



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

7:30 & 10:30 P.M.

JOY TO THE WORLD



Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here. Welcome home!

MUSIC PRELUDE |

Choir of Christ Episcopal Church: Nathan Clark, trumpet,
Rob Singer, trumpet, Todd Stubbs, trombone; Tim Dugan, trombone

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE |

ANTHEM | O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

George Frederick Handel

HYMN 79 | O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
back the song which now the an - gels sing.

ANTHEM | O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam





1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,



1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

CANDLE-LIGHTING |

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
Celebrant: The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia.
People: **And dwelt among us, alleluia, alleluia.**
Celebrant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People: **The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia.**
Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, alleluia.
People: **God is the Lord; He has shined upon us, alleluia.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 forever. **Amen.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

Celebrant: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 96 | Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Angels We Have Heard on High'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: 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.***

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader: *A reading from Isaiah.*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
 together they sing for joy;
 for in plain sight they see
 the return of the Lord to Zion.
 Break forth together into singing,
 you ruins of Jerusalem;
 for the Lord has comforted his people,
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.
 The Lord has bared his holy arm
 before the eyes of all the nations;
 and all the ends of the earth shall see
 the salvation of our God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM |

Psalm 98 | *Cantate Domino*



Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Antiphon

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE | Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

Reader: A reading from Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."
Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end."]

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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



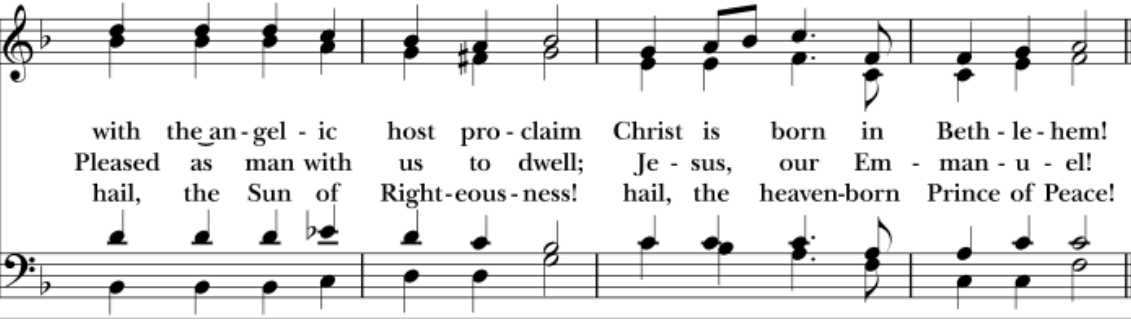
1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

THE GOSPEL | John 1:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-ous-ness,

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

All: 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Glorious Lord, we praise and worship you, singing for joy that your truth will reign. We honor you. Beauty and majesty are seen in all your marvelous works. ***Lord, let us bless your holy name.***

Oh God, your salvation is given to all peoples and all creation is your sanctuary. Our Lord came to his people, as Isaiah foretold, a "Wonderful Counselor, almighty God, everlasting Father and Prince of peace." He entered the world as a child, the son of man. The Master of the Universe humbled himself in an eternal gift of love. ***Lord, let us bless your holy name.***

Christ Jesus came into the world to redeem us from injustice, self-centeredness, isolation and immorality. Our Lord sought to purify us, enabling us to be inheritors of the kingdom of God. Let us be zealots to transform our world into a sphere of wisdom, peace, hope, and love. ***Lord, let us bless your holy name.***

Christ created the worldwide church as His body to carry out His work on the Earth. Let us pray for the spiritual leaders of the Anglican Communion and for its 85 million members. We also ask God's blessing for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Rev. Justin Welby. We pray for the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Sean, for our Rector, Emmanuel, for our Associate Priest Emeritus, Marcia, for our Deacon, Kiona, for our Postulants, Rebecca and Mike and for Rector Emeritus, Richard. We give thanks for the work of the vestry of Christ Church, Columbia. We truly appreciate the amazing work of our truly engaged laity. May we support each other to strengthen our works of compassion, to spread the Good News to all peoples and to advocate for justice and peace. ***Lord, let us bless your holy name.***

We extend our love and warmest welcome to all visitors and newcomers who worship with us today. We hope that our Eucharist and fellowship has been a meaningful time in your celebration of Christ's birth. ***Lord, let us bless your holy name.***

Jesus, our great healer, receive our prayers for those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially Pat, Betsy, Emmy, John, Claudia, Constance, Jim, Wayne, Theo, Ronald, Dolores, Edvon, Kitzel, Claudia, Sarah, Rachan, Ian, Jerry, Kristin, Kim, Sabrina, Jim, Erica, Tim, Marilyn, Carolyn, Cindy, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred & Nell and those you now name. We also pray for those who have died, especially Joan Bruggink. We ask blessings on family and friends who grieve the loss of someone dearly beloved. ***Lord, let us bless your holy name.***

We celebrate special occasions in our parish family. We ask Christ's blessing for the birthdays of Tanner, Kyle, Jonathan, Kristen, William, Ben, Paul, April, Nii, Debra, Tanis, James & Stephen, wedding anniversaries of Marjorie & Paul Peart and Theo & Nii Jones-Quartey, and baptismal anniversary of Melanie. Sharing joy in our community of faith is a wonderful privilege. ***Lord, let us bless your holy name.***

Jesus, as we gaze at the stars in the heavens tonight may we be reminded of Your incarnation and our redemption. May we be guided into your presence now and forevermore. ***Lord, let us bless your holy name. Amen***

THE PEACE |

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

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

CHORAL OFFERTORY | Glory to God in the Highest

Allen Pote

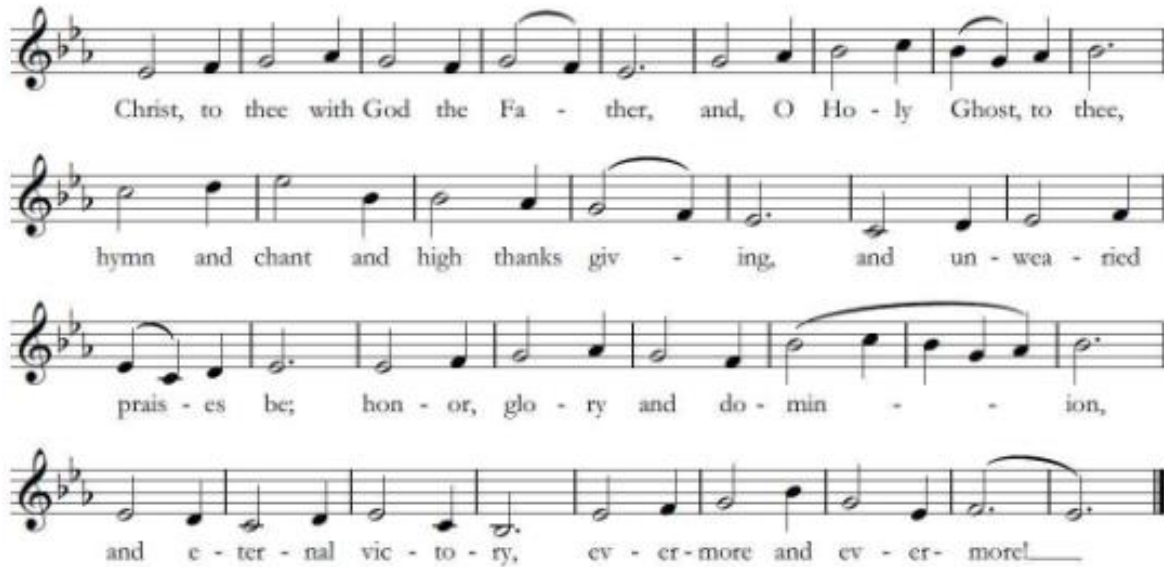
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The people stand as able.

DOXOLOGY |

Divinum mysterium



Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanks giv - ing, and un - wea - ried
prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry and do - min - ion,
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B |



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, 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.

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 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.

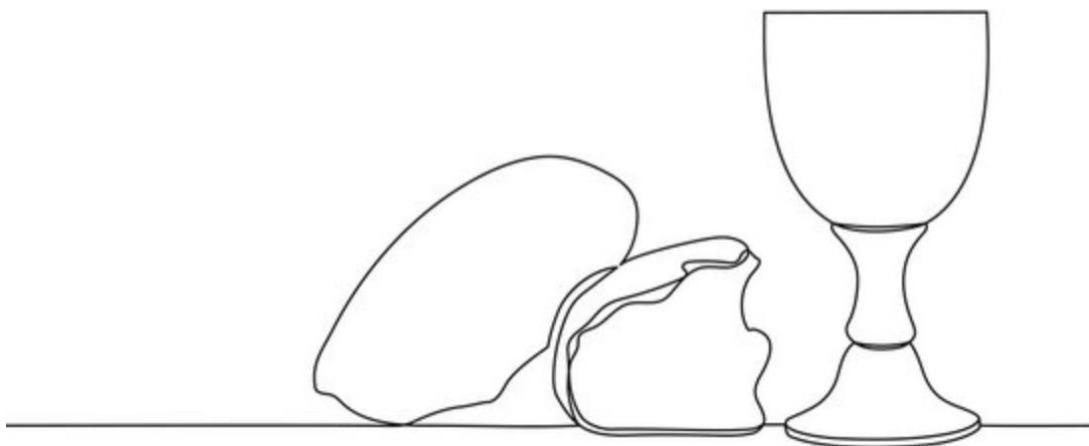
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: **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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's table.

You may receive just the bread if you prefer.

If you wish, the Eucharistic minister may take the bread from your hand, dip it in the wine and give it back to you.

If you do not wish to take Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available.

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

Brass Quartet and Organ

COMMUNION HYMN 101 | Away in a Manger

Cradle Song

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

THE STATION AT THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE

Celebrant: The glory of the Lord has been revealed.
People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

MEDITATION HYMN 111 | Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and G major. The lyrics are in English and German. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: 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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING |

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.
People: Amen.
Celebrant: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.
Celebrant: May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.
Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 100 | Joy to the World

Antioch

The musical score for 'Joy to the World' is presented in four systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the fifth and sixth lines. The third system contains the seventh and eighth lines. The fourth system contains the ninth and tenth lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
3 far as the curse is found, far -
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

THE DISMISSAL |

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE |

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

7:30 p.m.

Lector: Steve Alpern

Ushers: Jane Adams, Bette Dagne

Chalicists: Steve Alpern, Ivy Amponsah

Acolytes: Nevaeh Wilmot, Lucinda Banks

10:30 p.m.

Lector: Robin Bradley

Ushers: JoEmily Knox, Yetti Lipede

Acolyte: Caleb McKenna

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

And thank you to the entire **Christ Church Altar Guild** for their dedication.

PARISH CALENDAR

December 25 - 29

Wednesday, December 25

All day	Church Office is closed
10 am	Christmas Day Worship – New Brick, upper level

Thursday, December 26

All Day	Church Office is closed
12 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts

Friday, December 27

7:00 am	Morning Prayer livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer livestream
7:00 pm	“A Christmas Carol” movie screening – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 pm	Tabernacle of David church – Old Brick

Saturday, December 28

1:00 pm	AA meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
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Sunday, December 29

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship – New Brick
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/ music – New Brick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For a PDF copy with all announcements and links,
visit our website's Worship Archive, or scan the QR code here:



Celebrate Christmas Day – Tomorrow Morning
Christmas Day Eucharist is a truly wonderful service, and in 2024 it takes place in the Sanctuary of New Brick at 10:00 a.m. And so, as the hymnist suggested... *“Come and worship... worship Christ, the new-born King!”*

Film Screening of *A Christmas Carol* – Friday, December 27

There is a special holiday showing of the all-time classic *A Christmas Carol* on Friday, December 27th - and that's a film everyone should enjoy every Christmas season! Want to host a film in the CEC Theatre? Let us know!

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Celebrating the first morning of the New Year is always special, so join us at 10 a.m. in New Brick for Holy Eucharist and a ringing in of the new year.



First Wednesday Fellowship - January 8

The very first FWF of 2025 contains food to warm the insides and a game to warm the heart! Please bring soup, salad, or a dessert to share, and bring a baby photo of yourself for a little game! We guarantee a great time for everyone. See you then!

Your Gifts are a True Blessing to Us All.

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church.

You may use the QR code on the left to give to Christ Church this week. And if you haven't yet completed your pledge for 2025, please use the QR code on the right.



Pledge to Christ Church

THANK YOU.



Give to Christ Church



HELP US FINISH STRONG!

**Your year-end giving makes a difference,
so please remember Christ Church, and help us finish strong.**

As we prepare for Christmas and the beginning of the new year, we hope that you are able to gather with family and friends to celebrate the Christmas season.

Although it has been a long and challenging year, we also give thanks - especially during this season of gratitude and joy - and we ask you to consider how Christ Church has touched your life and the lives of your loved ones. We pray that you will reflect on how the different ministries that abound here at Christ Church have touched someone and changed their lives and that you will consider a gift to Christ Church as part of your end-of-year giving.

Christ Church depends greatly on your faithful and generous support in transforming lives. Your generosity makes it possible for Christ Church to offer a faithful nurturing space, enriching worship for children and adults, and a place of deep comfort. Your giving allows Christ Church to thrive and grow during uncertain and difficult times. And more importantly, your giving ensures that Christ Church continues its life-sustaining ministries.

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting Christ Church with a gift at www.tinyurl.com/CEC-EOY2024, or scan the QR code below.

With our best wishes for a very Happy New Year,
Fr. Manny+





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