

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

Thanksgiving Eve • 7 P.M. Last

Rite II

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

Choral Prelude "Come, ye thankful people, come" Charles Callahan

Entrance

All stand

Opening Acclamation

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Gloria "Glory to God in the highest" *(sung by all)*

The Collect,

Thanksgiving Day

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Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *The people sit.*

A reading from the book of Joel, 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the

hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(silence)

Psalm 126 *(Anglican chant by the choir)*

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The Second Lesson

A reading from the letter of Timothy, 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 Matthew, 6:25-33

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

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier

The Nicene Creed *(all standing)*

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A Litany of Thanksgiving

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace *(All stand)*

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Organ Postlude

“Now thank we all our God”

Charles Callahan

Today's Altar Flowers
are provided by Mary Christiano

In thanksgiving for
The Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier and our
Christ Church Community

Serving Rota:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier
Eucharistic Minister I: Dr. Stephen Bomgardner
Eucharistic Minister II: Mary Chiles
Choir Director: Dr. Allin Sorenson
Organist: Catherine Wong



WE PRAY FOR THE ILL, including Steven Anderson, Margaret Banta, Sylvia Bare, Father Moses Berry, Kirk Brantner, Charles Busch, Peggy Cannon, Mike Cox, Jason Donnell, Bob Egbert, Ken Ehlen, Kirk Goforth, Bruce Howell, Nancy Johnson, Bruce Kirby, Myrna Lanier, Wil Long, Gary Matthews, Margot McGinnis, Greg Messier, Dale Mills, Louise Morgan, Jill Patterson, 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, and The Rev. Steve Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR St. Anne's Episcopal Church (Lee's Summit) in The Diocese of West Missouri, for Father Fritz and Carmel Valdema, Dr. Tram and Hannah Jones, the Leswpa Timoun Clinic in Haiti, and for the Diversity and Reconciliation Commission.

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

A decorative border of red poinsettias with green leaves framing the text.

Advent and Christmas Schedule:

Evening Prayer on Facebook During Advent Each Day:
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 the 5:30 p.m. service.

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

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Christmas Day Service: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist



The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 25 and 26. We **will not** have the Thursday Evening Holy Eucharist on November 25.

Readings for The First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

