

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

Thanksgiving Day

November 28, 2024

10:00 am

Prelude

We Gather Together

arr. John Carter

Hymn in Procession #290

Come ye thankful people, come

St. George's Windsor

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

Gloria

said together

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

said responsively

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 “The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
 will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet

and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all ~ this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #433

We gather together

Kremser

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

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter

The Reading of the Presidential Proclamation

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Gathered together in Christ's Name on this Day of Thanksgiving, let us pray for the world and give thanks to God for the many blessings of this life. *A brief silence.*

We give you thanks for the beauty of earth, sky and sea: for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds, the loveliness of flowers and the ever-changing pageant of the leaves. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your good creation. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for this parish and the joyful witness of its people. Guide us as we engage in ministries which demand our best efforts and reflect your love to the world.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are ill, including those on our prayer list, those in our hearts, and those whose suffering is known to you alone. Be with doctors, nurses and all care partners, that through their ministries the health of your people may be strengthened and your creation glorified. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

As we gather around tables today, many of us are mindful of those loved ones who dwell with you in glory. Comfort us in our sorrow for all whom we love but see no longer, including Howard Roby, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning. Grant to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

You have blessed the earth with great abundance, yet many are left lacking. We pray for all those who are hungry: hungry for food, hungry for companionship, hungry for work, or hungry for a deeper knowledge of you. Feed and sustain us with the bread only you can provide, that not only our bodies, but our souls and minds might have their fill of your abundant grace. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

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

A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

Offertory Duet

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Greg Gilpin

Shannah and Anna Yerofeyev

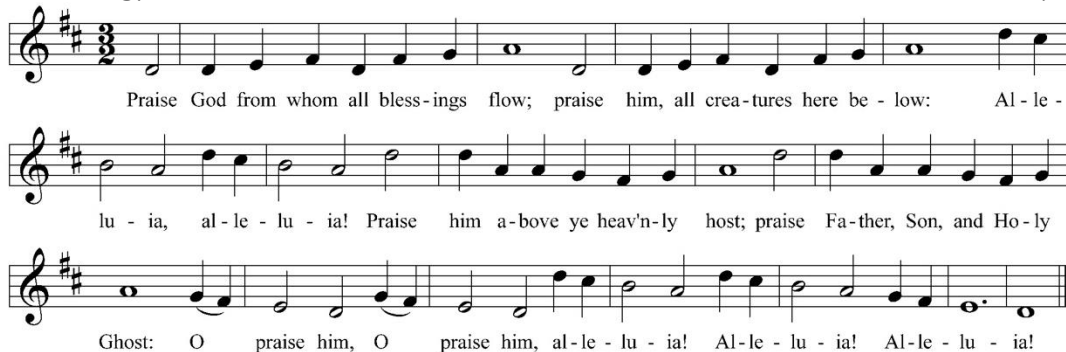
*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Heaven, to heaven with joy we raise
This our grateful song of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour
For the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light.
Heaven, to heaven with joy we raise
This our grateful song of praise.*

Folliott S. Pierpont (alt)

The Doxology

Lass uns erfreuen



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again;**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

Communion All Things Bright and Beautiful *arr. Rudy Davenport*

Thanksgiving after Communion *Please stand or kneel.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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

Closing Hymn #397 Now thank we all our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Voluntary Nun danket alle Gott *arr. Charles Callahan*

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Serving in God's House Today

Lector: Alex Zander

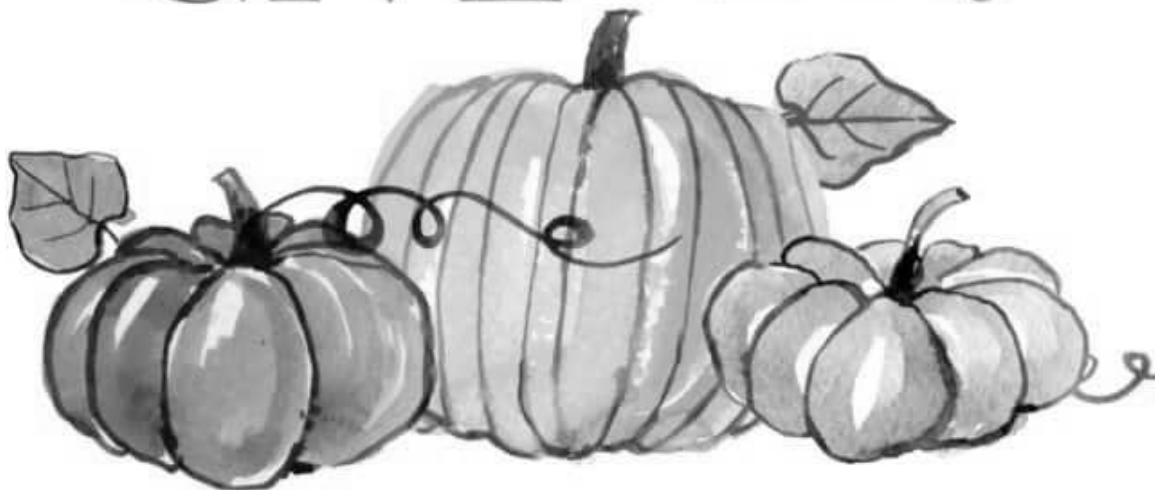
L.E.M.: MaryAnn Risley

Ushers: Mike Ragsdale

Crucifer: Tracy Zillmer

The Altar Flowers are given by Jenna Garno to the Glory of God beloved memory of Howard Roby.

In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



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A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 22, 2024 • 7:00 P.M.



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