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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026
10:30 AM BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *Missa Brevis*, Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Voluntary *Phoenix* Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 287 *For All the Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest* (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. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed

their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Benedicam Dominum* Chant: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!
Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading *1 John 3:1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 625 *Ye Holy Angels Bright* 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 *Matthew 5:1-12*

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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 Thomas Word Peters

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.***

Members of the recent Newcomers: Belong classes come forward. Once all have been recognized, the Celebrant invites the congregation to welcome them, saying

People ***With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us the ministry of Christ and the mission of this parish.***

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 using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, 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.

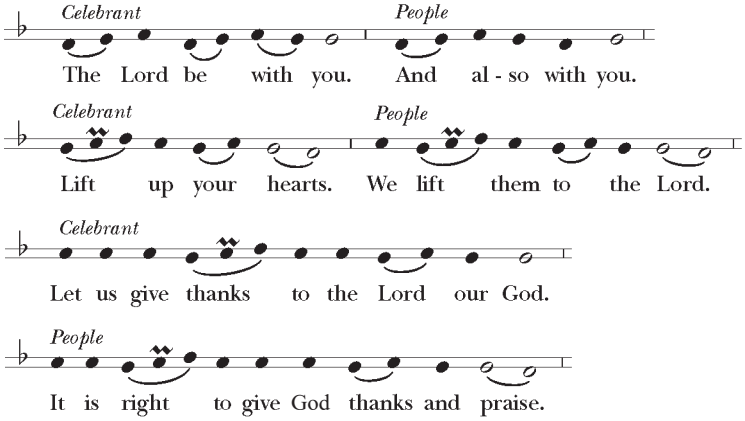
Anthem Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.
We ask them whence their victory came, they, with one united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.
They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God, they reached their promised rest.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 424, v. 1 *For the Fruit of All Creation* Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 361



The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus, sung by the Choir.

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:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



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

The Choir sings the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960)

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo,	I saw water flowing from the
a latere dextro: Alleluia!	right side of the temple: alleluia!
Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista,	And all they to whom that water came were saved,
salvi facti sunt, et dicent: Alleluia, alleluia!	and they shall say: Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Hymn 336 *Come With Us, O Blessèd Jesus* 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.***

The congregation is invited to join the Choir and Clergy in procession to the Memorial Garden for the reading of names of the Beloved Departed who are interred there.

Voluntary *Fantasy in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

In the Memorial Garden

Priest The Lord be with you.

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

Priest Let us pray. Almighty God, you hold our souls in life. We gather today to remember all the saints of God who are buried here in this hallowed ground. You opened the gates of heaven and welcomed them to everlasting life. We remember them and we pray for them.

The Reading of the Names

We seem to give them back to you, dear God, who gave them to us. Yet as you did not lose them in giving them, so we have not lost them by their return; because we are yours, and they are yours, you hold us all in your loving embrace. And life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing more than the limit of our sight. So lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further. So hold us in love that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved who are with you now, among the great cloud of witnesses who give glory and praise for ever. ***Amen.***

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***Amen.***

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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 peace. 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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