

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Richard and Jean Norris

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 55:3-5* – Incline your ear, and come to Me.

Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 50 (pages 35-36)

Q. What does the fourth request mean?

A. Give us this day our daily bread means, Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that You are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor Your gifts can do us any good without Your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in You alone.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 171 *"Joy to the World!"*

Call to Confession: *Lamentations 3:40* – Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for worrying and fretting and for trusting in our own strength or hard work or anything else that we might put in the place of You, our Provider and Protector. We confess that we have failed to show proper gratitude for Your wise provision for us and have not used it to serve others. In our pride we have resented depending on You. Have mercy on us for we are prone to crave the gifts You give instead of delighting in You. Cleanse us and teach us to delight in the gift of our Savior. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Have Mercy:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon: *Proverbs 28:13* – He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day (unison): Blessed Lord, we praise You for keeping covenant promises and sending the Son of David to rule in righteousness and truth. Give us grace to love and submit to His rule. We pray this in His Name. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 11:1-5*

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 1:1-17* (page 849)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalms 24:1-10* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *Matthew 1:1-17*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver

us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response:** Doxology

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. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response:** 180 *“What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest?”*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**