

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church
November 28, 2021 • 10 a.m. The First Sunday of Advent

Rite I

OUR MISSION: "TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Choral Prelude "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending"

St. Thomas Entrance

All stand

Opening Acclamation pg. 323

Trisagion *(sung by all)*

The Collect, The

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Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *The people sit.*

A reading from the book of Jeremiah, 33:14-16

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.**

(silence)

Psalm 25:1-9 *(Anglican chant by the choir)*

The Second Lesson

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, 3:9-13

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.**

(silence)

All standing, the priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when

these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form I

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace *(All stand)*

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Anthem

"E'en So Jesus Quickly Come"

Paul Manz

(All standing)

Eucharistic Prayer I

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Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy” *(sung by all)*

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem “Lamb of God” *(sung by all)*

The Communion

During Communion, the people will come forward one pew at a time. Please use hand sanitizer on your way to receive Communion. Wine is available via intinction. You may dip the host in the intinction cup of wine if you so choose. If you are not baptized but would like to receive a blessing, please approach the stairs with your arms crossed over your chest.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion *(For those participating online)*

Choral Hymn

“O day of God, draw nigh”

St. Michael

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the people.

Organ Postlude

“Wake, awake”

Charles Callahan

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In memory of Mildred and R. L. Cleveland
and Alberta Rodocker

Serving Rota:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier
Acolytes: Robert Jordan, Joanna Jordan
Eucharistic Minister I: Sally Scheid
Eucharistic Minister II: Concha Marbut
Choir Director: Dr. Allin Sorenson
Organist: Catherine Wong



WE PRAY FOR THE ILL, including Steven Anderson, Margaret Banta, Father Moses Berry, Kirk Brantner, Robert Bridges, Charles Busch, Peggy Cannon, Mike Cox, Jason Donnell, Bob Egbert, Ken Ehlen, Kirk Goforth, Bruce Howell, Edna Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Bruce Kirby, Myrna Lanier, Wil Long, Gary Matthews, Margot McGinnis, Greg Messier, Dale Mills, Louise Morgan, Kim Power, Amy Reecamper, Jody Rugenstein, Kerri Schiegoleit, Chuck Singleton, Diane Smith, Wyatt Spicer, Brad Sturdevant, Corky Taylor, David Taylor, Richard & Ginger Taylor, Mary Williams, The Rev. Steve Wilson, and Courtney.

WE PRAY FOR Trinity Episcopal Church (Lebanon) in The Diocese of West Missouri, for Father Fritz and Carmel Valdema, Dr. Tram and Hannah Jones, and the Leswpa Timoun Clinic in Haiti.

WE PRAY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS, including caregivers and their families, healthcare professionals and their families, and for our military personnel and their families.

WE GIVE THANKSGIVING for the birth of Shae Koula Towery, granddaughter of Jim and Barbara Towery.

Birthdays This Week**November**

29 Stephen Bomgardner, Mary Chiles, Lydia Harris

December

1 Fiona Stevens

2 Rowan Summers

3 Michel Ellison, Peyton Faucett, Jackson Gintz

4 Reese Smith, Meredith Whiting

5 Bevlyn Bailey, Jon Risdal, Ryan Simmons, Beth Turner



Advent and Christmas Schedule:



Evening Prayer on Christ Episcopal Church's Facebook page during Advent each day at 5:30 p.m.



Advent Lessons and Carols: December 5 (at the 10 a.m. service)



Christmas Eve Services:



Children's Christmas Pageant: 4:30 p.m. in the parish hall. After the pageant, we will move to the nave for Holy Eucharist.



5:10 p.m. Prelude music and Holy Eucharist



10:10 p.m. Prelude music and Holy Eucharist



Christmas Day Service: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

