

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ORDER OF WORSHIP



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 18, 2016  
7:00 a.m.

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# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

## A Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 319*)

THE DECALOGUE (*BCP, p. 317*)

CONFESSION OF SIN (*BCP, p. 320*)

KYRIE

COLLECT OF THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son Jesus Christ cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our LORD, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the LORD Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the LORD appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the LORD through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the LORD commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

SERMON – The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough  
*A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.*

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP, p. 326*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP, p. 328*)

THE PEACE

## The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*BCP, p. 333*)

The Lord’s Prayer (*BCP, p. 336*)

The Breaking of the Bread (*BCP, p. 337*)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 339*)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

ALTAR GUILD – Adam Hutson, Jane Boram, Hosanna Banks, Dede Clements

SACRISTAN – Bill Koch

USHER – Picksley Cheek

## PRAYERS

**Today we pray for** Roberta LaBour, David Paul Cotton, Gus, Mimi Rock, David Keister, Frances Robinson, Sheila Williams, Meghan, Deborah Hatton, and Ruth Taylor Rock.

**We give thanks for** the ordination of BJ Heyboer.

**We pray also for those who have died**, especially Elizabeth Cheek, daughter of Libby and Ross Cheek, sister of William and Laura, and granddaughter of Picksly Cheek.

**Nashville Food Project** (*one of the agencies the Cathedral supports*) brings people together to grow, cook, and share nourishing food, with the goals of cultivating community and alleviating hunger in our city.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

9:45-10:45 a.m.

### ADULT CLASSES

**Dean's Forum** (Parish Hall)

"The Ministry of Church in the Yard"

Presenter: The Reverend Bill Dennler, Rector of Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville

**Centering Prayer** (Cathedral Annex Building)

*Living Buddha, Living Christ*, by Thich Nhat Hanh

Led by Arlene Wilson, Susan Hilderbrand, Heather Rippetoe, John Wellborn, and Benetta Ligon

**Faith & Family Matters** (Chapel)

Led by Hannah and John Lavey

**Sitting with Scripture:** (Room 4, Undercroft)

Led by Ben Curtis, Paul Elledge, Lyonel Gilmer, and Rod Murray

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES** (Cathedral Annex Building)

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Age 3 (as of 08/15/16) through 1st grade—Cheek Hall

2nd through 5th grade

**YOUTH CLASSES** (810 Broadway Building)

**Sunday School Break-Out Groups**

6th-12th grades

SERMON NOTES:

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The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*

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