie Wortman  
Altar Guild ..... Cathy Canfield, Heather Durham  
AV Team ..... TBD, Dwalu; Yamileth Silva, Andrew Silva  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Ange Justice; Ann Post, Cathy Canfield  
Greeters ..... Jenny Ham; Nancy Emery  
Lectors ..... Jenny Ham; Ashley Boggs  
Ushers..... Charles Dowdell; TBD  
Vestry of the Day..... Charles Dowdell; Sue Lawton (10:30am & 1pm)

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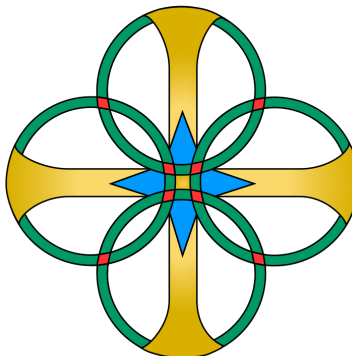
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