



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5, 2021  
11 a.m.

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*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839,  
this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! Fully vaccinated worshipers are encouraged to wear masks indoors on campus. Worshipers who are not fully vaccinated, including children over the age of two, are expected to wear masks.

We have a socially distanced and masked seating section available. The east transept and first rows near the pulpit are reserved for those who choose both to physically distance and wear masks. If you're sitting in the marked sections, you're expected to wear masks and sit socially distanced.

We have resumed administering wine at Holy Communion. Intinction (i.e.-dipping the wafer in the chalice) is permitted. However, in accordance with Bishop Doyle's guidelines, at Communion we will not drink from the common cup. It is also acceptable to receive bread but not wine, as each element of Communion contains a full measure of grace. The congregation will be invited to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you choose to sit in the area reserved for physical distance, Communion will be brought to you in your pew.

We're glad you're here! Let us prepare to worship the Lord.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE VERY REV. BARKLEY S. THOMPSON, *Dean*  
Celebrant

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659      Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

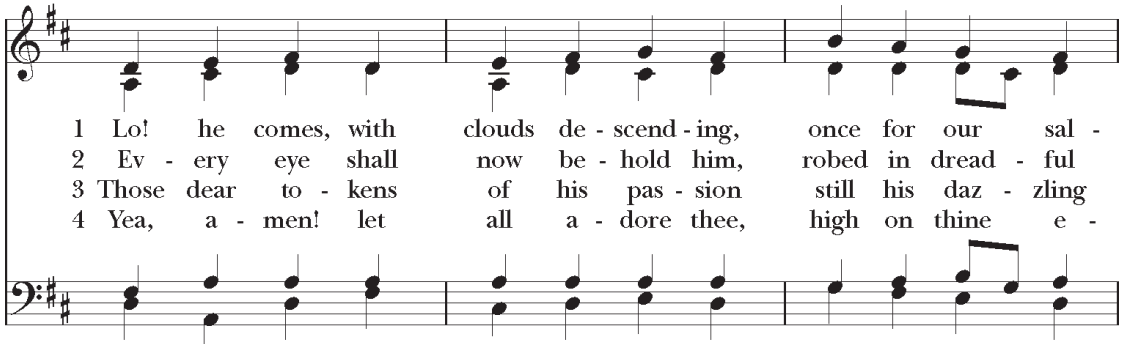
## CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

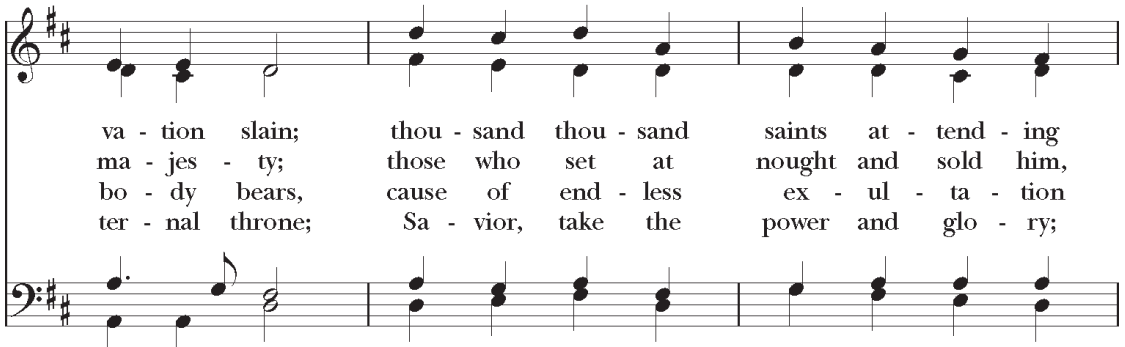
V. O people of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations:  
R. And in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard.

## HYMN 58

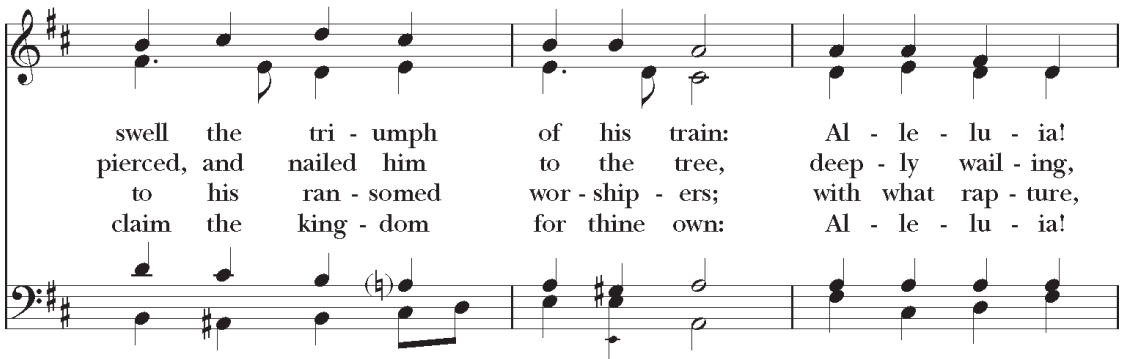
*St. Thomas*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -



va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;



swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

## *The Word of God*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

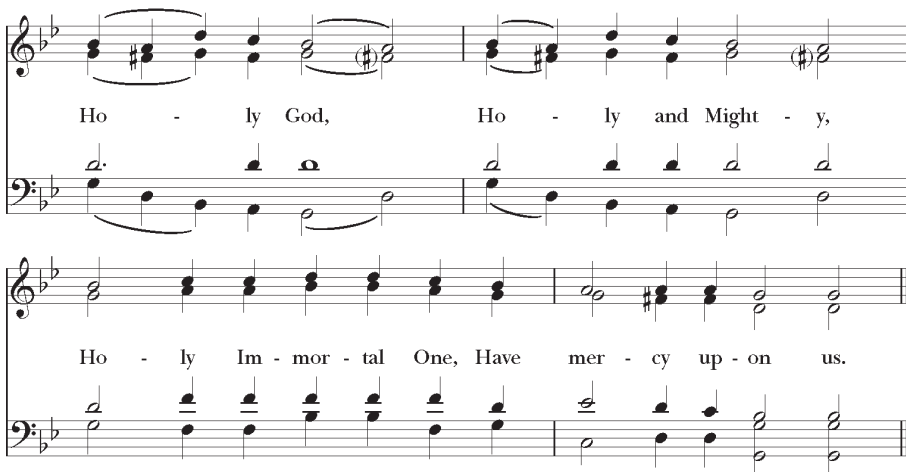
*The Celebrant continues*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

TRISAGION S 102

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

*The Trisagion is sung three times, first by the cantor and then twice by the congregation and choir.*



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## CANTICLE 4 — THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Simplified Anglican Chant



Blessed be the Lord God of / Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his / people;  
He hath raised up a mighty salvation / for us \*  
in the house of his servant / David,

As he spake by the mouth of his holy / prophets, \*  
 which have been since the world be/gan:  
 That we should be saved from our / enemies, \*  
 and from the hand of all that / hate us;  
 To perform the mercy promised to our / forefathers, \*  
 and to remember his holy / covenant;  
 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather / Abraham,\*  
 that he would / give us,  
 That we being delivered out of the hand of our / enemies \*  
 might serve him without / fear,  
 In holiness and righteousness be/fore him, \*  
 all the days of our / life.  
 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Highest, \*  
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his / ways;  
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his / people \*  
 for the remission of their / sins,  
 Through the tender mercy of our / God, \*  
 whereby the dayspring from on high hath / visited us;  
 To give light to them that sit in darkness  
 and in the shadow of / death, \*  
 and to guide our feet into the way of / peace.

## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## HYMN 65

*Bereden väg för Herran*

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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## ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lú - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight:

R. And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. **Alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Simón Bautista Betances,  
Canon Missioner for Latino Ministries and Outreach

## THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon or other leader*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.



*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People remain standing.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Priest continues*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

— *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

— *John 3:16*

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# *The Holy Communion*

## AT THE OFFERTORY

### ANTHEM

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

O my dear heart, young Jesus sweet,  
prepare thy cradle in my spreit,  
and I shall rock thee in my heart,  
and nevermore from thee depart.  
Balulalow, balulalow.

But I shall praise thee evermore,  
with songes sweet unto thy gloir,  
the knees of my heart shall I bow,  
and sing that right balulalow.  
Balulalow, balulalow.

— *Traditional Scottish*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." and the People, with the lyrics "And with thy spi - rit." The second staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts." and the People, with the lyrics "We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is meet and right so to do." The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and slurs.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

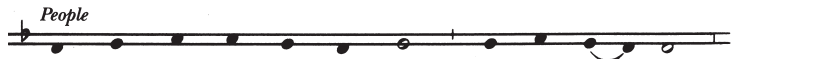
# FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand, and the Wine by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; ask at the altar rail.*

## AGNUS DEI S 158

Healey Willan (1880–1968)



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

## AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
laden with fruit, and always green:  
the trees of nature fruitless be,  
compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
the glory which I now can see  
in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
here I will sit and rest awhile:  
under the shadow I will be,  
of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be  
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

— *Anon., collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O**

heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

### HYMN 74

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Descant*

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they



God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord

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

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia super *Valet will ich dir geben*, BWV 735

Johann Sebastian Bach

### *Music Notes*

During Advent, the *Gloria* we sing at the beginning of our service for much of the year is replaced by the *Trisagion*, an ancient hymn translated “Thrice Holy.” It is thought to be modeled on the passage found in Isaiah 6:3, “Holy, holy’ holy Lord,” on which the *Sanctus* is also based. Though its use in Russian and Greek Orthodox worship dates from the 5th century, it was only with the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* that it was introduced into the worship of the Episcopal Church. The musical setting is by Alexander Arkhangelsky (1846-1924), an influential Russian composer, conductor, and reformer. He is credited with being the first person in Russia to employ women rather than boys in the performance of sacred music. — *RLS*

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### *The Book of Remembrance*

This week we remember Henry Irving Schweppe Jr.  
and Michael Nelson Becker.

### *The Beauty of Flowers*

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of  
God in loving memory of Linda Anne Baldwin and Dorothy  
Geiselman Baldwin by the family of Robert B. Baldwin III.

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# Welcome, Sunday, December 5, 2021

## *Announcements*

### ❖ TODAY

**Welcome** • If you are a guest today, we offer a warm welcome to Christ Church! Please complete a virtual welcome card at [christchurchcathedral.org/welcome](http://christchurchcathedral.org/welcome) so we can get to know you. Feel free to contact the Cathedral offices during the week at 713-222-2593 and let the receptionist know you would like to learn more about Christ Church Cathedral.

**Poinsettia Memorial** • Poinsettias can be given in memory or honor of someone special this Christmas for \$15 per plant. You may order online or visit with Lisa Viktorin ([lviktorin@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:lviktorin@christchurchcathedral.org)) in the Cloister to place an order today. Details at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/poinsettias](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/poinsettias)

**Advent Lessons and Carols** • The Cathedral Choir ushers in Advent with its annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols in place of the Well at 5 p.m. this evening. This is one of the most anticipated celebrations of the year and a perfect way to introduce your friends and family to the Cathedral. Start your Advent with this beautiful service.

❖ **Christmas at the Cathedral** • One of the highlights of Advent each year at the Cathedral returns Dec. 11. Christmas at the Cathedral is a special event sponsored by the Mission Outreach Council. This joyous celebration hosts young children and their families who are supported by two of the Cathedral's charitable partners — Kid's Hope and Small Steps — and features a Christmas meal, games, and other elements of Christmas cheer. Learn more at [www.christchurchcathedral.org/christmas](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/christmas)

❖ **Phuc Luu** • Join Houston theologian and author Phuc Luu Dec. 12 at 6:15 p.m. in Latham for a time of reflection and discussion around his book, *Jesus of the East: Reclaiming the Gospel for the Wounded*. Learn more at [www.christchurchcathedral.org/migratorygod](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/migratorygod)

❖ **Mitch Albom** • Internationally acclaimed author Mitch Albom will discuss his latest book, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, a novel of hope and faith, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral. Learn more and purchase tickets in advance at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/migratorygod](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/migratorygod).

❖ **Parish Retreat** • The Annual Parish Retreat is an opportunity to get away with your parish family to the beauty of the Piney Woods. Join us for our first “regular” retreat in two years to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and renew your relationship with God. All are welcome to join. We'll be staying at the new campsite 4, Jan. 14-16. Space is limited so register early! [www.christchurchcathedral.org/parishretreat](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/parishretreat)

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