

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ✠ 9 AM

Welcome to this service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.

Scripture readings are printed in Currents (leaflet insert).

Hymns are found in the red hymnal in your pew.

'S' numbers refer to service music found in the front of the hymnal.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

VOLUNTARY WACHET AUF! RUFT UNS DIE STIMME, BWV 645 *J. S. Bach*
(1685-1750)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

INTROIT ADVENT RESPONSORY *Giovanni P. da Palestrina*
(1525-1594)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins (early medieval Roman rite)

The people stand.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant We light this first candle to remind us of all God's people, preparing for Jesus to come among them.

People **He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.**

The first candle of Advent is lighted.

Jesus said, "Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

People **Lord, help us to be ready to serve you, to follow you,
and to know you, so our lives will reflect your love.**

HYMN 61 "SLEEPERS, WAKE!" A VOICE ASTOUNDS US *Wachet auf*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People  And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, and the people respond Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON - S 96

The children follow the Children's Cross to the Chancel steps during the Kyrie.

 The Word of God

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People  And al - so with you.

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.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the children to Children's Chapel, and the people respond Amen.

The people are seated for the reading and the Psalm.

THE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

The people stand for the hymn. and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN 73

THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS

St. Stephen

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

All 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader As we keep the season of Advent, may it be a time of reflection and
love. Let us be awake to the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ as we
offer our prayers to the God who comes to help us.

For the holy Catholic Church, for bishops, priests and deacons, and
for all the people of God; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For all the nations, and for the people of this land and our leaders,
that we may be guided in the way of justice, freedom, and peace; let
us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For *N.*, for travelers and the healing of the sick, for the hungry and
homeless, for the oppressed, for refugees and immigrants, and for
those who come to us as strangers, that they may know the welcome
of Christ; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and for those on
our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*); let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For those expecting babies, and for those who give life to others;
let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For the comfort of the dying, and for (*N. and*) those who have
gone before us marked with the sign of faith; let us pray to the
Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, our families and friends, and those we love, and for
those who do not know love; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, O Christ, and hear our prayer.**

We offer our petitions and thanksgivings to God, either silently
or aloud.

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph,
Saint Margaret, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer
ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord, our God.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect and the people respond Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Gospeller Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief period of silence is observed.

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 offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.
Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.*

Celebrant Let us pray for those in our congregation who are
celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.

People **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray,
on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they
may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in
your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

The people stand as the gifts are presented.

Children and their parents are invited to follow the children's cross and to sit in the Chancel between the choir stalls. They return to their seats for Communion.

HYMN 454, vs. 1, 4

JESUS CAME, ADORED BY ANGELS

Lowry

~ The Holy Communion ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S 130

The people remain standing as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

People Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant 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 forever.

People A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People 
There-fore let us keep the feast.

THE INVITATION

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

AGNUS DEI - S 164

The people are seated.

VOLUNTARY ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN, *Johannes Brahms*
OP. 122, No. 8 (1833-1897)

ANTHEM THIS IS THE TRUTH SENT FROM ABOVE *arr. Philip Moore*
(b. 1943)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.
People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 57 LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING *Helmsley*

VOLUNTARY SORTIE (VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE) *César Franck*
(1822-1890)