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 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2026
10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary *Sehr ruhig* from *Sonata No. 1* Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 417 *This is the Feast of Victory for Our God* (blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

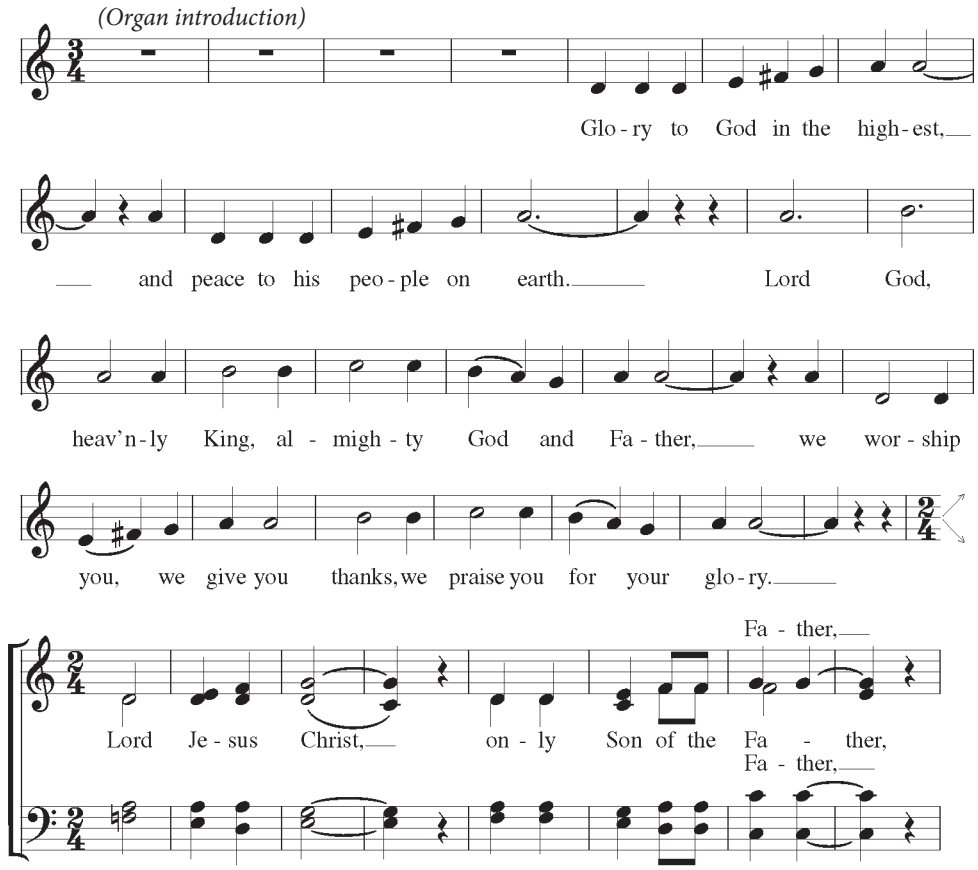
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

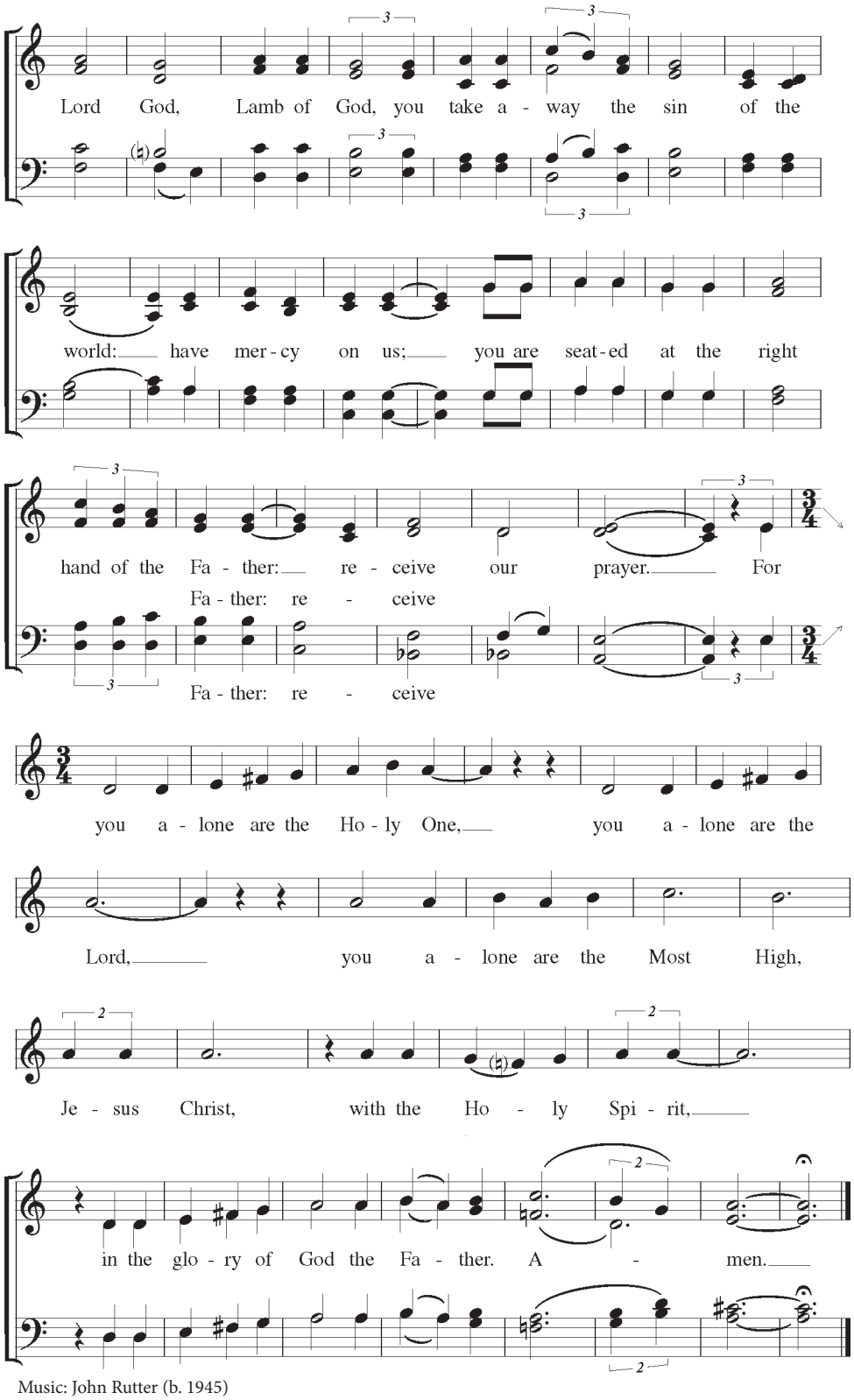
People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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

Gloria in Excelsis





Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading *Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 70 *Deus, in adjutorium* Chant: William Hine (1687-1730)

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

The Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 620 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* 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 25:1-13*

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for

yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Ruth 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

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Sean, our presiding bishop, and Kevin, our bishop; for our parish clergy, staff, and preschool, and for all who teach and nurture faith. We give thanks for our parish ministry, especially *N.*, and for our companions in the Dominican Republic. May the word of Christ dwell in our hearts and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the world and for the nations, especially those in crisis, war, or conflict; for diplomats and those who use their influence for the welfare of all people. Lord God, guide every nation and people to turn their swords into plowshares for a harvest of peace. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for this nation, that in unity we may hold fast to the way of freedom and peace. We pray for our president Donald, and for all who hold or seek elected office. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for this community, for those who live, work, and visit here, and for all in our schools and universities. We pray for our outreach partners, especially *N.,* and all who seek the common good. Lead us to share what you have given and serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those who do not believe and those broken in faith or without hope. Through our ministry, open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to receive you as savior and friend. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those bowed down with grief or fear, those caught by addiction or anxiety, for the sick who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for those who have asked our prayers, especially *N.,* and those we remember now…that they may be comforted and healed in the name of Christ Jesus. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

We remember all who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially *N.,* and those we remember now…we rejoice with all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled. Hear our prayer.
Hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life in your kingdom: redeem all our days by this victory and make us bold to praise you and to do your will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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.

The Peace

Priest 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 Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry all skillful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger, sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles,
And One born in a manger commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious Friend, and—O my soul, awake!—
Did in pure love descend to die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flower of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges; for none can thee secure
But One who never changes—thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Please stand and sing

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

The Great Thanksgiving (red) Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

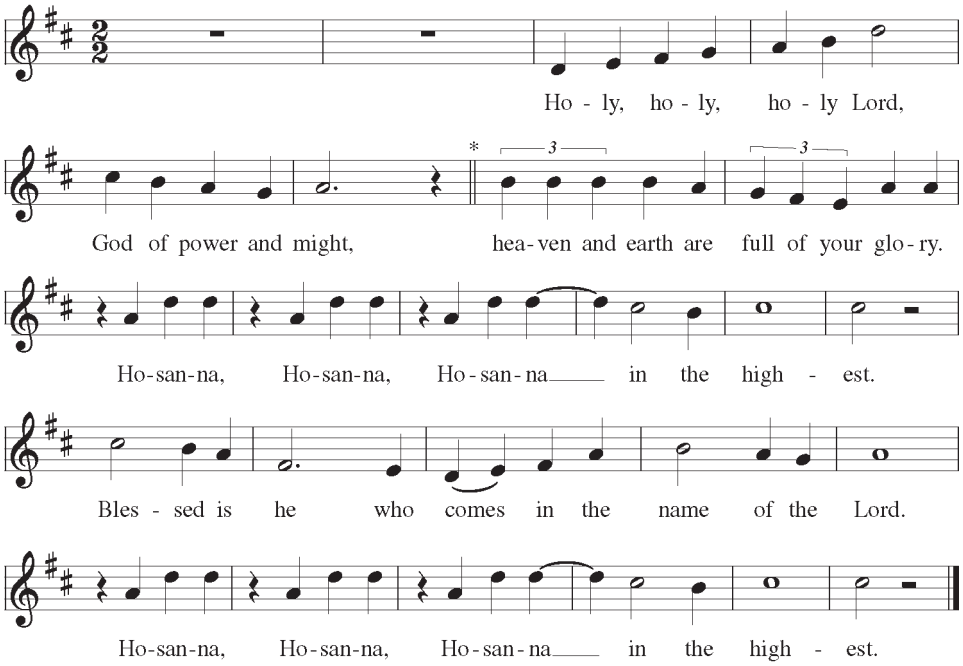
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

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:



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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. ***Amen.***

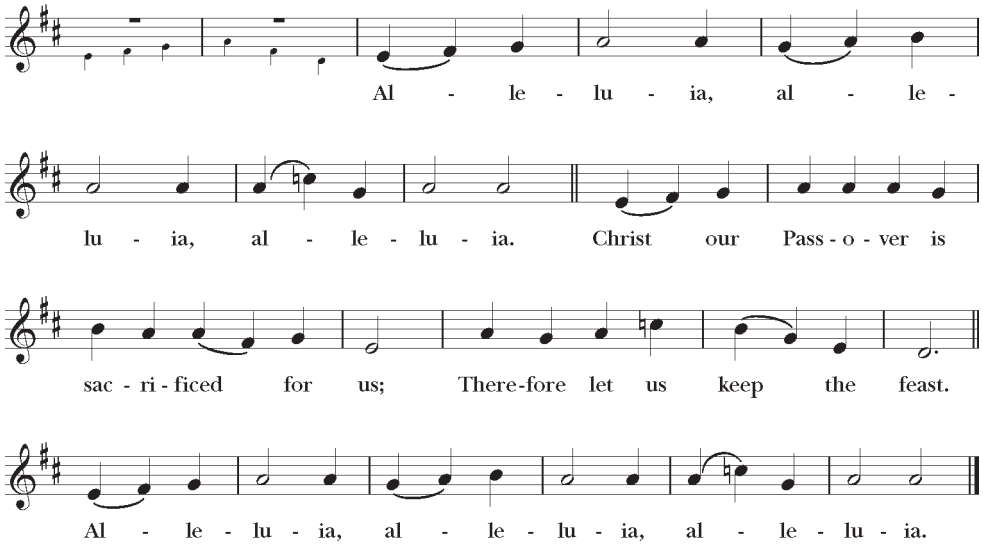
The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

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.



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 Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum:
quando veniam et apparebo
ante faciem Dei?

Like as the hart longs for the water springs,
so longs my soul for thee, O God.
My soul has thirsted for the living God:
when shall I come and appear
before the face of my God?

Fuerunt mihi lacrymae	My tears have been my bread
meae panes die ac nocte,	by day and by night,
dum dicitur mihi quotidie:	while it is said to me daily:
ubi est Deus tuus?	where is your God?

Communion Hymn 658 *As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams* 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.***

All sing

Hymn 686 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Voluntary *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 joy. 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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