

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



December 8, 2024

10:15 AM

Welcome to St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church!

*Thank you for joining us for today's worship service. All visitors are welcome guests!
You'll find welcome cards in the pews; please fill one out and put it in the offering plate
so we can get to know you!*

*The Soft Space at the front of the church has books & toys for when our youngest
members need to stretch their legs.*



✠ CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II ✠

THE PRELUDE

O Lord, how shall I greet thee

Ernst Pepping

The People stand as the Ministers and Choir enter the Sanctuary

HYMN 76

The Hymnal 1982

WINCHESTER NEW

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

The Elbaor Family

The Leader says On this second Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of peace.

Jesus Christ is our peace. (*Ephesians 2:14*) He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace. (*Isaiah 9:6; Galatians 5:22*) Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation. (*2 Thessalonians 3:16*) Jesus, we pray, guide our feet into the path of peace. (*Luke 1:79*)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

The Celebrant says 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 TRISAGION

New Plainsong

David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠

The People sit

THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lector says A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

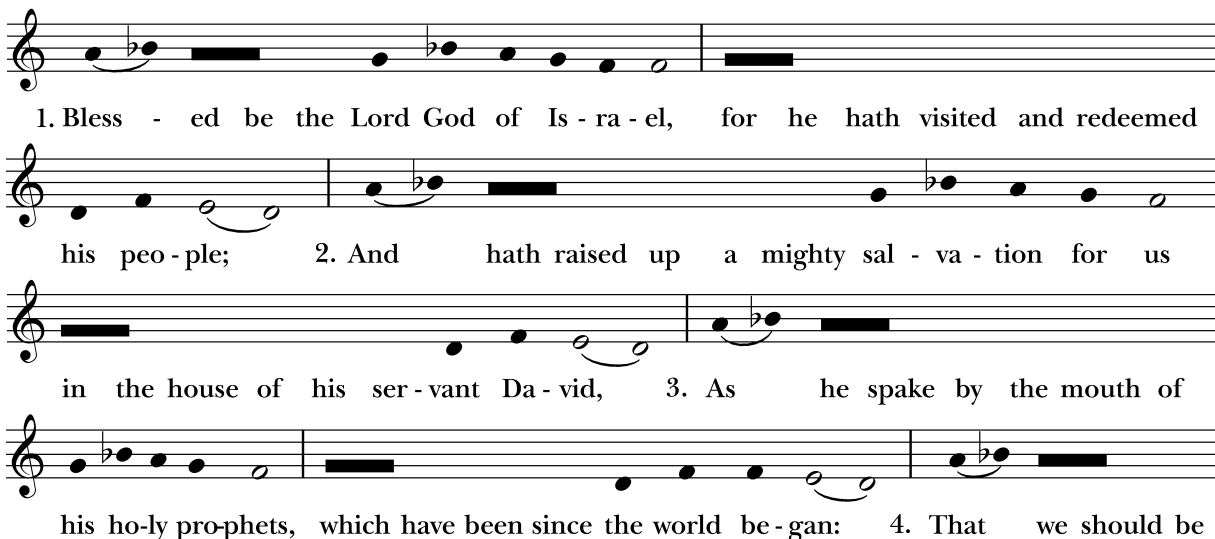
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 4

The Song of Zechariah

Tonus Peregrinus



1. Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el, for he hath visited and redeemed
his peo - ple; 2. And hath raised up a mighty sal - va - tion for us
in the house of his ser - vant Da - vid, 3. As he spake by the mouth of
his ho - ly prophets, which have been since the world be - gan: 4. That we should be

saved from our en - e - mies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
 5. To perform the mercy prom - ised to our fore - fa - thers,
 and to remember his ho - ly cov - e - nant; 6. To perform the oath which he
 sware to our fore - fa - ther A - bra - ham, that he would give us,
 7. That we being delivered out of the hand of our en - e - mies
 might serve him with - out fear, 8. In holiness and right - eous - ness be -
 fore him, all the days of our life. 9. And thou, child, shalt be called the pro -
 phet of the High - est, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to
 pre - pare his ways; 10. To give knowledge of salvation un - to
 his peo - ple for the remis - sion of their sins, 11. Through the tend - er
 mer - cy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath vis -
 it - ed us; 12. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the
 shad - ow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. [Ant.]

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 1:3-11

The Lector says A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

HYMN: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The People sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Ian Burch, *Rector*

The People stand

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for **Ann, Audrey, Arthur, Beth, Bill, Bob, Brian & Sandra, Byron, Carmen, Cindy, Connor, David, Donald, Ed, Esther, Fred, Geraldine, Jackie, Jan, Jeannine, Jenny and her family, Jodi, John, Justin, Karen, Leah and her family, Malcolm, Mitch, Nancy, Paige, Pam, Pamela, Paul, Penny, Peter, Petra, Richard, and Sam;** are there others?

Silence is kept

The Celebrant concludes

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP 359

A Minister says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People may kneel or remain standing

A brief period of silence is kept, after which the Ministers and People say in unison:

**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 stands and says Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

The People may be seated for the Welcome & Announcements

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary is encouraged to come forward

**O God, our times are in your hand:
Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year.
Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace,
and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY



Offering baskets will be distributed to the congregation; please give as you're able in support of the mission and ministries of St. Chrysostom's. You may also give via QR Code, texting GIFTSTC to 73256 or at <https://onrealm.org/SaintC/give/offertory>

ANTHEM

This is the Record of John

Orlando Gibbons

*This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?"
And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, "I am not the Christ."
And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not."
"Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No."
Then said they unto him,
"What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?"
And he said:
"I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
make straight the way of the Lord."*

John 1:19-23

The People stand. As the Offering is brought forward, children of all ages are encouraged to follow the Ushers forward and join the Ministers at the Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer

THE DOXOLOGY

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spi-rit, three in one, praise,
4 ho - nour, might and glo - ry be from
5 age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men._____



THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

New Plainsong

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *said by all*

The Celebrant says And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the Kyrie: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains the second line: 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff contains the third line: 'there - fore let us keep the feast.' The fourth staff contains the final line: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

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The Celebrant offers the following Invitation

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.

All baptized people and all those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward, using the center aisle, to the altar rail at either the High Altar or the Crane Chapel, and return to your pew using the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer instead to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION MOTET

O Sapientia

Robert Ramsey

*O Wisdom which comes from the mouth of the Most High,
extending strongly from pole to pole,
which orders all things fittingly:
come and teach us the way to be prudent.*

At the invitation of the Celebrant, the People stand

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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.

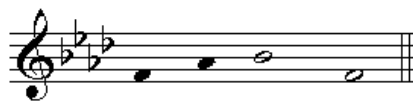
THE FINAL BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing upon the People

MARANATHA!

Alan Hommerding

The Cantor sings the Response, all repeat it



Come and save us.

Maranatha! Come to your Church, O Lord:
make us a home for your wisdom and your mercy; Come, guide us in truth. **RESPONSE**

Maranatha! Come to our land, O Lord,
may we hear your prophets' voice in the cries of the poor and weak: **RESPONSE**

Maranatha! Come to our hearts, O Lord, let your freedom flower in our charity,
may your liberty blossom, may its fragrance lead us to work for justice: **RESPONSE**

Maranatha! Come to our streets, O Lord, guide us to see you face in the unwanted,
the unloved, raise our hands to give them shelter and safety: **RESPONSE**

Maranatha! Come to our dwellings, O Lord, shelter them with the peaceful light love,
fill them with abundant joy and laughter: **RESPONSE**

Maranatha! Come to our dreams, O Lord,
help us to hear your angels' tidings and yearn for your kingdom: **RESPONSE**

Maranatha! Come to your Bride, O Lord!
We unceasingly call out aloud with your saints and with your Spirit: **RESPONSE**

The Ministers and Choir process from the Sanctuary during the Hymn

HYMN 67

The Hymnal 1982

PSALM 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Toccatà on Veni, Emmanuel

Andrew Carter



PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SERVICE

The Rev. Chana Tetzlaff, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Dr. Ian Burch, *Preacher*

The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church

Richard Barrick Hoskins, *Director of Music & Organist*

Thomas Colao, *Associate Director of Music & Organist*

~~Mike Sammon, *Vergor*~~

~~Tom Kohlbeck, *Crucifer*~~

~~John Covell, Mark Fisher, and Tobin Richter, *Ushers*~~

~~Chezeray Moore and Jane Nicholl Sahlins, *Lectors*~~

~~John Covell, *Intercessor*~~

~~Meg Leydon, *Chalice Bearer*~~

~~Marilynn Fredericksen and Suzanne Lisle, *Altar Guild*~~

~~Mark Fisher and Judith Stockdale, *Flower Guild*~~

THE CHOIR

Hannah De Priest, Sarah Fisk, Patty Kennedy
Lisa Rogers Lee, Luke Lemmeier, Emily Thompson
Chuck Chandler, Charles Cooney, Jonathan Weyant
Ed Frazier Davis, Mark Haddad, Gabriel Reitemeier

Notes on Today's Service Music

Ernst Pepping (1901-1981) is considered the most important 20th century composer of the German Protestant Church. Along with his vast catalogue of compositions of church music, orchestral music, and chamber music he taught at the Spandauer Kirkenmusikschule as well as at the Berliner Hochschule as Professor of church music and composition. Pepping composed three volumes of organ music based on chorales appropriate for the church year. These organ works are written in a bright and rhythmic style which explores interesting and surprising harmonies. We hear two settings of an Advent chorale.

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) is acknowledged, with Byrd and Tallis, as one of the preeminent composers of the glorious Tudor era. He was a chorister at King's College Chapel and in about 1603 became a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal. *This is the Record of John* is set in the verse anthem style, another of the developments of the post-reformation period. The work alternates instrumental interludes with music sung by a soloist and then contrasting music sung by full choir. Luke Lemmeier, Countertenor, is the soloist.

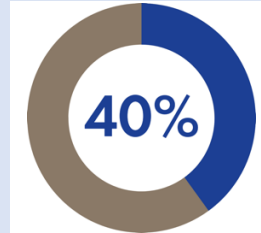
Very little is known about the brilliant Tudor composer, **Robert Ramsey**. At most we can only place him in Cambridge during a brief period when he took his Doctoral degree and then composed for the various college chapels. His writing is individual, sonorous and full of inventive harmonies. *O Sapientia* is set for five voices, using the text which we now sing.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S: 2025 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign has launched! Over the next few weeks, we'll come together as a congregation to pray and thoughtfully consider the financial gifts each of us will pledge. This season of reflection will culminate in Stewardship Sunday on December 15th, when we'll make our commitments for the new year. When you make a pledge, you are actively ensuring that St. Chrysostom's continues to grow as a place of worship, community, and service!

Our Stewardship goal for 2025 is \$825,000. As of Friday, December 6, we've received 62 pledges for a total of \$324,044, placing us at around 40% of our goal! If you're one of those who've already made a pledge, we're so grateful for your support and generosity! If you haven't yet made your pledge, we hope you'll do so today!



You can make your 2025 pledge using the QR code to the left, or by filling out a Pledge Form and returning it to the Parish Office. On Dec. 15, we invite you to bring your pledge card and, during the service, place it on the altar as an expression of our commitment to St. Chrysostom's. We hope you will commit to supporting our parish for another year of growth, love, and community!

ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S WELCOMES A NEW SEMINARIAN INTERN

Please welcome our new Seminarian Intern, Ally Henny! Ally will join Shannon Page, our current Intern, and work with our parish clergy as she prepares for ordination to the priesthood, likely in two years. You can read more about her on the Staff page of our web site, or in this past Friday's edition of the E-News. Ally is looking particularly to learn the ins and outs of worship in a traditional Episcopal church, so you'll see her learning from and helping acolytes and altar guild, as well as anything else that she'd like to learn. She comes to us from St. Thomas Church in Chicago. Say hello when you see her in worship! She will be with us for several months.

ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S BOOK CLUB MEET THE AUTHOR! At our monthly meeting **this coming Wednesday, December 11th, at 1:30 pm**, we will be discussing Street Fight - The Chicago Taxi Wars of the 1920's by Anne Morrissy, and the author will be joining us via Zoom. Join us in person or via Zoom to get first hand information about this amazing and little known area of Chicago history. Contact Dee Jarrett Dow (rosebowl@mac.com) to receive the Zoom link. New members always welcome!



STAY IN THE LOOP! Be sure you're on our email list so that you don't miss any news from St. Chrysostom's! Follow the QR code at left, contact the Parish Office at 312-944-1083, or email info@saintc.org and we'll be sure you're added. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and on the web at www.saintc.org. Any of our clergy or staff will be glad to assist you!

PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

- **Family Advent Evensong** (TODAY, 12/8 at 4:00p in Sanctuary): All ages are welcome to join our Children's choir, musicians and clergy for an Advent-themed sung evensong to take a holy pause in the season to focus on the meaning of Advent as we wait expectantly for Christmas.
- **Cookie Baking for Community Meal** (Sunday, 12/15 at 2:00p in the Kitchen): Youth in 5th to 12th grade are invited to bake and package holiday cookies that will be handed out to our 3rd Tuesday community meal.
- **Gospel According to Pixar Movie Night** (Sunday, 12/15 from 4:00-6:00p in the Harding Room): Children and youth in 3rd to 12th grade are invited to enjoy pizza and watch *The Incredibles* with short discussion about how the movie helps us to claim our identity in Christ.
- **Saint Egidio's Christmas Lunch** (Setup, serving, and cleanup options on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 4220 N Sheridan): All ages are invited to help host a feast for community neighbors. Many hands make light work! Service opportunities available between the hours of 11-4p. Contact Michelle Harrington for details or to sign up.



It's easy to stay up-to-date on upcoming programming and events for Children, Youth, and Families at St. Chrysostom's! Use the QR code at left to view a one-page list of key dates over the coming months, and keep an eye on our weekly communications for timely updates. As always, please email chana@saintc.org with any questions!

SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS Do you have nonprofit board experience, or legal, financial, or strategic planning skills that you'd like to lend to your church? The Vestry is the elected board of the church responsible for strategy, working relationships with the Rector and clergy, financial and legal stewardship of the parish, as well as spiritual leadership of our shared life. St. Chrysostom's will have three openings in 2025 to serve either two- or three-year terms. Elections are held at our Annual Meeting at the end of January, and Vestry meetings are held once monthly on Tuesday evenings. If you'd like to discuss whether this is a good fit for you, contact our Sr. Warden, Robert Valente (robertpvalente@gmail.com) or the Rector (ian@saintc.org).

WOSC ANNUAL RE-GIFTING & BAKE SALE AFTER BOTH SERVICES TODAY!

The Women of St. Chrysostom's will host their annual Re-gifting & Bake Sale today, Sunday December 8! The sale is expanded this year to include soups, jellies, and other delicacies! Sales will be available following both the 8:00 and 10:15 services. Don't miss this opportunity for some sensational gift items and fabulous food!

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO 2025 PRE-LENTEEN MEN'S RETREAT

The 22nd annual Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat for the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will be held from 5.00pm on Friday February 21st, 2025 to 5.00pm on Saturday February 22nd, 2025 at the DeKoven Center, Racine, Wisconsin. Our Retreat Leader will be the Rev Ian Burch, Rector of St. Chrysostom's Church in Chicago. The theme for this Retreat will be "Embracing Second Chances". The Retreat movie will be "Something the Lord made". For more information and to register please visit www.saintc.org/2025-pre-lenten-mens-retreat. See you there!

ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR Our Children's Choir continues to rehearse each week following the 10:15 service! Children gather each week for 30 minutes of singing, fun, and faith as we learn together about music, faith, culture, history, and what it means to work together as part of a team!

We have several upcoming dates that we want to be sure you know about:

Candlelight Carols (Friday, December 13, 7:30 PM) We're hoping members of the Children's Choir will be available to read portions of "The Night Before Christmas" as part of our yearly Music Program fundraiser! Candlelight Carols is a fun, musical celebration of the Christmas season, and we're hoping our choristers will participate in the traditional reading of this beloved poem during the festivities. Please let [Richard Hoskins](#) know if your chorister is available the evening of December 13!

Advent Lessons & Carols (Sunday, December 15, 10:15 AM) We want to have our Choristers participate in our parish's celebration of Lessons & Carols on December 15. They'll need to arrive at 9:15 to prepare for the 10:15 service. Please let Tom Colao or Richard Hoskins know if your chorister can sing at this service!



CANDLELIGHT CAROLS: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 7:30 PM



Our annual tradition returns, bringing jolliness and joy to the season! St. Nicholas will welcome us, we'll sing your favorite carols, we'll hear parishioners read Christmas poetry and prose, and we'll sing The Twelve Days of Christmas and stand up for "Five golden rings"! **Reservations are required** - please reserve with a donation to support our music ministries by visiting onrealm.org/SaintC/give/candlelightcarols

*** CANDLELIGHT CAROLS 2024 ***

please detach and return to the Parish Office

Yes! Please note my reservation for _____ people.

My contribution to Music at St. Chrysostom's: \$ _____

I've made my donation online (circle one) I've sent cash or check to the Parish Office

NAME _____

EMAIL _____



Thank you for your support of Music at St. Chrysostom's!



ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S NEEDLEWORK CLUB Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, quilting, or any other handwork you'd like to work on in a nice Sunday evening community. We will meet in the Rector's office from 5-630pm on Sunday December 15, and Sunday, January 12. If the group enjoys the time and the activity, then we can add dates after January. The church will provide coffee, tea, and cookies! Any questions or to RSVP, contact ian@saintc.org.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS NEEDED This year's Christmas Basket families have been sent to us! This is the 103rd year of this program,

and we appreciate your support and consideration. We have 98 families and seniors who find themselves in need this year! If you would like to participate in the Holiday Gift Basket Program for a family or senior citizen, please contact Susanna Craib-Cox at scaibcox@gmail.com or 312.388.3718. You'll be given a full set of instructions as well as a note from the family or person you are supporting with any special items that might make this a truly special season for them. The pick-up date from St. Chrys will be on December 16th. The requests range from basics like towels, pots, pans and sheets to warm clothes, books or toys that a child has requested. Please prayerfully consider being part of this important yearly project!

WORD OF THE WEEK One of the things that makes Episcopalians distinctive is that we have words for just about everything! For the next several weeks, the Rector will run a series where we introduce one of the words that are used regularly in either Episcopal worship or governance with a short definition. (All definitions are taken from www.episcopalchurch.org)

Cantor (n.) A singer who sets the pitch and leads the liturgical singing of psalms, canticles, anthems, and other sung texts. Cantors often lead unaccompanied singing. In responsorial recitation of the Psalter, the cantor sings the verses of the psalm and the congregation sings a refrain after each verse or group of verses. This was the traditional way of singing the Venite in the Daily Office, and it was also a traditional way of chanting the psalms between the lessons at the Holy Eucharist (BCP, p. 582).

ST. CHRYS'S CLOSET St. Chrys's Closet serves the huge population of migrants, refugees, and homeless who are our neighbors in the city of Chicago. We desperately need items for cold weather in sizing from newborn thru adult plus sizes. We need coats, hat, mittens/gloves, head bands, boots, sweaters, sweatshirts, fleece, jeans, snow pants, etc. We would appreciate your drop offs at St. Chrys' Closet at the shop door on the Church of the Ascension campus. Volunteers are needed to sort and organize clothes, Mon-Sat 9 am to 4pm or Sundays 12-4pm. Please contact Laurel Cravens (lpcravens@gmail.com) to coordinate.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS Each year, the Flower Guild welcomes donations from the parish to help fund the gorgeous floral arrangements that enrich our worship space during the Christmas season! Donations in any dollar amount are welcome.



- Use the online giving form via the QR code at left
- Include your name, amount given, and dedication wording
- Donations received by Friday, December 20 will be acknowledged in the Christmas service leaflets
- Alternate ways to donate: use the Flowers envelope in the pew, or call the parish office

ST. CHRYS'S KITCHEN MINISTRY St. Chrys's Kitchen, our parish feeding ministry, offers weekly bagged lunches to people who need them. Parishioners and friends prepare lunch items and drop them off at the church every Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 AM. Each bag should include 1 sandwich (2 if possible), 1 snack, and 1 piece of fruit that's easy to peel. We also serve a hot meal on the third Tuesday of each month on our campus at 1424 N. Dearborn from 4:30-5:00 PM. Have questions? Interested in participating? Email mike@saintc.org.

STAY VIGILANT FOR SCAMMERS From time to time, the Parish Office feels it's a good idea to offer a reminder to always monitor email, text, and other digital communications for authenticity. We're all aware that internet scammers are everywhere, and as quickly as technology advances, so do their methods – so it can be very difficult to offer specific warnings against what they might try to do! The best practice is always to read carefully; if the email address or phone number seems unusual, or if the overall tone just doesn't sound like the sender to you, you should call the Parish Office to verify the authenticity of the communication.

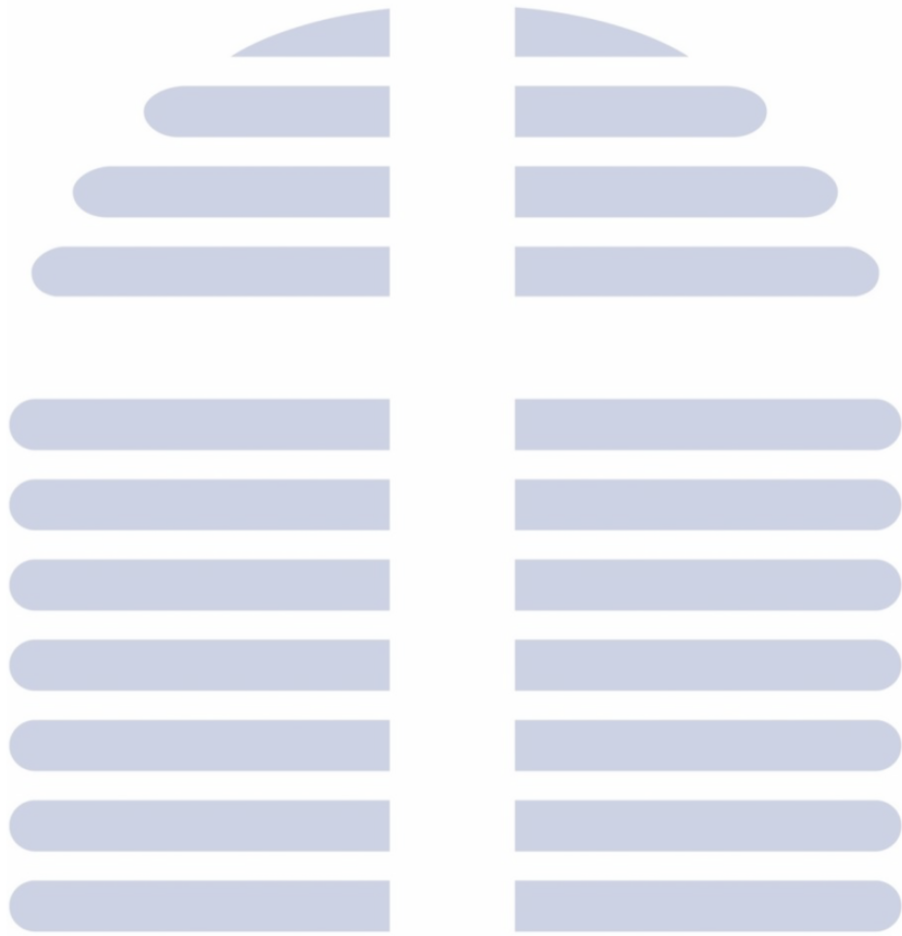
Remember: no one officially associated with St. Chrysostom's will ever ask for sensitive personal or financial information via text message or email!

GRIEF SUPPORT CIRCLE St. Chrysostom's offers a Grief Support Circle that provides a deep level of care for the grieving person who is interested in dealing with the emotions of life stresses following the death of a loved one. Our goal will be to support and pray for one other as we move forward through the loneliness and isolation of grief. We meet at 9:00 AM the 4th Sunday of each month in the Rector's Study. Email Mike Sammon (mgsammon@aol.com).

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	9:00 am	Adult Christian Formation
	10:15 am	Choral Eucharist, Rite II, <i>or</i> Choral Morning Prayer, Rite II (<i>4th Sundays</i>)
	11:25 am	Coffee Hour & Fellowship
TUESDAYS	12:00 pm	The Rector's Weekly Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Zoom Bible Study
WEDNESDAYS	7:30 am	St. Chrys. Kitchen lunch drop-off (until 9:00)
	6:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
THURSDAYS	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study

The Parish Office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm





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