

Christ Church



Parish Church

The Third Sunday of Advent

Year A | December 14, 2025

**Holy Eucharist with Hymns
7:00 A.M.**

**Choral Eucharist
9:30 A.M.**

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As all the baptised may receive the Blessed Sacrament, please note the following:

- **Baptized infants and children under the age of 3** are allowed to receive the host [consecrated bread] or a fraction of the host only from their parents.
- **Baptized children, ages 3-15, who regularly attend worship as members of the church,** may receive communion in both kinds [consecrated bread and consecrated wine] through intinction - after the parents or guardians of those children have met with the priest and given their consent for both kinds to be administered.
- **All baptized persons, ages 16 and older, whether confirmed or not, may receive communion without permission from others.**

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*~ O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of host:
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts
of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living
God. Psalm 84: 1,2 ~*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

There are no flowers during the season of Advent.
Please consider donating towards the flowers and
decorations for the **Christmas Season**.

If you wish to mark any special occasion with an altar
flowers donation, please call the office during opening
hours, or you may make your donation via our website
on the [Altar Flowers Donation Page here](#).

THE PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand for the Opening Prayer by the Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Entrance of Choir and Liturgical Ministers.

HYMN: INTROIT

A&M 52

Great God, what do I see and hear?

Great God, what do I see and hear?
The end of things created:
The Judge of all men doth appear,
On clouds of glory seated:
The trumpet sounds, the graves restore
The dead which they contained before;
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him!

The dead in Christ are first to rise
At that last trumpet's sounding;
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding:
No gloomy fears their souls dismay;
His Presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet Him.

The ungodly, filled with guilty fears,
Behold His Wrath prevailing;
In woe they rise, but all their tears
And sighs are unavailing:
The day of Grace is past and gone;
Trembling they stand before His Throne,
All unprepared to meet Him.

Great Judge, to Thee our prayers we pour,
In deep abasement bending;
O shield us through that last dread hour,
Thy wondrous Love extending:
May we, in this our trial day,
With faithful hearts Thy Word obey,
And thus prepare to meet Thee! Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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Jesus says, surely I am coming soon! Amen. Come,
Lord Jesus! *Revelation 22:20.*

THE GREETING

BCP, PAGE 101

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

ALL:

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE PRAYER OF INTENTION

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE

BCP, PAGE 102

PRESIDENT: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRESIDENT: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

PRESIDENT: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BCP, PAGE 102

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,

**with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

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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
honour and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 35:1-10

*A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of
Isaiah, chapter 35, beginning to read from verse 1:*

35:1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus

35:2 it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy
and shouting. 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.]]

35:3 Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.

35:4 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."

35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;

35:6 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;

35:7 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.

35:8 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.

35:9 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.

35:10 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.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146: 4-9 BCP, PAGE 662

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, through out all generations. Hallelujah!

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now * and ever shall be forever. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

JAMES 5:7-10

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle of James, chapter 5, beginning to read from verse 7:

5:7 Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, 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.

5:8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

5:9 Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors!

5:10 As an example of suffering and patience,
brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in
the name of the Lord.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: GRADUAL

CPWIH 42

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 11:2-11

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew, the eleventh
chapter, beginning at the second
verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

11:2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah
was doing, he sent word by his disciples

11:3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to
come, or are we to wait for another?"

11:4 Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what
you hear and see:

11:5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk,
those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have good news
brought to them.

11:6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

11:7 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?

11:8 What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

11:9 What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

11:10 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.'

11:11 "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.

GOSPELLER: (This is) The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON

THE REV. CANON MARK HAREWOOD

Rector, Christ Church Parish Church

ALL:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or 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,
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfillment of 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.
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.

THE PRAYERS / INTERCESSIONS

Form BBCP, Page 107

LEADER: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic
Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER: Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you.

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEADER: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER: Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

BCP, PAGE 123

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

One of the following forms will be used:

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Or

ALL:

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 neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. 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.

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE GREETING OF PEACE

BCP, PAGES 124-125

One of the following forms shall be said:

FORM A

PRESIDENT: We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

FORM B

PRESIDENT: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

ALL: Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

FORM C

PRESIDENT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace,
and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: They who thus serve Christ are
acceptable to God and approved by
others.**

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMNS OF PEACE

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored.

Chorus

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.

And together we will spread the news,
that God is in our land.

We Will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity
and save each man's pride

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY & NOTICES

The Welcome Song

Welcome friend on this day,
Yes, we're glad you have joined us.
Take your place fill your hearts
With Christ's love which surrounds us.
Glory to God may you live and grow,
In His love forever.
Welcome friend on this day,
Know we're glad you have joined us.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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make their offerings online by
clicking or tapping on the icon to the
right...*



The great forerunner of the morn

The great forerunner of the morn,
the herald of the Word, is born;
and faithful hearts shall never fail
with thanks and praise his light to hail.

With heavenly message Gabriel came,
that John should be the herald's name,
and with prophetic utterance told
his actions great and manifold.

John, still unborn, yet gave aright
his witness to the coming light;
and Christ, the Sun of all the earth,
fulfilled that witness at his birth.

Of woman born shall never be
a greater prophet than was he,
whose mighty deeds exalt his fame
to greater than a prophet's name.

But why should mortal accents raise
the hymn of John the Baptist's praise?
Of whom, or e'er his course was run,
thus spake the Father to the Son?

“Behold, my herald, who shall go
before thy face thy way to show,
and shine, as with the Daystar’s gleam,
before Thine own eternal beam.”

All praise to God the Father be,
all praise, Eternal Son, to thee,
whom with the Spirit we adore
for ever and for evermore.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS BCP, PAGE 126

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

**Father, we offer you these gifts which you have
given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With
them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to
become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy,
and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become
the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all
your people become channels of your love; through
the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

BCP, Page 126

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Preface: Advent

BCP, Page 127

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing.

Sanctus and Benedictus

BCP, Page 131

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Eucharistic Rite A-E (as announced) BCP, Page 133-144

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, PAGE 144

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Form B

PRESIDENT: God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us

ALL: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Form C

PRESIDENT: This is the true bread which comes from heaven

ALL: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION

BCP, PAGE 145-146

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

Form B

PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL:

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

Form C

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our
Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

**We do not presume to come to this your table, most
merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness,
but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even
worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful.
Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we
may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls
made clean from every stain of sin we may
evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.**

**HYMNS: COMMUNION, BLESSINGS
51, 620, & 653**

CPWIIH 39,

CPWIIH 39 – Creator of the starry height

Creator of the starry height,
thy people's everlasting Light,
Jesu, Redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry
of all creation doomed to die,

didst come to save our fallen race
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour,
thou didst, in love's redeeming power,
like bridegroom from his chamber, come
forth from a Virgin-mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore,
and own thee King forevermore.

To thee, O Holy One, we pray,
our Judge in that tremendous day,
ward off, while yet we dwell below,
the weapons of our crafty foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

CPWIH 51 – Sleepers, wake! The watch-cry peaaleth

Sleepers, wake! The watch-cry peaaleth,
while slumber deep each eyelid seaaleth:
awake, Jerusalem, awake!
Midnight's solemn hour is tolling,

and seraph-notes are onward rolling;
they call on us our part to take.

Come forth, ye virgins wise:
the Bridegroom comes, arise!

Alleluia!

Each lamp be bright with ready light
to grace the marriage feast tonight.

Zion hears the voice that singeth
with sudden joy her glad heart springeth,
at once she wakes, she stands arrayed:
her Light is come, her Star ascending,
lo, girt with truth, with mercy blending,
her Bridegroom there, so long delayed.

All hail! God's glorious Son,

All hail! Our joy and crown,

Alleluia!

The joyful call we answer all,
and follow to the bridal hall.

Praise to him who goes before us!

Let men and angels join in chorus,
let harp and cymbal add their sound.

Twelve the gates, a pearl each portal -
we haste to join the choir immortal
within the Holy City's bound.

Ear ne'er heard aught like this,
nor heart conceived such bliss.

Alleluia!

We raise the song, we swell the throng,
to praise thee ages all along.

CPWIH 620 – Sweet sacrament divine

Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home;
lo! round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully,
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet sacrament of peace,
sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:

sweet sacrament of rest,
sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

CPWIH 653 – In our work and in our play

In our work and in our play,
Jesus, be thou ever near,
guarding, guiding, all the day
keeping in thy holy fear.

Thou didst toil, O royal Child,
in the far-off Holy Land,
blessing labour undefiled,
pure and honest, of the hand.

Thou wilt bless our play-hour too,
if we ask thy succor strong;
watch o'er all we say and do,
hold us back from guilt and wrong.

O, how happy thus to spend
work and play-time in his sight,
till the rest which shall not end,
till the day which knows not night!

THE DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, PAGES 147-149

One of the following prayers shall be said:

First Prayer

**Almighty Father,
we thank you for feeding us with the Body
and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body live His risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Prayer

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace, and**

**grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with
gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Third Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of
Christ our Lord.
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

BCP, PAGE 149-152

Advent

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and
scatter the darkness from before your path; ...

or

The Son of Righteousness shine upon you, gladden your hearts, and scatter the darkness from before you ...

and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

GO IN PEACE

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy

Celebrate new life

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you always.

HYMN: POST-COMMUNION

CPWIH 45

Ye servants of the Lord

Ye servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
gird up your loins as in his sight,
for awful is his name.

Watch! 'Tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

O happy servant he
in such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise that faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.

RECESSION AND ORGAN POSTLUDE