



Welcome to  
**CHRIST CHURCH**  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
DECEMBER 24, 2019—4:00, 6:00, & 8:00 P.M.

Notes On This Evening's Readings

Welcome to Christ Church. Christians throughout the world celebrate on this night the birth of our Savior. We welcome people of every race and tongue and faith to this celebration. We invite you to participate fully and to join us in rejoicing at the birth of him who is the fulfillment of the deepest and best hopes of all people and all faiths.

In the birth of Christ, we celebrate more than an idea, more than a philosophical truth. We celebrate that at a specific time and place He through whom all was created came to be part of His own creation and began His life among us as one of us. “In the days of Caesar Augustus...when Quirinius was governor of Syria...in the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.”

That which Isaiah in the seventh century B.C. hoped for, came, bringing light to the nations. “Unto us a child is born...his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Paul, in writing to Titus, reminds him that the coming of Christ into the world calls us to a new life, a life of uprightness and godliness as we prepare for Christ’s return.

In story, song, word, and sacrament, we celebrate this coming and answer to God’s call to be his People — to return to him who is the source of our life and salvation.

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# God's People Gather Together

**Prelude Music**—Sung by Folk Salad (Debs Szymkowiak and Greg Penk)

*What Child is this?*

*By by lully lullay (Coventry Carol)*

*It came upon a midnight clear*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath—Christmas Eve** *By The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski*

*Celebrant:* Today we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is **HOPE**, the second candle is **PEACE**, the third candle is **JOY**, and the fourth candle is **LOVE**. The center candle is the **Christ** candle.

*The candles are lit.*

**Scripture: Isaiah 9:6** – For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Prayer**

***O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope; strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.***

**Opening Music**      *O come, all ye faithful*

**Station at the Christmas Crèche**

V. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

***R. And we beheld his glory.***

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that as he humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity, so we may be found worthy, in him, to be clothed with his divinity; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant*      + Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*          ***Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant and People say the Collect for Purity

***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 in Excelsis**

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

### **Collect for Christmas**

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.  
**People            *And also with you.***

Celebrant        Together, let us pray.

***O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

The people sit.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

***People***        ***Thanks be to God.***

## Sequence Music

*Lo! How a rose ere blooming*

*(Sung by Christine Wesley, Soprano, Kathy Wesley, Alto, Edwin Scott Wesley, Tenor, Stephen Hunt, Bass)*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:5-20

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

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

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him. As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherders were impressed. Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!

Priest        The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People      Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

Fr. Chris Jubinski

***+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.***

The people sit.

After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

Officiant and People together,

***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.***

## Prayers of the People for Christmas Eve

*Celebrant:* As we join the angels and shepherds to celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation, saying: ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

*LEM:* For the Church in all places, remembering especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton our bishops, and for Chris our Priest, that our worship and praise may give glory to God, and our witness and ministry bring new hope to many. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

For this Parish Family, that we, like the angels, may announce the good news of God's saving love and be instruments of peace to all who walk the human journey with us. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

For all who live in Bethlehem, and the hill country of Judah, and for Christians, Jews, and Muslims everywhere, that God's spirit will open new pathways of peace and hope to all who live in danger and fear. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

For our nation, the God will preserve public peace and guide all leaders to new cooperation in addressing the needs of those who are unemployed, hungry or homeless. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

For all those who are caring for others this Christmas season, that God will strengthen and protect healthcare workers, public safety and utility workers, and those who care for the poor and vulnerable. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

For an end to the Covid virus, that God will guide scientists, and the medical profession, in helping the human family to develop immunity, and guide all those who are distributing and administering the vaccine. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

For all who find Christmas difficult, for those whose lives are touched by fear, anxiety or depression, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially those on our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* We pray that Christ will bring healing and light to their hearts. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

For all the blessings God has given us, that we may receive them thankfully and rejoice that Christ is born again in our hearts and lives. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

For those who have died, remembering especially Pat Wyant and all those in whose memory the Christmas flowers and decorations are given. *(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)* May they rejoice in the light of God's incarnate Word. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with all the saints and angels, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Holy God, be born in us today.***

All: ***Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity. Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **Peace**

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

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a safe and socially distant way..*

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*The people sit.*

**Offertory Music** *Spirit of Christmas (Sung by Folk Salad (Debs Szymkowiak and Greg Penk)*

## **Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer B**

**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 him thanks and praise.***

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

And now we give you thanks because in his earthly childhood you entrusted him to the care of a human family. In Mary and Joseph you give us an example of love and devotion to him, and also a pattern of family life.

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**

***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 Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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,

*Celebrant and People*

***"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,

*Celebrant and People*

***"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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

*Celebrant and People*

***We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.***

+ Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

***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 Celebrant then continues

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

Celebrant and People

***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.***

### **Breaking of the Bread— Agnus Dei**

***Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.***

### **Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori for Spiritual Communion (At 8:00 p.m. only)**

***My, Jesus, I know that you are present in the Holy Sacrament.***

***I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.***

***Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally come spiritually into my heart.***

***I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.***

***Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for us, the People of God.

**Communion Music**            *O Holy Night*    (Sung by Edwin Scott Wesley and Stephen Hunt)

### **Post-communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.***

**Hymn**                            *Silent Night*

### **Blessing for Christmas (*Church of England*)**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God Almighty:  
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always.    ***Amen.***

**Closing Hymn**                            *Joy to the world*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*            Go in peace, rejoicing in the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.    Alleluia, alleluia!  
***People***            ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

### **Postlude**



IT'S NOT WHAT'S  
UNDER THE TREE  
THAT MATTERS

# Christmas Flowers

**Julie & Tad Burch**

**Linda & John Deatrck**

**Ava, Andrew, and Barbara Drumgoole**

*In memory of Rebecca and Roy Comp  
In thanksgiving for Ava, Andrew, and C.J.*

**Debra and Arielle Gray**

*In loving memory of Thelma and Eugene Lyon*

**Barbara Hailey**

*In loving memory of her husband Martin*

**Patti & John Harhai**

**Carol & Chris Jubinski**

*In thanksgiving for our children Victoria, Christopher, and Ashleigh, our granddaughter Brinleigh, our families, our Christ Church Family,  
and our Beagles*

**Robbie & Keith Loker**

*In thanksgiving for the Christ Church Sound and Video Engineering Team of Chris and Carol Jubinski.*

**Linda Molish**

*In memory of my mother Juanita Gass and grandmother Hope Fallin*

**Mary Ann Oliver**

*In loving memory of Donald Oliver, Kayla Hanson, and Levi Patrick Hanson*

**The Owens Family**

**Greg Penk & Debs Szymkowiak**

*In thanksgiving for...  
All our family and friends, those still with us and those who are gone  
All First Responders and Medical Personnel  
All Essential and Front-Line workers*

**Helen & Monty Wright and Family**

*In memory of Bernice & George Gerlach (Helen's parents)  
In memory of James M. Wright, Sr. and Wilda Grace McMahon (Monty's parents)*

**Anonymous**

*In remembrance of our parents, family, and friends  
In thanksgiving for our children, sisters, family, Christ Church, and our health*



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10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

11:00 a.m.—Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom Conference)

### *Weekdays (M-F)*

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer (Zoom Conference)

### *Thursdays*

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music streamed live

6:30 p.m.—The Way of Light (Stations of the Resurrection) streamed live

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