



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the LORD. Alleluia, alleluia!
Response **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

Postlude

O Divinium Mysterium Phil Lehenbauer

After the dismissal the congregation is welcome to either stay and listen quietly to the postlude or to quietly exit the church.



Birthdays

Timothy Taylor 17
 Joan Beitz 18

Anniversaries

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase;
 bless and guide them wherever they may be.
 Strengthen them when they stand;
 comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;
 raise them up if they fall;
 and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding
 abide all the days of their lives;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Rt. Rev. Jim Waggoner, Assisting Bishop of Nevada

The Rev. Liz Zivanov, Interim Rector

The Rev. Jorge A. Hernandez	Senior Associate Priest
The Rev. Steven Kalas	Associate Priest
The Rev. Robert Spencer	Associate Priest
The Rev. Bonnie Polley	Deacon
The Rev. Gerald Jones	Deacon
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ARE YOU A **VISITOR** at Christ Church today? **WELCOME. PLEASE COME AGAIN.** Please make yourself known to the ushers to get a free visitors bag. Please fill out the visitors card and put in the collection plate.

During **Advent**, there will be healing services in the chapel at noon. All are invited regardless of the type of healing you might need or if you'd like a quiet, in-person service in the middle of the week. There will be a Eucharist at each service.

Christmas Social on Dec 19th from 3 - 5:30pm. Please join us for an afternoon of fun & fellowship. There will be a white elephant gift exchange (\$15 limit), ugly sweater contest, games for the kids, cookie sampling and recipe swap, along with traditional carols, food and drinks. To volunteer please contact Cynthia Ambler.

Because **COVID** is still active. We are requiring masks while attending worship. There will be masks at the entrance of the church or you can wear your own masks. We're asking you to be safe, and especially to keep our kids safe.

Pastoral Care: Are you sick, homebound or hospitalized? Please contact church office at 702-735-7655 to arrange a visit with Rev. Liz or Deacon Bonnie.

In an effort to provide a more quiet time as we prepare for worship, please refrain from talking during the 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service. This is a time for meditation, prayer, and the quieting of the soul as we ready ourselves to worship God.

Some church worship services are being livestreamed via video for our online congregation. By participating in this service you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.

Dates to Remember

- Dec 15 & 22** Noon - Healing Service in the Chapel
- Dec 19** 3pm - Christmas Social in Parish Hall
- Dec 20** 7pm - Blue Christmas Service
- Dec 24** 4pm - Christmas Eve Family Service
8pm - Christmas Eve Service with brass
- Dec 25** 9am - Christmas Day Service with hymns



Welcome to Christ Church

Please silence all electronic devices when entering the church.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12th, 2021 at 11:00 AM

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *The Faithful Shepherd" (Pastorale)* G.F. Handel
Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach

Hymn 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding" *Standing*

Priest Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Response **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Collect for Purity **BCP, p. 355**

Magnificent Hymn 437:1&3 "Tell out, my soul"

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
 Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his word;
 in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Collect of the Day

Priest The LORD be with you.
Response **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading *Zephaniah 3:14-20* *Sitting*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your

oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader The word of the LORD.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 *The First Song of Isaiah* **BCP, p. 86**

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading *Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The word of the LORD.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 67 “Comfort, comfort ye my people” *Standing*

The Holy Gospel *Luke 3:7-18* *Standing*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Response **Glory to you, LORD Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the

Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon The Gospel of the LORD.
Response **Praise to you, LORD Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Steven Kalas

Moment of Silent Reflection

The Nicene Creed **BCP, p. 358**

Prayers of The People *Standing or kneeling*

Please join using Form 6 in the Book of Common Prayers. **BCP, p. 392**

Prayer requests

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Anglican Church of Canada and The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, their Primate.
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Episcopal Ecological Network
Thanksgiving For our clergy and congregation at Christ Church / Cristo Rey.

Those in Need Arnold, Barbara, Bea, Betty, Bob, Bonnie, John, Kathy, Lyle, Ranji, Ramesh, Renee, Rusty, Steven, Tom, Terri, Virginia; Carol, Lorell.

The Deceased

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory “Sleepers, Wake! A voice astounds us” **Hymn 62**

Doxology 380,vs3 “Praise God from who all blessings flow” *Standing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen



The Holy Eucharist

The holy table belongs to our LORD Jesus Christ and all those who desire to follow him as LORD and Savior are welcome to receive the bread and wine. If you cannot come to the altar, please signal an usher and we will bring communion to you.

The Great Thanksgiving **BCP, p. 367**

Priest The LORD be with you.
Response **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
Response **We lift them to the LORD.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
Response **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Priest 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 :

Sanctus S-125 *Standing*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, the congregation stands or kneels.

Priest ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father, **BCP, p. 368**

All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Priest ...And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer **BCP, p. 364**

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread

Priest Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Response **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei S-157 “O Lamb of God ” *Standing*

Communion

Hymn 56:1 “O come, O come, Emmanuel” *Standing*

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP, p. 365**

The Blessing