CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY MARCH 2, 2025 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary *Psalm Prelude*, Opus 32, No. 2

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 427 When Morning Gilds the Skies

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

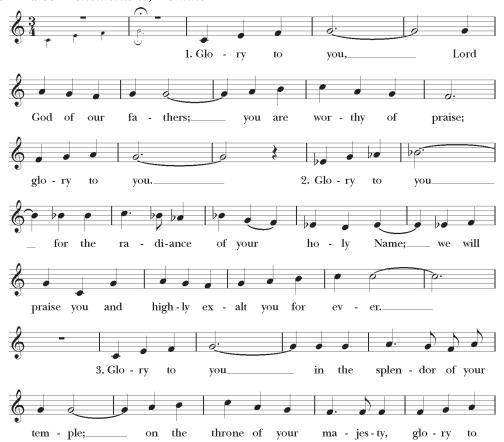
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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. Amen.

All sing

Canticle of Praise Benedictus es. Domine





Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated for

The First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

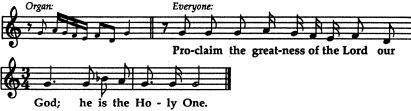
Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Psalm 99:1-2, 6-9 Dominus regnavit

The refrain is sung first by the Cantor, repeated by all, then together as appointed.

Refrain:



The Lord is King; let the people tremble;

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Refrain

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,

they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. Refrain

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds. Refrain

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;

for the Lord our God is the Holy One. Refrain

The Second Reading

2 *Corinthians* 3:12—4:2

Chant: Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil

is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 137 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Hymnal 1982

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

> Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

David Beresford The Homily

Please stand for

People

The Nicene Creed

Let us declare our faith in God: Celebrant

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, People

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.

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Episcopal Church in Delaware, for each congregation and school. We pray for this congregation and we lift up *N*. Strengthen our witness and our welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our president, Donald, for Congress, and for those in the diplomatic corps or military service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for *N*., and those we remember now. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *N*., and those we remember now. We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Together let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

After six days, Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother;

and bringeth them up to a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them.

And his face did shine as the sun. And his raiment was white as the light.

And behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud,

which said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

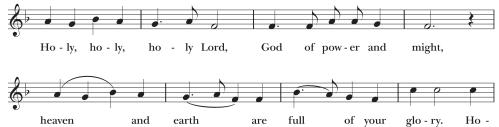
People We lift them to the Lord.

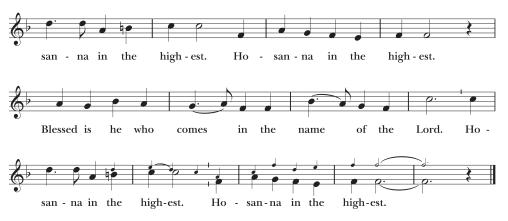
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

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:





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The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying 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 the prayer, concluding

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 invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

Benjamin Britten (1930-1976)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

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

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

All sing

Hymn in Procession 618 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Fugue in D minor (Dorian), BWV 538

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with light. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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MARCH 2, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM. One of the great blessings of the music program at Christ Church is our Letty Downs Musician in Residence. Began in 1983, this program brings a world-renowned musician to Christ Church each year, and what stellar people we have had working in our midst—Stephen Cleobury, Gerre Hancock, Philip Ledger, James Litton, Andrew Lumsden, Philip Moore, James O'Donnell, Simon Preston, Christopher Robinson, John Rutter, and Sir David Willcocks. All have rehearsed and directed the Christ Church Choir; some have presented lectures, seminars, and organ recitals; and some have included a premiere or a commission. For more information, click here.

We Welcome James O'Donnell as our Musician in Residence - Today

We are pleased to welcome James O'Donnell back to Christ Church as this year's Musician in Residence. One of the most celebrated concert organists, choral conductors, and liturgical musicians of our time, he served for more than a decade as Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral and for more than two decades as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. In 2023, Mr. O'Donnell left London for a position on the faculty of the Institute of Sacred Music and the School of Music at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. He will speak about his musical career at 9:50 AM in the Parish Hall today and then direct the Christ Church Choir in worship at 10:30 AM and 4 PM.

- 9:50 to 10:20 AM Forum: "Westminster to New Haven" in Parish Hall A
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 3:30 PM Organ Prelude by David Hearn, retired assistant organist, Christ Church Christiana Hundred
- 4:00 PM Choral Evensong, followed by a reception in the back of the Church

SHROVE TUESDAY MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER FOR DR MISSION TRIP - MARCH 4

Celebrate Mardi Gras with us this Tuesday, March 4, with music and delicious breakfast foods. Dinner will be served by our youth from 5:30 to 6:45 PM in the Parish Halls. Also, we will put away the Alleluias in preparation for Lent, cheer on the Christ Church Choristers in their pancake race, and end the evening with the burning of the palms for Ash Wednesday. The cost is \$5 for children and \$15 for youth/adults, and the event is a fundraiser for this summer's mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Click here to RSVP today.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 5

Worship with us on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Holy Eucharist takes place in the Chapel at 6:30 AM and 12 PM without music and at 5 PM for all ages with the Christ Church Choristers leading our music. At 7 PM, join us for Choral Eucharist in the Church with the Christ Church Choir. All services include the Imposition of Ashes and an invitation to a Holy Lent.

FOSTERING COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS: A CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION - MARCH 8

St. Paul counsels us to act in the spirit of gentleness and bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). Christ Church is seeking to strengthen our caring connections, following the recommendations of our strategic plan. We invite you to join in a dialogue about becoming the listening, caring, good neighbors each of us needs at one time or another. The Revs. David Beresford and John Pumphrey, along with Jaqueline Whalen from our Pastoral Ministries Team, will lead the discussion on Saturday, March 8, from 9 to 11 AM in Parish Hall A. Come be a part of this important conversation. Please RSVP here. Coffee and refreshments will be available beginning at 8:30 AM.

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PROGRESSIVE ORGAN RECITAL - MARCH 9

We welcome concert and recording artist Christa Rakich for an organ recital beginning in the Chapel on C. B. Fisk Opus 164 and then moving to the Church on John Brombaugh's landmark Opus 32. Hear these two glorious instruments in one single program next Sunday, March 9, at 4 PM. Ms. Rakich performs widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan and is an Organ faculty member of the historic Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. Reserve your seats for this free recital here.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - MARCH 12

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 12, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Join us for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES: KNOWING GOD – MARCH 12-APRIL 9

As we journey through the season of Lent, join us for this year's Lenten series on Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9. "Knowing God," led by Fr. David Beresford, explores our relationship with God, using traditional and creative approaches to the questions of faith and religion. We will share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the course from 7 to 8 PM. Click here to RSVP.

ALL AGES LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS & FELLOWSHIP - MARCH 16

Our interactive Lenten prayer stations offer those of all ages a new approach to prayer. Come experience God through the senses this Lent during an expanded Coffee & Community on Sunday, March 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Spend some time in prayerful activities at prayer stations set up in the Parish Halls. Child care is offered in the nursery until noon, but no faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

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CELTIC EUCHARIST - MARCH 16

In our hurried and noisy world, Celtic Eucharist offers gracious space and time to enjoy the holiness of God, gently touched by candlelight, music, and prayer. The Celtic tradition holds that we find God in Christ in our hearts, in each other, and in all creation. Through moments of reflection and calm, quiet words, and the sacrament of Holy Communion, we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate the Eve of St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 16, at 4 PM in the Chapel as we seek to draw more deeply into God's presence. Music will be offered by Trevor Koening Sr. (guitar) and Sandra Borror (flute and penny whistle).

UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICES - APRIL 20 & JUNE 8

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on Easter Day, April 20, at 6 AM and on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, at 10:30 AM. Preparation meetings for parents and godparents will be held prior to both dates. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please contact <u>Jane Rubini</u> or call (302) 655-3379 for an application.

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE - AUGUST 1-8

Join fellow members of Christ Church for a week of fun and fellowship at Memorial House, the Episcopal Church retreat center nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth—from Friday, August 1 to Friday, August 8. Enjoy homemade meals, nature, and meaningful connections, just two blocks from the beach. For more information or to make a reservation, click here.

GUEST READERS NEEDED AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL

Guest readers are invited to share a story with Christ Church Episcopal Preschool classes on select Tuesdays of the month at 8:45 AM. Bring along your favorite picture book or select one from the school library. Sign up to read here.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Provide hospitality and welcome to fellow parishioners by hosting Coffee & Community on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Parish Hall C. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Sign up here.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system that provides clean, clear sound without a headset and transmits sound from our microphones directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils of those in the pews. If you have hearing loss but no telecoil device, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of

Jerold and Margaret Smith

Hugh Collins

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

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