

The Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 11, 2022

The promised day of God is dawning. John is herald of that day. Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God by everything he said and did.

Prelude	<i>"Picardy"</i>	Al Roberts
Processional Hymn 72	<i>"Hark! The Glad Sound"</i>	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Kyrie (Hymnal S-91)		BCP Page 356

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>)		BCP Page 212
First Lesson		Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalms 146:4-9		BCP Page 803
Second Lesson		James 5:7-10
Sequence Hymn 65	<i>"Prepare the Way, O Zion"</i>	
Gosp. Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.		

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel		Matthew 11:2-11
The Sermon	The Rev. Stuart C. Wood	
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People		Insert

Invitation to Confession: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in
penitence and faith.

The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
The Peace		BCP Page 360

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem	<i>"People, Look East"</i>	
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A	BCPP Page 361
Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal S-129)	BCPP Page 362
The Lord's Prayer	BCPP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread:	
<i>Officiant</i>	We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
<i>People</i>	Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.
Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-164)	
Communion Hymn 324 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCPP Page 366
The Blessing: May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. <i>Amen.</i> May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. <i>Amen.</i> May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love. <i>Amen.</i> And the blessing...	
Recessional Hymn 66	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
The Dismissal	As we await our coming Savior; go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	In the name of Christ. Amen.
Postlude	"Stuttgart" David McCartney

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm 146:4-9

Lauda, anima mea

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * **who keeps his promise for ever;**

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;

the Lord cares for the stranger; *

**he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

The Epistle

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Susan Hilliard, Don Harris, and Ann Padgett.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church – Gordonsville, and St. James the Less - Ashland.

The mid-week Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Please remember to return your pledge card to the office, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	the Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	the Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Acolyte / Lector	Jody Anglin
Usher	Jim Hill

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	the Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	the Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gosp. Bk. Bearer / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Ann Padgett
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Colston
Lector	Miles Libbey
Crucifer / Acolyte	Grace Parker
Ushers	Jeff & Pam McClelland
Altar Guild	Marilyn South, Judi Snider, Judy Quilter, Pam McClelland, & Sheila Gammel
Flower GuildSheila Gammel & Harriette Floyd
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Robin Wells, & Jack Fackler

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John Quilter ‘22 Garry Clay ‘24

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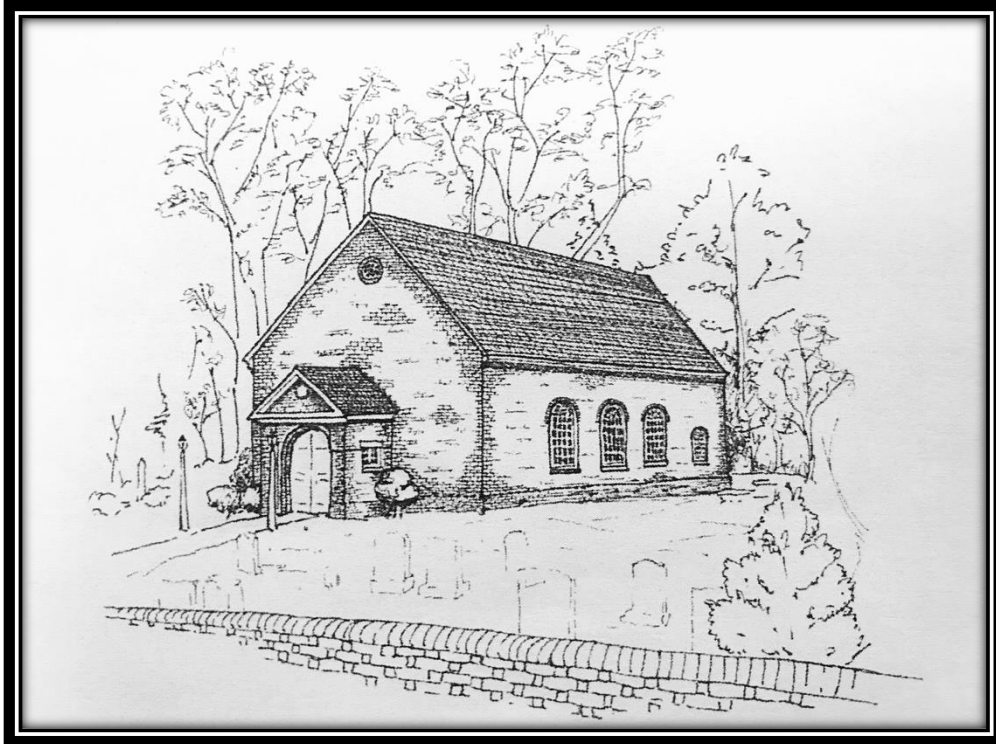
Welcome to Christ Church Parish

(Episcopal)

December 11, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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Founded in 1666

Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.

*During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.*

After the service, speak with your neighbor!

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*