



**Christ the Lord Church, Pinole, California  
Worship Booklet for the Season of Advent 2024**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Prelude**

**The Word of God**

**Opening Hymn**

**Opening Acclamation**

Presider Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider Let us pray:

**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**

**Gloria - G-200** to be sung twice

**GLORIA**

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, give glo - ry to our  
God! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to all peo - ple on earth.

**Advent Kyrie**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

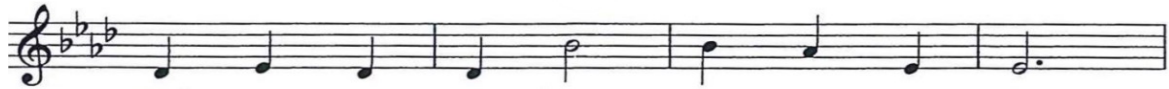
The Collect and Lessons [See this week's white insert for the Collect and Lessons]

Gradual hymn - verse 1 only G-255

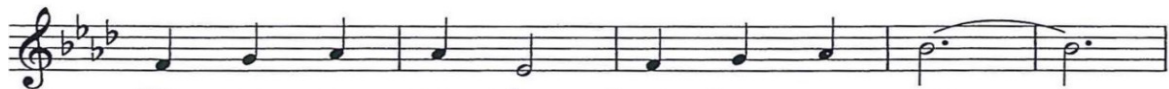
God of All People



1. God of all plac - es: pres - ent, un - seen;  
2. God of all dream - ing, near and yet far.  
3. God of all peo - ple, dust and the clay.



Voice in our si - lence, song in our midst.  
Vi - sion un - heard of, wake us to rest.  
Breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts.



We are your peo - ple, know - ing, un - sure.  
We are your pres - ence, sent forth a - fraid.  
Light born of heav - en, peace on the earth.



Come, Lord Je - sus, come!

Gospel [See this week's white insert]

The Sermon -

The Apostle's Creed (adapted for congregational use)

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth;**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.***

**Prayers of the People** [*Adapted from Advent Prayers, Rev. Jim Friedrich, 'The Religious Imagineer'*]

Leader Let us pray to God with our community and our neighbors, responding with:  
**People** ***Come Jesus, Son of Mary***

Leader God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:  
Hear us when we pray to you.  
**People** ***Come Jesus, Son of Mary***

Leader Blessed are You who joins us together in the communion of Christ's body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.  
Hear us when we pray to you.  
**People** ***Come Jesus, Son of Mary***

Leader O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence.  
Hear us when we pray to you.  
**People** ***Come Jesus, Son of Mary***

Leader O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.  
*\*\*\* The people add names silently or out loud \*\*\**  
Hear us when we pray to you.  
**People** ***Come Jesus, Son of Mary***

Leader O Lover of souls, give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. *\*\*\*The people add names silently or out loud \*\*\**  
Hear us when we pray to you.  
**People** ***Come Jesus, Son of Mary***

Leader O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise.  
Hear us when we pray to you.  
**People** ***Come Jesus, Son of Mary***

Leader God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come: Make us Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room.  
Hear us when we pray to you.

**People** **Come Jesus, Son of Mary**

Leader Dear people of God, what else, or who else, should we pray for?  
*\*\*The people offer their particular concerns and thanksgivings, silently or out loud \*\**  
Hear us when we pray to you.

**People** **Come Jesus, Son of Mary**

Presider O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The People greet those sitting near them in the name of Christ.*

## Community Prayer Concerns

*Those who want prayers from the priest for birthdays, anniversaries, other special occasions, or special concerns come forward and the following congregational prayer is said. Although it is not required, some people choose to make a special donation at this time to our Charitable Donations Fund; a receptacle is provided for this purpose.*

**O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. Be with us as we celebrate our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows. We unite ourselves with each person who comes forward today and ask you to grant that we may all grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen our trust in your goodness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Advent Candle Lighting** *[See this week's bulletin for the Advent liturgy.]*

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory Sentence –

Presider: God of the Advent, as we joyfully enter this time of waiting, we feel nestled and safe in your everlasting peace. Use these gifts so others can be blanketed with the warmth of your unconditional love, like a newborn baby wrapped in the loving arms of a parent. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn** *[please see the hymn boards]*

The Doxology (sung as monetary offerings are brought to the altar):

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

### Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider 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:

### Sanctus G-144

The musical score for Sanctus G-144 is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider 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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever.

**AMEN.**

**The Lord’s Prayer** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say (in the language that speaks to our heart):

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo  
santificado sea tu Nombre  
venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.***

***Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.***

***And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

***No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la Gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.***

**The Breaking of the Bread** After a short silence, the following is said:

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** Therefore, let us keep the feast. **Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Communion Hymn** [please see the hymn boards]

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** The Presider and People pray together

**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.**

**Presider Blessing**

Lord of all creation, we your people await the coming of our Savior who enlightens our hearts and dispels all darkness. Open us to the coming of Your light, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** [please see the hymn boards]

**Dismissal**

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

**People** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

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