
Welcome to
Christ Church

Christmas Day

December 25, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.



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.

God's People Gather Together

Lighting of the Advent Wreath- Christmas Day- 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

Station at the Christmas Crèche

Celebrant The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*



First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
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.

Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is there-in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you:

you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Homily

Fr. Ted Johnson

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.

Prayers of the People for Christmas Day

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 our bishop, and for Fr. Ted and Fr. Dan, our priests, 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 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 scientist, 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 those 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.



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.

Hear 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.

Therefor we praise you, rejoining our voices with Angles 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 Body, of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many 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 the 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 continues

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then continues

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**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.**

The Celebrant says

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

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

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.**

The Dismissal

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

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

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

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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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30-1:30

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Class of 2022: Bob Donaldson, Laura Rocheleau, Monty Wright
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