

# CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Cashiers, North Carolina*



**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**05 JANUARY 2025 | 10:30 AM**

# *Welcome*

*We welcome all who are worshipping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship.*

## *Our Guests*

*We invite you to complete a Connect Card (located on the pew back) with your name and pertinent contact information and any needs you would like the CAC staff to address. Please tear the card in half and place the completed portion in the offering plate or give to the Rector as you leave today. You may wear a name tag so we can greet you by name. Please sign the guest book and take one of our welcome gifts in the narthex.*

## *Name Badge*

*We invite everyone to wear your name badge located in the Narthex. If you do not have one and would like one, please contact the church office and one will be created for you. You do not have to be a member of the church to receive a nametag.*

## *Prepare for Worship*

*It is essential for all in worship to enter the sanctuary in quiet reverence for the triune God and cultivate a posture and spirit of prayer. You are encouraged to take a few moments in silent meditation as you prepare for worship. You may read one of the prayers on page 676 of the Book of Common prayer, read one of the hymn texts, read one of the Scriptures appointed for today, or pray your own prayers of thanksgiving and petitions as you ask the Lord to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

*The Service begins on page 123 of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) or you may follow along in the service sheet. Our hymns are found in the **Worship and Rejoice Hymnal** (WRH) and the Scripture Texts are in the **Pew Bible**. If you are new to the Anglican way of worship, you will find assistance in the "Worship Overview and Preparation" handout in the narthex or under "Anglican Helps for Worship" on our website.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY    *Three Hymns of Christmas* arr. Albin Whitworth

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People stand and sing*

THE PROCESSION

*Joy to the World*

WRH 179

*The People remain standing.*

THE ACCLAMATION

BCP 123

*Celebrant*    For unto us a child is born.

*People*        ***Unto us a son is given.***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 124

*The Celebrant and people say*

***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 DECALOGUE

BCP 100

*Celebrant*    God spoke these words and said:

I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People*        ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant*    You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People*        ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant*    You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

*People*        ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant*    Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People*        ***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.  
*People* *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*  
*Celebrant* You shall not murder.  
*People* *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*  
*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.  
*People* *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*  
*Celebrant* You shall not steal.  
*People* *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*  
*Celebrant* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
*People* *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*  
*Celebrant* You shall not covet.  
*People* *Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.*

Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

THE TRISAGION

BCP 106

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
*People* *Have mercy upon us*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria*

WRH Inside Back Cover

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 125

*Celebrant* The Lord be with You.  
*People:* *And with your spirit.*  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**



## SERMON NOTES

The message is focused on Luke 2:34-35. The Gospel lesson describes two very old people—Simeon and Anna—who are very attractive in their old age. They have lived prayerful lives of faith and, in particular, of hope and expectation. Being wise, they are people of discernment and they recognize the moment of grace, the coming of the Messiah. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be like them in old age? The secret is to be now what we hope to be then. If we wish to be serene, wise, discerning, full of faith—then now is the time of salvation! (2 Cor 6:2)

1. Revealing Thoughts of Mary's Heart (Luke 2:35d; 18:10-13; Ps 139:2)
2. Opposing the Sign of Jesus (Luke 2:35b; 19:47-48; John 11:47-48; Acts 4:1-2)
3. Jesus Creates the Falling and Rising of Many (Luke 2:35a; 22:32; 2 Cor 6:2)

Take Christmas seriously, meaning, take Christ seriously. If you do, Christ Jesus presents you not with a proof but a sign, which is a challenge. And the effect of that will be to bring out just what kind of person you are. You take your disguise off, when you go into the stable. He knows what you are, and looking through his eyes you begin to discover it too. If you know yourself, you will know that you have fallen. Then you can truly rise and be your authentic self by knowing Christ Jesus your Lord and Savior.

Reflection: How am I growing in self-awareness so that I can know myself to know who God is? How am I preparing myself to receive the broken body and shared blood Christ? What part of the message do I most need to integrate into my relationship with Christ and His Church? How can my participation through the ministries of Christ Anglican assist me in my obedience to the Lord's calling upon life?

Prayer: Abba, Father, God of all time, you call us to become your children. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may live our faith serenely in the present moment and give us grace to recognize the time of your appearing. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 127

*All Standing, Celebrant and People say*

*We believe in one God,*

*the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,*

*the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.*

*All Kneeling*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Joe, our President, and Josh, our Governor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants, Steve, our Archbishop, to Foley and Frank, our Bishops, to Michael, our Rector, and to Christine, our Deacon, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation and to Holy Family Anglican Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***



Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom, throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially persecuted Christians in Ethiopia, Tunisia, Colombia, Vietnam, and all those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

*All remain kneeling and say*

***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 says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant Says*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

## THE PEACE

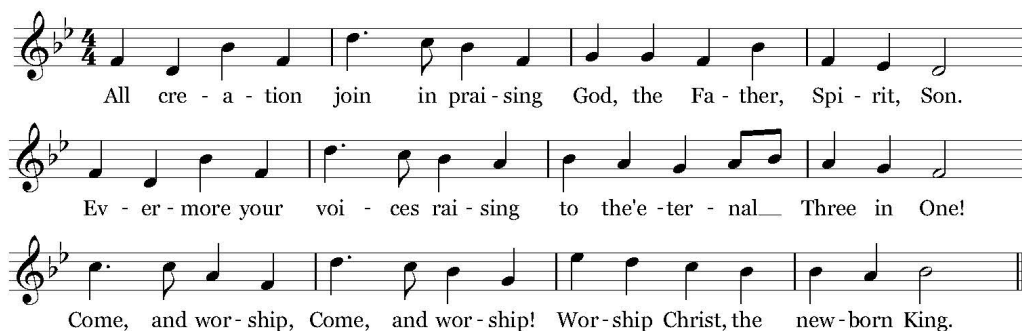
*Celebrant*    The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        ***And with your spirit.***

## THE OFFERTORY

All stand and sing

## THE DOXOLOGY



All cre - a - tion join in prai - sing God, the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son.  
Ev - er - more your voi - ces rai - sing to the'e - ter - nal Three in One!  
Come, and wor - ship, Come, and wor - ship! Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

*People* ***And of your own have we given you.***

All Remain Standing

## HOLY COMMUNION

### THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP 132

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made

truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children. 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:

## THE SANCTUS

WRH 738

*Celebrant and People Sing*

***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.***

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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

BCP 134

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People together pray*

***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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE FRACTION

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through this most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI

BCP 136

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 your peace.*

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

*If you wish for additional prayer, please ask the priest as they serve you at the rail.*

*All are encouraged to sing the hymn.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

WRH 183

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 137

Heavenly Father, 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 honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RETIRING PROCESSION

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

WRH 218

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

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

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Fred Bock

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Bill Kamerer  
*Acolyte and Old Testament Lector*

Bill Maddux  
*Greeter*

Sally Alvis  
*New Testament Lector*

Melisa Loudermilch  
*Children's Chapel*

Dcn. Christine Maddux  
*Gospel Lector & Prayers of the People*

Susan Kamerer  
*Altar Guild*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE:** The discipleship course, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, begins Thursday January 9 at noon. The author, Pete Scazzero, reminds us that emotionally healthy spirituality is the idea that emotional health and spiritual maturity are inseparable. As the Lord has deeply impressed upon me the word “stability” for 2025 and the need for emotionally healthy spirituality, I am boldly praying that the Lord will give all of our CAC family stability in our own personal, familial, work, and community related lives in the days and months ahead. I want to encourage you all to participate. Fr. Michael+

**COAT DRIVE** - The Rotary Club is holding a Winter Coat Drive through February 16. Drop off points are located at Ingles and other businesses around Cashiers.

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

**Sundays 9:00 AM** – Coffee and Donuts and Fellowship! Enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ before Christian Formation time.

**Sundays 9:30 AM** – Adult Christian Formation. Our study and formation will center upon one of the Sunday Lectionary texts. Join us for this time of teaching and discipleship!

**Tuesdays 9:00 AM** – Morning Prayer

**Thursdays 12:00 Noon** – Midday Prayer followed by Book Study: *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero.

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