
Welcome to *Christ Church*

The First Sunday after Christmas
Morning Prayer
December 26, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.



+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal) **WLP**—
Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal) **VF**—Music
from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

Welcome to Christ Church. On this first Sunday after Christmas, our attention is directed by the readings beyond the historical event of Jesus' birth to its cosmic and saving meaning. The Gospel reading is the theological prologue to the Gospel of John. This early Christian poem describes Jesus as the incarnation (en-fleshment) of the divine Word who is one with God, through whom God creates and redeem the world. It also expresses our unity with God by grace and faith. Thus, the birth of Jesus is not simply an event in his story but the event of our lives too. The first reading today promises the reestablishment of God's people in His Kingdom. The prophet sees this as a certainty; in other words, it is an integral part of God's plan of salvation. The reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians is a portion of Paul's proclamation that in the new covenant our relationship to God is based on faith rather than obedience to the Law. Paul replaces the source of that new relationship in our unity through baptism with Jesus, which makes us sons, and daughters of God. This Sunday's theme, then, expresses the double role of the Church's liturgy. It usually celebrates historical events, but in our action together as the people of God, the historical events are revealed as eternally saving events as well. In the liturgy, time and space are transcended and the events of history become the events of our own lives as individuals and as a community.

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God's People Gather Together

Officiant:

Behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

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

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Venite (*said together*)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 147:13-21

Laudate Dominum

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Officiant and People together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

First Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Second Reading **Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Third Reading **John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together

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.

Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas Day

Officiant: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving (said together)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Christ Church Liturgical Schedule Volunteer Reminders:

December 25 th			
Christmas Service	LEM's	10am Lynn Burton	
	Lector	10am George Kennett	
	Greeters	10am David & Mary Simmons	
December 26 th			
	LEM's	8am Jim Westerfield	10am Dave Hudson
	Lector	8am John Deatrick	10am George Kennett
	Greeters	8am David & Mary Simmons	Greeters Monty and Helen Wright

Christ Church Prayer List

Pray for Parish Members:

Caroline Baldwin, Jennifer Bryant, Gale Edger, Mike Moore, Ben & Dorothy Pecson, Joan Schuhart, Fred Wyant, Stephen Hunt, Betty Fuqua, Marilynn Butterfield and Georgia Hurry.

Also pray for:

Lily Smith—Blackwell

Philip Quade, Tim Butler, **Rebecca Bridgett, Paul Connelly** – Burch

Richard Griffith – Colton

Carolyn Cave, Bill Cave, Tom Berry, Eidson Mulling, **Steve Guy**—Cooper

Marvin Jones – Donahue

Frank Gough, Joyce Donaldson - Donaldson

Cheryl Stubbs, Marvin and Kathy—Eaton

Frances Clemenos – Edger

Myra and Ken Fitch, George Frioux, Anika Yamamoto, Dolores Bragg – Fitch

Krystal, Annabelle and Chase; Debbie and Gary Yates- Frawley

Debbie and William Windsor—Friess

Joe Fuller—Fuqua

Jim Krider, Glenda Lurba, Lewie Jenkins, Helene Harhai—Harhai

Scott Peabody – Heflin

Lynn Boan—Jayroe

Kay DesMarais—Kauffman

John Bernier, John Gradwell —McCubbin

Chris Gass—Molish

Betty Mintz, Kayla Baker—Monshower

Carolina Montillo, April Parlett, Judie Gibson and Family—Montillo

Jessica Higgs – M. Oliver

Janet Oliver, Frank Davis—T. Oliver

Maura Sullivan, Dan Norris and Ernie Eichhorn-Penk

Rob Harding—Reeves

Jennifer Peacock, **Willow Reese Stump**—Rocheleau

Joe Turner, Betty Roush – Saunders

Shopi Grace, Nicholas, Ed and Cynthia Brown, Johnny Schuhart, Johnny Keenan, Michelle Eaton -Schuhart;

Barbara Carlton–Shupe

Arty Thompson; Frankie Tippett, William DeLorme, Margie Cheseldine— Simmons

Donna Mae Duggin, Eddie Becker, Jackie Sirk Lacey, Stacey Fennell- Sirk

Williams Family, Mary Ellen Foster, **Johnny Russell**—Smith

Nick Potts, Margaret Roberts, Matt Castle—Tierney

Nicci DeVous, Kolby Inman—Tyner

Bruce Tobiasson, Ed Poplin, Johnny and Marvin Earl Bryant —Westerfield

Ann Marie Healey, George Gerlach, Hope & Eddie Brouwer Ancher, Angie Humphrey, Philip Healey– Wright

****Bold** = new addition to the prayer list*



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8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

Office Hours

Monday– Thursday 8:30-1:30

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from 12/23, 12/24 and 12/29-12/31.

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