Holy Eucharist: Rite II
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020   9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Church
Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra!

We are delighted to have you worship with us, either in person or online.

If you are joining us for our in-person service, for your own safety, and for others who are more vulnerable, we ask that you keep your masks on and practice social distancing. Thank you!

About the Cover Art “Advent Candles” watercolor by Liz Seymour

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Piano Medley

Please stand.

Advent Wreath Lighting (The Candle of Hope).

Leader The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Leader We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.

People Today, we light the Candle of Hope.

The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lighted.

Leader Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!

People Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

Processional Hymn #65 Prepare the Way Vs. 1 & 3

1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace.

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
Welcome Words

Opening Sentences

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect for Purity

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.

Kyrie Eleison (trans. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

2. Chi - ste, Chi - ste, Chi - ste le - i - son.

The Collect

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

The Reading

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Song PSB #28 Christ Be Our Light Refrain Only

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.
The Gospel

Gospeler  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  13:24-37

People    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Gospeler    The Gospel of the Lord.

People    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon     The Reverend Thomas Reeder

Please stand.


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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.

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Be born again, O Christ, that the busy world may pause to behold the beauty of your face, and that we may come again to you, in adoration and joy.

With love and compassion;

People Come Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for those in authority in the nations of the world. For a recognition of our common humanity and for those who serve our country, especially remembering…

With love and compassion;

Come Lord Jesus.
Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We especially pray for …
Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.
With love and compassion;
**Come Lord Jesus.**
Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls… Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.
With love and compassion;
**Come Lord Jesus.**
Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us to meet you, that with all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation.
With love and compassion;
**Come Lord Jesus.**

*Celebrant*  
Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Confession**  
*Page 360, The Book of Common Prayer*

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

*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 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 concludes with an absolution.*

*Celebrant*  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Please remain in your place as you exchange the peace.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory baskets are available near the entrance to the worship space for you to place your offering as you enter or exit. To make an offering online text CECGIFT to 73256. Thank you.

Offertory Anthem

Keep Your Lamps

Andre Thomas

Refrain: Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, repeat twice,
The time is drawing night.
Repeat previous stanza once. End refrain.

Children, don’t get weary, repeat once, (weary, repeat twice,)
Children, don’t get weary ‘till your work is done. (weary, ’till your work is done.)

Christian journey soon be over, repeat twice,
The time is drawing nigh.
Repeat previous stanza once. Refrain.

Please stand for the Presentation.

The Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Page 367, The Book of Common Prayer
Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [__________ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer  Page 364, The Book of Common 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread  Page 364, The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant  [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People  Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]
Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

Please join us at God’s table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Communion will be distributed "in one kind" only, that is the bread—the Body of Christ. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Distribution of Communion

Ushers will guide you to the two communion stations. For better traffic flow, those sitting in the transepts and the elbow pews, will receive communion first. Then the side and center aisles. Please use the center aisles to come forward and the side aisles to return to your seats.

Communion Music Hymn #324  Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, ‘Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!’
PSB #103  Jesus, Name Above All Names/Emmanuel

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior,
Glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Refrain: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God is with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn #66  Come Thou Long Expected  Vs. 1 & 4

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
4 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.
Dismissal

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

People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please keep social distance as you exit the worship space.

Postlude
Thank you to all who have made your pledge to the BOLD LOVE 2021 Stewardship Campaign. Our pledge goal is $3.8 Million by December 31, 2020. As of November 23, we have received 409 pledges which bring our current total to $2,255,463. Pledge cards are available in the church narthex or online at christepiscopalchurch.org/give.

SUNDAY, November 29

Flowers on the Altar
Today’s flowers are given in loving memory of Helene Gorab by her husband Bob.

Advent Wreath Making and Prayer Stations
Nov 29, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
We are excited to offer our seasonal favorite multi-generational experience – making wreaths to be used at home during Advent. Wreath supplies will be provided in the courtyard, our gift to you. Proper social distancing and mask-wearing protocols will be in place. In addition, the Youth have prepared prayer stations that will be available for all in the Formation and Arts Building.

Compline Sundays
7:00 p.m.
A special offering for Advent, Compline will be shared on Facebook Live. Join us to end your day in prayer.

Food Bag Sunday
Our monthly food assistance ministry collects food for BEAM and St. Mary’s food pantries. Please pick up a brown bag with shopping list attached at the end of the service this week or download the shopping list from our website. You can drop off donations at the church office through the week or bring your donations when you return to church Sunday.

Toy Drive
Nov 29-Dec 9
Our annual toy drive is underway! Bring donations of new or like-new (unwrapped) toys, books, games to the church office by December 9 to benefit children in need.

Adopt-A-Family for Christmas
Want to provide some Christmas cheer for a family in need? Look in the courtyard today (and the next 2 Sundays) for the “Angel Tree” festooned with envelopes. Select an envelope and shop for the requested gifts to share your blessings with a family in need. Thank you for your generosity! Contact Gail Werneburg 703-8920 with any questions.

Christmas Floral Offerings
Donations for Christmas Flowers are often given in memory of or Thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to donate to this fund for the 2020 Christmas season, please, contact Dedra Torelli at dtorelli@christepiscopalchurch.org with questions or to arrange your gift. The deadline for donations to be recognized in the Christmas Bulletins is Monday, December 14.
TUESDAY December 1
Living Loving Learning
Women’s Bible Study
9:30 a.m. via Zoom
Join us for a weekly devotional and time for prayer. Contact Patti Arey for meeting details or more information at pattiarey@gmail.com or 904-472-9388.

WEDNESDAY December 2
Clergy Bible Study
10:00 am Dining Room OR via ZOOM
Join us in person or online for a deeper dive into the scriptures with members of our clergy team. Contact Fr. Remington for ZOOM details, rslone@christepiscopalchurch.org

FRIDAY December 4
Men’s Bible Study
7:00 a.m. Dining Room OR via ZOOM
Join us Friday mornings for Christian fellowship and a robust discussion of the Gospel. Contact Fr. Remington for ZOOM meeting details, rslone@christepiscopalchurch.org

SATURDAY December 5
Mindful Meditation + Prayer
9:30 am - 10:15 am Via Facebook
The Center for Spirituality hosts this weekly session live on Facebook, with facilitators Susan Wilkinson, Leila Quinlan and Sean Kennedy.

SUNDAY December 6
Clergy Forum
10:15 am - 11:00 am
Join the conversation! We’re discussing the readings appointed for the day, and how they relate to our lives today.
Meeting ID: 850 0410 6382
Passcode: 631043

WEDNESDAY December 9
A Visit from St Nicholas
5:30 p.m. Christ Church Courtyard
The true story of Santa Claus begins with St. Nicholas, the 3rd century Bishop of Myra and patron saint of children. This outdoor service will include a special message from our own St. Nicholas!

WEDNESDAY December 23rd
Children’s Christmas Pageant
4:00 p.m. Christ Church Courtyard
This year, our children’s pageant for kids of all ages will take place during an outdoor Christmas Eve-Eve service of Holy Eucharist. If your children would like to participate in the pageant, please contact Catherine Montgomery, cmontgomery@christepiscopalchurch.org.
Participants in 1st grade and up will have three outdoor rehearsals at 4:30 pm on Sundays Dec. 6, 13, and 20. Younger children will attend only the final rehearsal on 12/20. The children’s choir will sing in choir robes, not costumes. If your child is in the choir, separate rehearsal instructions will come from Stephanie Bennie. There will not be a separate toddler pageant this year.
Our Worship

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Our Vestry

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Mike Roberts    Susan Schantz    Mike Shepherd    Terry Wilcox    Meg Willim

Our Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop

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The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector
The Rev. Remington Slone, Vice Rector

The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Billingslea, Chaplain

The Rev. Keith Oglesby, Associate Rector
The Rev. Sandy Tull, Vicar

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The Rev. Marsha Holmes
The Rev. Jo Hoskins
The Rev. Priscilla Wodehouse

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The Rev. Joan Bryan
The Rev. Burt Shepherd
The Rev. Bob Morris
The Rev. Rich Roos

In Formation

Mrs. Leila Quinlan, Candidate for Holy Orders