

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

January 28, 2024, 9:00AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



4 Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome! Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a lifelong member, we are glad you are here. Whatever your religious background and wherever you are on your faith journey, we hope you encounter the Sacred here.

You'll notice that in our worship services not all people participate in exactly the same ways. Part of what makes The Episcopal Church special is that people with diverse beliefs and practices worship together here. We invite you to participate in the service as you feel comfortable. You are free to sit, stand or kneel; cry and laugh; doubt and question; hold hands with your partner; sit silently; or sing off key. Children are a blessing, not a bother, so don't be worried if they wiggle.

Most of the material you need is in this bulletin; as well as *The Hymnal 1982*, the songbook *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS) and the *Book of Common Prayer* (has a cross on the front). There are Bibles in the pews in various translations, feel free to leaf through, or even take one, if you'd like.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet. In the Episcopal Church it is our tradition to welcome everyone to receive communion. This is God's table, not our table; and God welcomes everyone to share in the Body of Christ.

Following the service, please join us for refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall. There are often presentations of varied topics of interest in the Adult Forum.

If you have questions about our church, please speak with a clergyperson, one of the ushers, or a greeter after the service or contact the church office, 610-566-7525 or rita@christchurchmedia.org. To join our emailing list, please fill out the tan visitor card in your pew and give it to an usher or put it in the collection plate.

God loves and accepts you, just as you are, and we do too. **Welcome!**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez - Bishop

The Rev. Fr. Ernest Galaz – Rector

The Rev. Dcn. Joseph German - Deacon

Mr. Kurt Brunner – Senior Warden

4 Epiphany

Celebrant: The Rev. Ernest Galaz, Rector

Deacon: The Rev. Joseph German

Organist: Mr. Joel Lenderman

Please bring all conversations to an end and use this time for reflection, meditation, preparation and prayer.

Opening Hymn 438 "Tell out, my soul"



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un-num-bered bless-ings give my spi-rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do-minions lay their glo-ry by.
Firm is his prom-ise, and his mer-cy sure.



ten-der to me the prom-ise of his word;
his mer-cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub-born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa-vior shall my heart re-joice.
his ho-ly Name—the Lord, the Might-y One.
the hun-gry fed, the hum-ble lift-ed high.
to chil-dren's chil-dren and for ev-er-more!

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

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.

People Amen.

Gloria – Lau

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 adore you.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

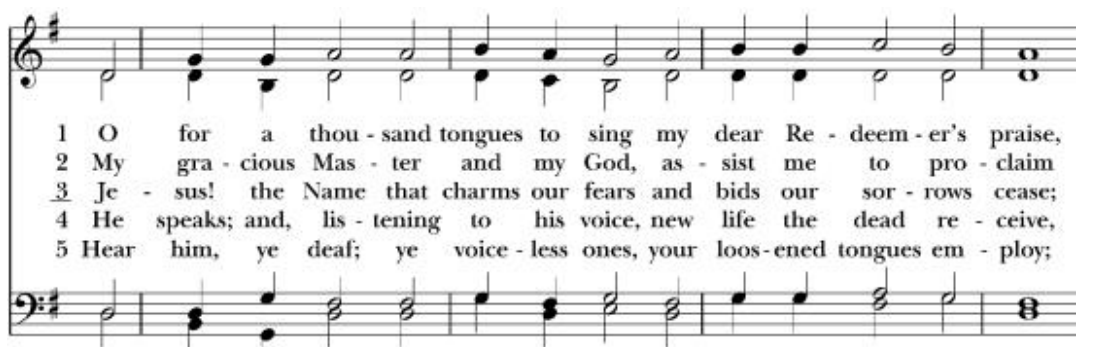
Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

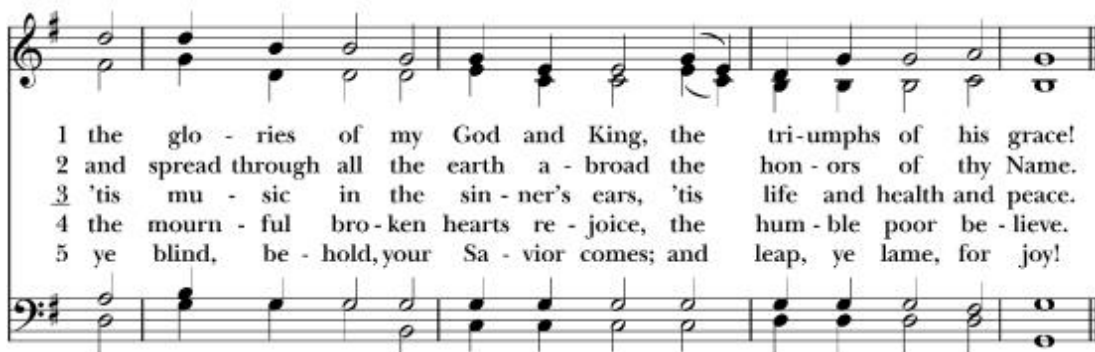
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing"



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heaven.

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark 1:21-28
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Ernest Galaz

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**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 (truly human).**

**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

As the people gathered in Capernaum to hear Jesus' words, so too have we come together to hear God's word. Let us boldly offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the world in which we live and to which we are called, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the nations of the world, and for world peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the church of Christ, zealous in mission, compassionate in service, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this congregation and for our hearing the word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who labor in the world and in the church, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who are sick, and for those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the homeless and for the refugees, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those with whom we rejoice, and for those whose joy is known only in the secrets of their hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

The people add their petitions and thanksgiving aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

O God, we commend to your care all for whom we pray, in the confidence that your love for them is greater than anything we can know or imagine. Hear us, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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 lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn LEV 158 "Out in the highways and byways"

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics provided for three verses. The first system of music covers the first three verses, and the second system covers the remaining parts of the verses. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Out in the high - ways and by - ways of life,
2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love,
3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need,

1. Man - y are wea - ry and sad;
2. Tell of His power to for - give;
3. Love as the Mas - ter loved you;

1. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife,
 2. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove
 3. Be to the help - less a help - er in - deed,

1. Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad.
 2. True, ev - ery mo - ment you live,
 3. Un - to your mis - sion be true.

Make me a bless - ing, Make me a bless - ing,

Out of my life May Je - sus shine;



Doxology Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving, (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

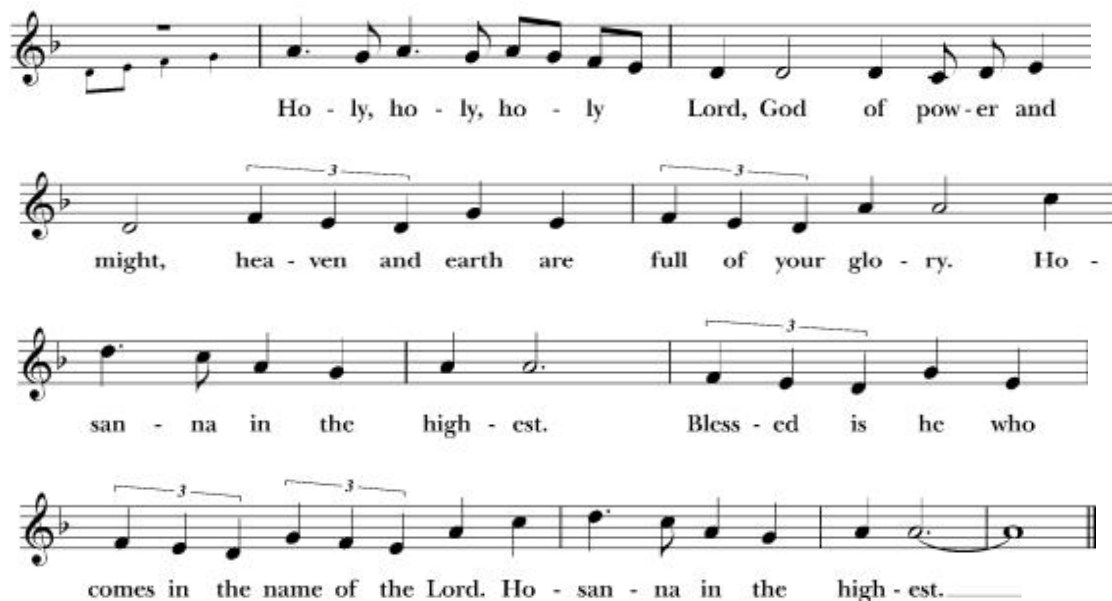
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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 S129



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. _____

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, "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;**

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, with 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.

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.

Fraction Anthem S154

This setting is not used in Lent.



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

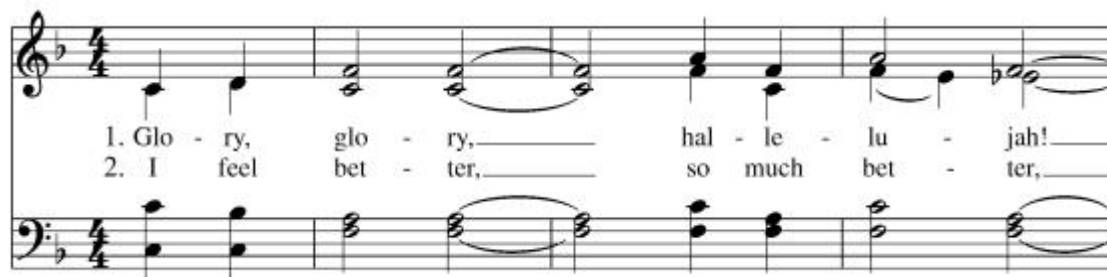
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

The 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. The Body of Christ for the Body of Christ. Be what you see. Receive what you are.

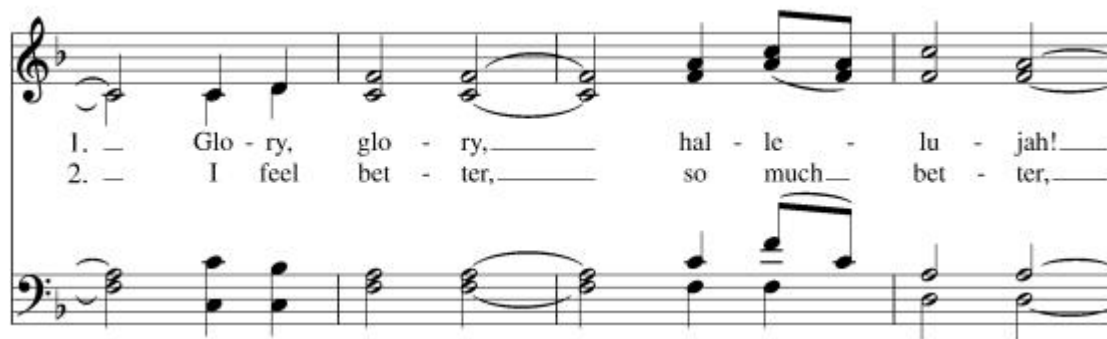
Communion Hymns LEV 130 "Glory, glory, hallelujah!"



1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,



1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,



1. — Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. — I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my — bur - den down. —
 2. — Since I laid my — bur - den down. —

3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
 4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

LEV 217 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

1. He's got the whole — world — in His hand, — He's got the

whole world — in His hand, — He's got the whole world —

in His hand, — He's got the whole world in His hand. —

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.
 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn 448 "O love, how deep, how broad"



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST – (friends, family and acquaintances of parishioners)

Michael, Teresa, Helen, Mark, Al, Tracy, Lynn, Lee, Diana, Jackie, Bruce, Barbara, Peter, Patrick, Lucille, Bryan, Rosemarie, Rick, Robert, Meredith, Cindy, Willa, Thomas, Joan, Elizabeth, John, Guy, Mike, Bette, Carol, Sherry, Linda, Peggy, Mary, Ed, Taylor, Robin, Joy, Alex, Paul, Judi, Rebecca, Terry, Sandy, Carolyn, Daniella, Rachel, Morgan, Karen, Anthony, Jean, Marco, Abigail, Pat, Barbara, Doug, Debbie, Judith, Taylor, Sandy, Carol, Isabella, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Anu, Jo, Robert, Mark, Jim, Linda, Greg, Adriana

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Kurt Brunner, Mary Ellen Maatman, Neva Kelly, Elise Weber

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I and 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 10am service is live-streamed.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE Every Wednesday, all are invited to join in a spiritually uplifting morning. **Intercessory Prayer at 10am; Bible Study at 11am** in the Rector's Office. Following Bible Study, the **midday service** is offered in the Chapel. All are welcome!

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available today from 9:30am—12:30pm for infants to 3 years of age in the Acorn Classroom located on the lower level. Ashley Steinhauer and De Anna Hickson, Nursery care givers.

ADULT FORUM Adult Forum immediately follows the 10 AM worship service, and is held in St. Joseph's Hall. Upcoming topics:

January 28 – Annual Meeting The annual business meeting of Christ Church takes place this **Sunday, January 28** in St. Joseph's Hall. **There will be one service at 9am**, and a light lunch will follow the meeting. In addition to reviewing our ministries and finances, we will elect vestry members and three deputies to Diocesan Convention.

February 4 – Fr. Ernie will give a presentation on Bible History

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Beth Termini 978-239-3937

CHURCH SCHOOL Church school is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 4 years of age through 5th grade meet in St. Mary's Hall. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm.

We are looking for volunteer teachers and helpers for our church school and youth ministries. Share your faith with our children. We will provide you all the support you need. If interested in helping, please contact Sue Welfley susanwelfley100@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP All youth Middle and Senior High are invited to join us immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. This Group meet in the new Meeting Room located on the lower level adjacent to the Butterfly class, from 11:30-12:15pm. For more information please contact Frank Mathews at kane frank86@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY EMPOWERMENT GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm. The group has decided to study the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) beginning with our next meeting. This is a great opportunity for both those new to the Episcopal church and for long time members to delve into our shared faith. The BCP includes all of the various rites (Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, etc.) prayers, as well as historical documents, a catechism of church teachings, and so much more. All are welcome to join us and hopefully have many of your questions answered. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Dan Mistichelli via email ddmisti@gmail.com.

CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP The Christ Church Grief Support Group meets every month on the third Saturday at 10 AM. This meeting is offered both in-person at the church and via Zoom. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or long ago.

SAVE THE DATES! Mark your calendars now for our special upcoming events.

Saturday, February 3 - **Chili Cook-off/bingo night** – Hosted by the Choir and friends

Saturday, February 10 – **Messy Church** 3:30pm - 5:30pm More details below.

Tuesday, February 13 - **Shrove Tuesday Pancake** – More details to follow or contact Janet Riddle for more information.

29TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF AND BINGO NIGHT

Calling all chefs and chili lovers! Come join in the good food, fun and fellowship on Saturday evening, **February 3 starting at 6:00 PM**. All who want to enter their chili into the contest, please bring your winning recipe to the kitchen between 4 and 4:30 on Saturday. Any chili received after this time will be happily eaten but not eligible for the competition.

Come meet up with old friends and make some new ones! To round out the meal, we will need other donations of food and beverages and of course, extra hands for set-up and clean-up. The event is BYOB so feel free to bring your own.

PLEASE see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board for attendance, entering your recipe, food donations etc. Admission is \$10 per person, children under 12, no charge. Any questions, contact Frank Matthews kane frank86@yahoo.com , Janet Riddle janet riddle10@hotmail.com or Susan Mayer -Susan.t.mayer@gmail.com

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday, February 10th

We are excited to host a second Messy Church event on **Saturday, February 10th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Hall. Messy Church is for all ages and includes activities designed to unite and strengthen the community by sharing the lessons of Jesus. The event will end with a light meal and fellowship. Please help us spread the word by encouraging family, friends, and neighbors to attend. If you have any questions or are interested in helping during the event, please email Ashley Steinhauer at ashleym.russo@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Volunteer opportunities in Delco!!

- **St. Mary's Food pantry in Chester-** in need of individuals to work on Wednesdays 10:00 till 12:00 filling bags and/or possible delivery to some of the area consolidated housing. Please contact Rev. Deidre Whitfield (610) 745-2053 for more information.
- **St. John's food pantry in Essington-** in need of individuals to fill families orders and assist in other ways on Tuesdays from. 4:45 til 6 pm each week. Help is needed every week especially the first Tuesday of the month as they distribute toiletries and fresh produce that week. Please contact the rectors warden at St. John's , Mary Ann Waters (610) 405-9043.

All food pantries also have a need for food, toiletries, and fresh produce donations as the demand is many times higher than the supplies. **Any questions, please contact Deacon Joe German 610-389-0793 or Josephagerman425@gmail.com**

ALTAR FLOWERS AND ALTAR ELEMENTS You can donate the altar flowers or the altar elements to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, other special occasion, or in memory of a loved one. Just sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway and write your dedication in the space provided. The donation requested for flowers is \$50 and for altar elements it is \$25. You can give your donation to Rita in the church office or drop it in the collection plate on any Sunday. Make checks payable to Christ Church memo: flower fund or altar elements. This makes a beautiful and thoughtful gift! Charts for 2024 are now posted.

COATS FOR BUSSED MIGRANTS We have received word that bussing of migrants to Philadelphia has begun again. Three buses are expected this week. If you have winter coats in good condition, we would be happy to collect them and get them to the migrants. They are looking for winter jackets and coats in good condition, sizes S, M and L (No XL) for men and women. (The migrants are coming primarily from Central and South America and so are smaller in stature than many Americans, and generally arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs.) We are also looking for coats for children ages 5 - 12. You can bring coats to church on Sunday or contact Patti Davis at 267-481-1575 and she will pick them up.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

4 Epiphany, January 28

9AM Holy Eucharist

1st Server – Alexsa McKeown

2nd Server – Ivy Comerford

Crucifer – Dillen Wible

Gospeler – Bob Miller

OT/Psalm – Kurt Brunner

NT – Connie Davies

PP – Ann Haslanger

CB1 – David Klassen

CB2 – Jo Trout

Ushers

9AM

Jim Mayer, Ron Mecklin

5 Epiphany, February 4

8AM Holy Eucharist

Altar – Rob Miller

OT, Psalm – Holly Cunningham

PP – Ginny Davis

NT/CB – Kate Zurick

10AM

1st Server – Caroline Lenderman

2nd Server – Maya Scranton

Crucifer – Bob Miller

Gospeler – Frank Mathews

OT, Psalm – Mary Ellen Maatman

NT – Ron Mecklin

PP – Susan Mayer

CB1 – Patti Davis

CB2 – Mary Ann Klassen

Ushers

8AM

Leslie & Randy Bullitt

10AM

Adrienne Somaru, Faith Elcock

Weekly Calendar

4 Epiphany, January 28

9am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Annual Meeting followed by a light lunch

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30

9am Archives Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

10am Intercessory Prayer

11am Bible Study

12:15pm Midday service

7:00pm Choir

8pm AA Meeting, SJH

Thursday, February 1

1:30pm Sterling Holy Communion

Friday, February 2

6:30pm Set up St. Mary's Hall

Saturday, February 3

9am Altar Guild

6pm Chili Cook Off & Bingo

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2026

Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden
Rob Miller, Outreach
Patti Davis
Stephanie Untz

2025

Heather Comerford, Preschool
Karen Mason, Parish Life
Robert Miller, Liturgical
Kate Zurick, Communications

2024

Steven Falcone, Property
Leslie Bullitt, Stewardship
Maggie Dunn, Secretary of Vestry
Jo Trout, Hospitality

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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