# 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 OF ADVENT
## NOVEMBER 29, 2026
## 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *New Plainsong Mass*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

**Voluntary** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Welcome**

*The Choir sings*

**The Introit** Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment.
May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Entrance Hymn 57** *Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending* (blue) Hymnal 1982

**The Opening Acclamation**

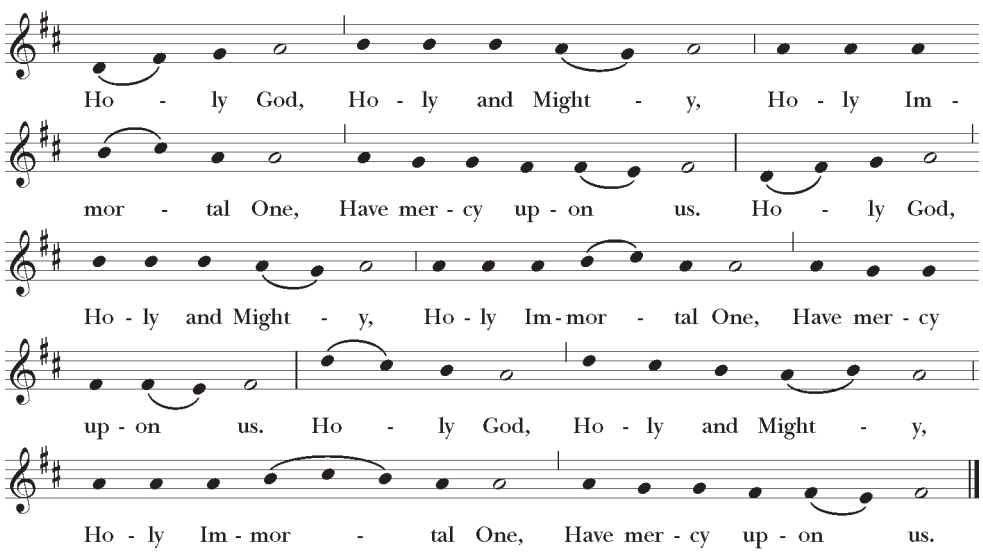
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*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*

**Trisagion**



**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. 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.***

*Please be seated for*

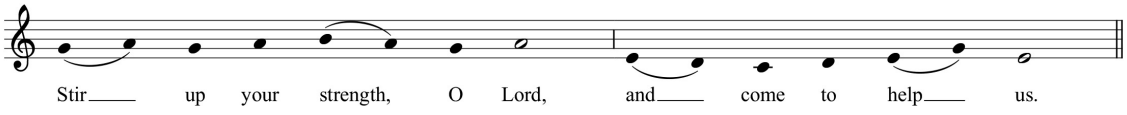
**The First Reading** *Isaiah 64:1-9*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** *Qui regis Israel* Chant: Plainsong

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

*Refrain:* 


Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *Refrain*

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. *Refrain*

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *Refrain*

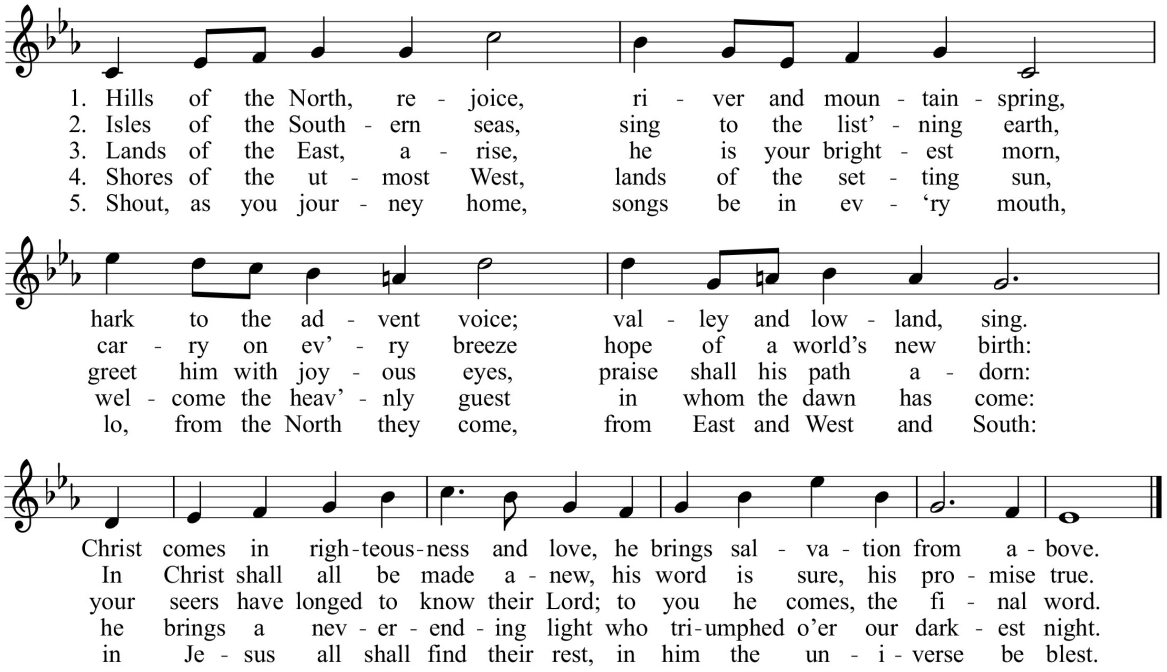
**The Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Please stand and sing*

**Gradual Hymn** *Hills of the North, Rejoice* from Hymns Ancient and Modern




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

**The Gospel Reading** *Mark 13:24-37*

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

*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."

*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** David Beresford

*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**

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus. *[silence]*

Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for believers throughout the world, for our bishop, Kevin, and for all who lead us in worship and service. Help us to live in the light of your coming and to offer you thanks and praise every day.
***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for our president, Donald, and for leaders in every nation, city, and town, that they may work for the welfare of all the people they serve. Before you every knee shall bow.
***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray for those who are sad or lonely, hungry or cold; for people who live in fear and uncertainty, in places of unrest and in the aftermath of disaster; for all who need you, Lord, especially *N.*, and those we remember now. Break into our lives where we struggle with sickness and distress and set us free to serve you for ever.
***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember those we love who have gone from our lives but not from you, especially *N.,* and those we remember now. Give to us, with all the faithful departed, the light of your heaven and the comfort of your love.
***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, and hear our prayers and our praise. ***Amen.***

*Please kneel, as able, for*

**The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

*The Celebrant declares the absolution.*

*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** Johann Sebastian Bach

*Zion hört die Wächter singen,*
*das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,*
*sie wachet und steht eilend auf.*

Zion hears the watchmen's voices,
with gladness, all her heart rejoices,
she eager waits to greet the day.

*Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,*
*von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,*
*ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.*

See, her Lord from heaven descending
with grace and truth and power unending,
her daystar dawns with brightest ray.

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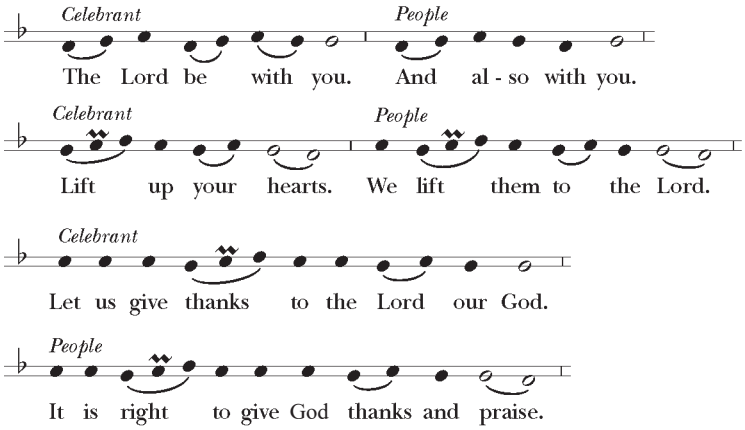
| *Nun komm, du werteKron,* | O come, thou blessed One, |
| *Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn! Hosianna!* | Herr Jesu, God's own Son, Hosanna! |
| *Wir folgen all Zum Freudensaal* | We follow there Thy feast to share, |
| *und halten mit das Abendmahl.* | and taste the joys beyond compare. |
| *Gloria sie dir gesungen* | Glory be to Thee |
| *mit menschen un englischen Zungen,* | from mortals and angels be sung, |
| *mit Harfen un mit Cymbeln schon.* | with harp and cymbals beautiful. |
| *Von zwölf Perlen sind die Pforten* | Twelve great pearls are the portals |
| *an deiner Stadt; wir sind Consorten* | of Thy city; we consort there |
| *der Engel hoch um deinen Thron.* | with the angels high around Thy throne. |
| *Kein Aug' hat je gespürt,* | No eye hath ever seen, |
| *kein Ohr hat je gehört solche Freude.* | no ear hath ever heard such joy. |
| *Des sind wir froh, i-o!, i-o! ewig in dulci jubilo.* | And so we join, i-o! i-o! forever in sweet jubilation. |

*Please stand and sing*

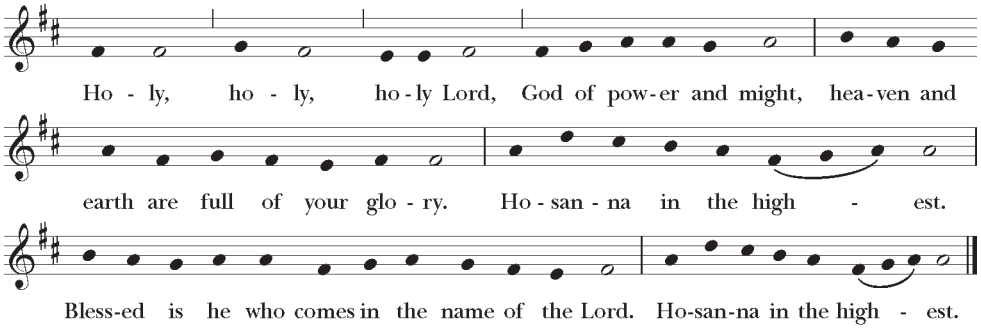
**Presentation Hymn 66, v. 1** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymnal 1982

**The Great Thanksgiving** (red) Book of Common Prayer 367




*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:




*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.



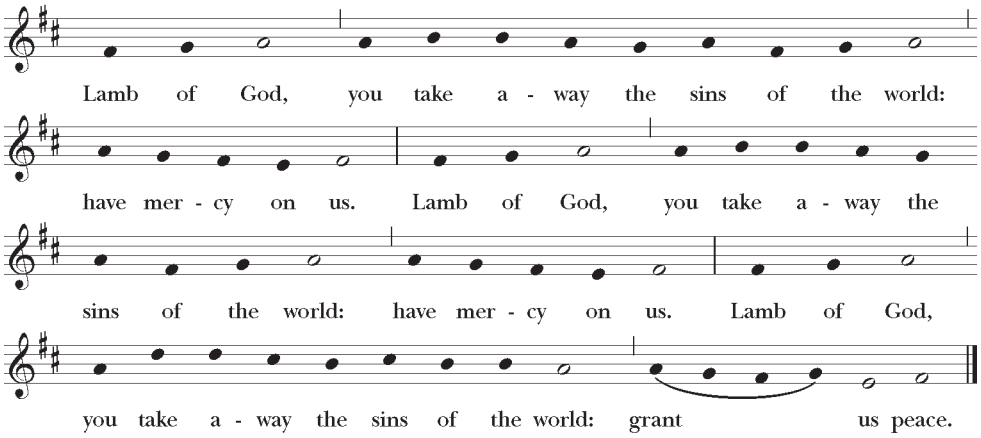

*The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.*

**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.*




*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** Mark R. Sirett (b. 1952)

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by a crown nor by a gown,
But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

*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.***

*Please be seated for*

**Announcements**

*Please stand and sing*

**Hymn in Procession 73** *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* Hymnal 1982

**Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Voluntary** *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

*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 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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