



# Christ Church

East Norwalk, Connecticut



## ADVENT DURING COVIDTIDE

Welcome. Whoever and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here. Our worship is according to Book of Common Prayer in the Episcopal Church. Hymns and readings from Holy Scripture are found in the Insert available from the Church website each week. In this time when we cannot sing together, we are blessed to enjoy the singing of church and chapel choirs around the Anglican Communion leading our praises. Feel free to join them from your home or wherever you may be!

✠ indicates where one might cross oneself; ∇. indicates “Versicle” said by priest or reader; ℣. indicates “Response”; People’s words are in **bold**

### PRELUDIAL MUSIC

#### OPENING HYMN

*Sung by all in your homes and led by various choirs*

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#### OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

- ✠ Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ℣. **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then says the Collect for Purity and all respond,*

℣. **Amen**

#### KYRIE

*Sung by all, standing*

J.H. Willan (1880-1960)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

#### COLLECT(S)

- ∇. *The Lord be with you.*
- ℣. **And also with you.**
- ∇. *Let us pray The priest prays the collect(s) and then all respond...*
- ℣. **Amen.**

**LESSON**                      *After...*    *℣* The Word of the Lord                      *℟* Thanks be to God

**GRADUAL PSALM**                      *Said responsively by half verse indicated by “”*                      See Insert

**EPISTLE**                      *After*                      *℣* The Word of the Lord    *℟*. Thanks be to God

**SEQUENCE HYMN VV. 1 & 2**                      *Sung by all in your homes and led by various choirs*                      See Insert

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**    *Stand*

*℣*. The Lord be with you. *℟*. And with thy spirit.

*℣*. *℟* The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_

*℟*. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After the Gospel:*

*℣*. The Gospel of the Lord. *℟*. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SEQUENCE HYMN LAST 2 VERSES**                      *Sung by all in your homes and led by various choirs*                      See Insert

**SERMON**

**CREED**    *All Stand*

*Priest* We believe in one God,

*All*            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: *All may bow or kneel*

*by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. All rise*

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 worshipped 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.

*All remain standing or kneel for the Prayers of the People*

**PRAYERS** *The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, remembering especially, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; Ian our priest and all bishops and other ministers. *Prayers for the Anglican Communion and Diocesan Cycle of Prayer are added here)*

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, particularly Donald, our President, Ned, our Governor, Harry, our Mayor, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal our nation and communities, torn by racial strife and instances of man's inhumanity to man.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all suffering with COVID-19 physically, emotionally, or financially, and for those who care for those who are in pain.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (We pray especially for *Here may be added birthdays and anniversaries \_\_\_\_\_*).

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (We pray especially for

*All repeat the person's name after the leader and all others we now name Add your own intercessions silently or aloud*

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially \_\_\_\_\_ and all others we now name *Add your own intercessions silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_*;) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The priest bids the people make their confession. All kneel*

**GENERAL CONFESSION** (OMITTED ON MAJOR FEASTS)

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 priest pronounces the absolution, ✠ the people reply Amen.*

**THE PEACE**

*All Stand*

✠. *The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

✠. **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*All are seated*

**OFFERTORY HYMN OR ANTHEM**

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**SURSUM CORDA**

*remaining standing*

✠. The Lord be with you.

✠. **And also with you.**

✠. Lift up your hearts.

✠. **We lift them to the Lord.**

✠. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

*the priest continues with the preface*

## SANCTUS

All sing

Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE CANON *all kneel*

*The priest continues and concludes the Words of Institution with:*

*Priest* Therefore, according to his command, O Father.

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

*The priest continues the Canon and concludes with:*

...Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*And all respond* AMEN

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by 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.*

## FRACTION

*℣.* Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*℟.* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by all*

Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

## ECCE AGNUS DEI

*℣.* *✠* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*℟.* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*During these extraordinary times when we cannot GATHER for Holy Communion, the Sacrament (in the one form of bread only) can be brought in a safe manner to you for consumption at home during the live service. Contact the Church Office if you would like to have the Sacrament brought to your home.*

## COMMUNION HYMN OR ANTHEM

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## POST COMMUNION COLLECT(S)

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

*The priest continues with a proper collect after which the People reply*

*℟.* Amen

## BLESSING

*The priest then blesses the people who respond saying Amen.*

## DISMISSAL

*℣.* Let us bless the Lord. *℟.* Thanks Be to God

## CLOSING HYMN

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## “COFFEE HOUR”

*All are welcome to linger in the “Zoom Room” and interact after the liturgy!*