Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn,
celebrating 159 years of service and worship in Dearborn, MI.

Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn is a welcoming and inclusive community that nurtures relationships with one another through worship, fellowship, and love for all. Following the example of Jesus Christ, we seek to live a faith-centered life by embracing and serving our broader, diverse community.

Advent
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II
According to the Book of Common Prayer

Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.

About this Season

In the Episcopal Church, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. The name of the four-Sunday Season originates from the Latin word adventus, meaning "to approach." During Advent, Christians joyfully await the coming of Jesus, a celebration commemorated on the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, also known as Christmas Day. The season is full of expectation and preparation, not only for Christ's incarnation, but also for his promised "second coming" in majesty.

Words of Welcome

Prelude — **See Insert**

Please stand as you are able.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader — O Faithful and loving God, we praise you for your tender compassion and give you thanks for you steadfast love for us and for all creation. Bless us as we light the Advent wreath. May its light strengthen us in the hope of Christ's coming among us, and may we live in joyful expectation of the day when all things will be made complete in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People — ***Amen.***

Gathering Hymn — **See Insert**

The Opening Acclamation — **EOW p. 50**

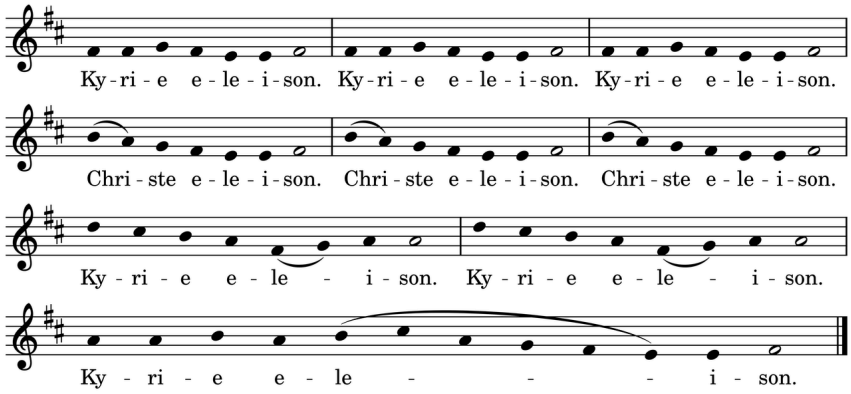
Celebrant — Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People — ***You come to your people and set them free.***

The Collect for Purity — **BCP p. 355**

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.***

Kyrie Eleison



The Collect of the Day — See Insert

Please be seated.

The Lessons — Lessons are found in insert

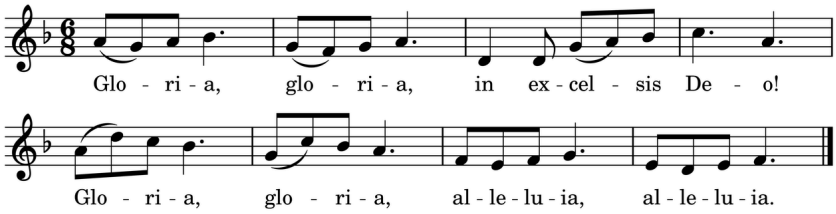
1st Reading

The Psalm

2nd Reading

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn — Sung twice



The Gospel

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed — BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Intercessor As the Church universal celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us lift up our prayers to God for the needs of all people everywhere. *Silence*
We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war anymore. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for the Church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for the strength to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of other. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for all who are in need, that they may know the healing power of Christ's love. We pray for all those who have been commended to our prayer, and especially those we now name before you,
See Insert
Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for this congregation, that we may put on the armor of light and share Christ's love in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for the souls of the departed, that they may rest in God's eternal peace.
See Insert
Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin and Absolution — BCP p. 360

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.***

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.

People ***Amen.***

The Peace — BCP p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music — See Insert

The Offertory

- Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed. Ushers can assist you.
- You may also donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit www.ChristChurchDearborn.org

THE HOLY COMMUNION — BCP p. 367

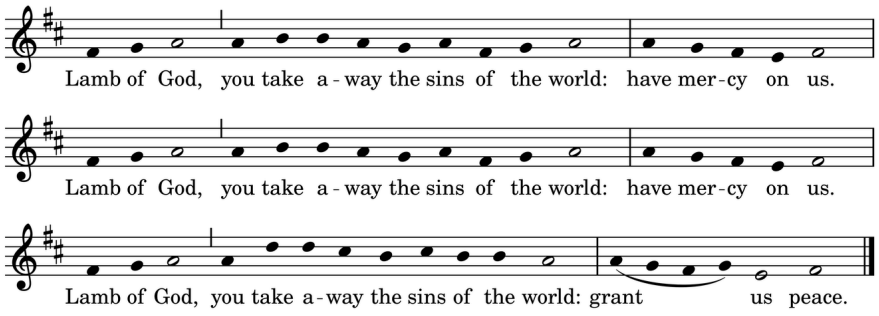
Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord's Prayer — BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem "Angus Dei"



Invitation to Communion — BCP p. 364

Celebrant 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.

The Communion of the People

- All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' instructions. Both bread and wine are offered. You may receive the bread only or receive the wine either by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) or by drinking from the common cup.
- If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the priest when the bread is offered to you.
- Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing
- If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

Communion Music — See Insert

Post Communion Prayer — BCP p. 366

Announcements

The Blessing — BOS p. 23

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness fro before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People ***Amen.***

Sending Hymn — See Insert

The Sending

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

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

Postlude — See Insert

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