

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER
PELHAM, NEW YORK



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(ADVENT 1, YEAR C)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 1, 2024

ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds.

TODAY'S SERVICE

The Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979, are the regular services appointed for public worship in the Episcopal Church. At Christ Church we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 8am and 10am, occasionally Sundays at 5pm, and also on Holy Days and other occasions. The 10am celebration of the Holy Eucharist includes organ music, congregational hymnody, and during the academic year psalms, anthems, and motets sung by our choir. Advent is the season in which the Christian Church waits and watches for the coming of Jesus Christ. Through scripture, song and silence we hear again the story of God's people who longed for a Savior. Living in the reality that Jesus Christ has indeed come, that he has died and that he has risen, we await for his coming again in glory. Blue vestments are worn at Christ Church throughout Advent, and the Advent Wreath, which is hung above the sanctuary, marks each passing week with an additional lighted candle. Throughout the Sundays of Advent *Gloria in excelsis*, "Glory to God in the highest," is suppressed as the opening song of praise, in its place is *Kyrie eleison*, "Lord, have mercy." The Episcopal Church offers four blessings for the season of Advent, one for each Sunday; these blessings are from the *Book of Occasional Services*. The new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent: we are now in Year C; the gospel reading appointed most Sundays in Year C is from the Gospel according to Luke. All hymns and service music reprinted in this leaflet are either in the public domain or reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net license A-713125.

CHILDREN, NURSERY CARE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. Also, childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year from September until June. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM each Sunday. After the children's service and Sunday School activities, the children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion.

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SUPPORT CHRIST CHURCH: HOW TO GIVE

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The Trees on the Altar are given to the Glory of God



ORGAN PRELUDE

An organ prelude is offered each week before worship as a form of prayer. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation in the church or outside the Sacristy.

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 140

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

ENTRANCE HYMN (#66)

All stand and sing the hymn as the minister enter.

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and an organ accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm.

William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

Meter: 87. 87

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing.

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.

All **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON (#S-91)

All remain standing and sing "Lord, have mercy" (English for the Greek "Kyrie eleison").

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

All are seated. The First Lesson is now read.

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

All are seated while the choir sings the Psalm to an Anglican Chant by Henry Stonex.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

All are seated. The Epistle is now read.

Reader

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#61)

All stand and sing the hymn.

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
 Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36

All remain standing for the Gospel.

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

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

Deacon Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rev. Matthew Mead.

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All **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 (FORM IV)

All remain standing.

Deacon In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Deacon For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Deacon For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, For Matthew, Andy,
Allen, and Mary, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Deacon For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence is observed. The Prayer list is printed below. The People may add their own petition aloud.

Deacon Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Deacon We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence is observed. The Prayer list is printed below. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Deacon We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Deacon We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is observed. The Prayer list is printed below. The People may add their own petitions aloud.

Deacon Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is observed. The People kneel as you are able.

All **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.**

The Celebrant stands. The People remain kneeling.

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

The Prayer List is printed on the next page.

The Prayer list will be printed in the bulletin each week, rather than read aloud. Names of recently departed people will be read aloud, as will those who are hospitalized or gravely ill, and of course you are always invited to say aloud any name you wish.

Our prayers are asked for: Ari, Amina, Jennifer, Marion, Elaine, Cheryl, Scarlett, Amy, Alice, Barbara, Janet, Sandy, Beth, Ingrid, Didi, Joseph, Tim, Chris, Marilyn, Alison, Bob, Robert, Allison, Hildy, Jordan, Cathy, Tom, Bill, Mike, Sara, David, Drue, and M&D.

Our prayers are also offered for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew, Allen, and Mary our Bishops, and for our Rector Matthew and our Deacon Chisara, and for all bishops and other ministers.

We pray for those in our Armed Services especially: Dylan, Gus, Chuck, Sam, Helen, Joseph, Philip, Jake, Matthew, Robert, Nicholas, Mitchel, Alec, Jonah, Tia, Tyrese, Terrence.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Poppy Sampson (December 1) Christopher Ganpat (December 2), Charles Kolin (December 3), Morgan Nakatani (December 3), Will Douglas (December 4), Breah Roberts (December 4), Sydney West (December 4), Jim Young (December 5), Anne Cooper (December 6), Lavinia Scroggins (December 6), and Evan Felicetti (December 7).

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

People **And also with you.**

Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All are seated for a brief welcome and announcements. The announcements conclude with the offertory sentence. This week's schedule and additional announcements are at the back of the bulletin.



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HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

During the anthem the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken.

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz 1909-2009

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be
sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come
Sing Holy, Holy Lord
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

OFFERTORY HYMN (#56 VS1-2)

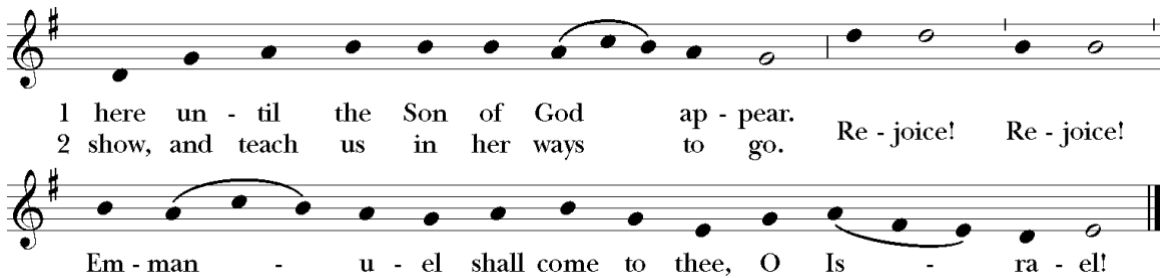
All stand and sing the hymn as the offering is brought to the altar and blessed.



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing.



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 God 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.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface assigned for the day.

Celebrant 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:

All sing "Holy, holy, holy" (#S 114)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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.”

Celebrant There - fore, according to his command, O Father,

People We re-mem-ber his death,
We pro-claim his res - ur - rec - tion,
We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

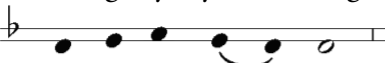
Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God 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.

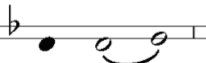
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,

Celebrant



now and for ev - er.

People



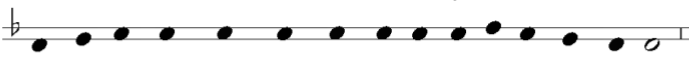
A - MEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us;

People



There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All remain standing and sing "Lamb of God" (Hymn #S 158)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing).

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, the choir sings the anthem.

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord 1897-1961

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerkēs finden written
In their book.

Nor had one apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Then had never Our Lady,
A-been heaven's queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was!
Therefore we may singen
Deo gratias!

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN (#57)

All stand and sing the hymn.



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Meter: 87. 87. 12 7

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

All remain standing.

Celebrant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY

All remain standing as the altar party processes from the Sanctuary during the Postlude. Once the altar party has departed, please be seated and be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661a

Bach

Music Notes by Dr. J

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come is a 1953 motet composed by Paul Manz with lyrics adapted by Ruth Manz. The piece is adapted from text found in the Book of Revelation. It is known as Manz's most notable composition and has been frequently performed by numerous ensembles and choral groups around the globe. It was written during a time when their three-year-old son was critically ill. During this time, she had prepared some text for Paul for a composition based on the Book of Revelation. While at his son's bedside, Paul Manz began drafting the composition, which later became this piece. Their son did recover, which the couple attributed to the power of prayer.

Adam lay ybounden is a 15th-century English Christian text of unknown authorship. It relates the Biblical events of Genesis, Chapter 3 on the Fall of Man. The manuscript in which the poem is found is held by the British Library, who date the work to c.1400 and speculate that the lyrics may have belonged to a wandering minstrel.



NEW OR VISITING?

Welcome to Christ Church! Please take a moment to scan this QR code and fill out our online visitors form. If you prefer there are hard copies of this form in the pew – please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the Announcements. This will help us keep in touch with you.



HOW TO GIVE

*Ushers will pass the collection plate during the Offertory music, and you are invited to make a donation to support Christ Church. If you prefer, you can give online by scanning the QR code or texting an amount to **914-351-2001**. Thank you so much for supporting Christ Church!*



PLEDGE FOR 2025 TODAY

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please make a pledge to support Christ Church financially in 2025! Our goal is 150 pledges totaling \$450,000. Pledge online today using the QR code. Hard copies of Pledge Cards are in every pew and in the Narthex.



CHRIST CHURCH APP

*Download our **Christ Church App** from **Church App - Tithe.ly** to your mobile device. Enter our zip code **10803** to find the church. You can then use the app for all things Christ Church.*



Christmas Schedule

Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 5, 12pm

Women's Connection Christmas Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 14

At the McGrory Family Home

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, December 18, 7pm

With the Parish Choir

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 22, 5pm

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 4pm

With the Parish Choir & Modus Operandi Chamber Orchestra

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 10pm

With the Parish Choir & Modus Operandi Chamber Orchestra

Christmas Day Choral Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 10am

With Choral Quartet

For detailed information on these events, see below under "Coming Events".

This Week at Christ Church

Today, The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am – Said Eucharist Rite I (Church)

10:00 am – Choral Eucharist Rite II (Church)

10:00 am - Sunday School & Nursery Care (Ranck Building)

5:00 pm - Confirmation Class (Church / Library)

5:00 pm – Said Eucharist (Church)

Monday, December 2

8:30pm - Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 3

10:30 am - Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 4

5:15 pm - Holy Eucharist (Church)

6:00 pm – The Men’s Group Bagging Lunches and Dinner

Thursday, December 5

8:00 am The Rector’s Bible Study on Saint John the Evangelist (Zoom)

10 AM Lectionary Bible Study (Library)

12 pm – The Senior’s Christmas Luncheon

5:00 pm – Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm – A New York Lamentation : A Play Presented by the Diocese of New York (Church)

Sunday, December 8, The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - Said Eucharist Rite I (Church)

10:00 am - Choral Eucharist Rite II (Church)

10:00 am - Sunday School & Nursery Care (Ranck Building)

11:30 am – Daughters of the King (Library)

5:00 pm - Said Eucharist (Church)

5:30 – 7:30 pm - Saint Lucia Festival & Concert in NYC (info below)

Parish Updates

Stewardship (as of November 25)

We have 89 Pledges for \$440,940. Please make your pledge for 2025. Our Goal is 150 Pledges for \$500,000.

Artist of the Month: Rosario Villavicencio

The Artwork in Hoag Hall is for sale throughout November and December.

Vestry Nominating Committee

Etta Gumbs has completed her first term as Warden and our Vestry class of 2022 has completed their first term. Please thank Etta, Jennifer Bland, Stephen Dolan, and Robert Boyer for their service. All are eligible to serve a second term and have decided to run for their seat and a second term. Barbara Zambelli and Carol Ipsen have asked to be our Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Andrew Des Rault has volunteered to serve as the Alternate Delegate. Members of the Vestry are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held Sunday, January 26, at 11am. Vestry members and Delegates must be 18 years of age or older who have been baptized and belong to the Parish. They must also have been regular communicants at its worship and have financially contributed to its support within the past twelve months. If you feel called to serve on the Vestry or as a Delegate, would like to recommend another parishioner, or have questions about the vestry or diocesan convention, please reach out to JD Calder, Sr. Warden.

Please Check Your Junk E-Mail

We have updated our communications systems and how we are sending emails to smaller and more targeted groups. Doing that might mean some of our emails are going into your Spam or Junk folders. Please take a moment to check your Junk/Spam email folder in case you have missed an email from Fr. Matt or other members of the staff.

We need Coffee Hour Hosts: Volunteer today!

Are you interested in hosting Coffee Hour? There are two ways you can host Coffee Hour at 10am.

- 1) Provide food (snacks for adults and kids, milk, juices, etc.) that totals about \$75-\$150.
- 2) Donate \$200 to the Coffee Hour Fund, and we will cater it for you.

You can sponsor an entire coffee hour on your own or join forces with others to get to the total food or dollars needed. Contact Marie Main if you want to Donate for a catered Coffee Hour. If you want to sign up to provide food, simply sign up on the sheet in the parish hall.

Outreach & Service

New York Cares Coat Drive – Until December 31

A coat is not a luxury - and it's getting cold out there. Christ Church is an official drop-off/donation site for NYC Cares Annual Coat Drive. If you have gently-used or new coats for children or adults, please bring them to the church's donation boxes, which are located at the lower parking lot entrance inside the glass doors. Hours are 9-5, seven days a week, through Dec. 31. Please help to keep New Yorkers safe and warm this winter.

Calling all cooks to Help with the Soup Kitchen RSVP By December 1

The Women's Connection is Seeking Volunteers to make food for the Mount Vernon Soup Kitchen. We will be cooking for 100 people - So many volunteers are needed. We are signed up to make a meal for the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Please let us know if you would be happy to make: BAKED/ROASTED CHICKEN PARTS (please not spicy) or ROASTED POTATOES. It's is EASY. You cook in your own home. Please deliver the food to the church undercroft kitchen by noon on Dec. 5. Please label it and include your name. If you need someone to pick the food up from your home, just let us know. We will have someone pick it up. We will let you know how many to cook for once we hear from everyone. Please RSVP to Barbara Zambelli at bzambelli1@aol.com by December 1.

Men's Group Bagging Lunches and Dinner - Wednesday December 4, 6pm

The Outreach Committee partners each month with our Men's Group and the Church of Trinity Saint Paul's Church in New Rochelle making and service bagged lunches. Once a month on Wednesday at 6pm the Men's Group make and wrap 120 sandwiches and bag 60 lunches that will be served the next day. Members of the group gather afterwards for dinner. The next day (the first Thursday of each month) members of our Outreach Committee deliver and help serve bagged lunches at Trinity Saint Paul's Church in New Rochelle.

Outreach Request - Food Pantry

Parishioners are invited to donate any of the following items on or before the FIRST Sunday of each month.

- Healthy cereal (grocery store size, no Costco or BJ's boxes)
 - Shelf-stable milk *
 - 14-16oz. cans of fruit, corn, peas, or beans
 - 6oz. cans of tuna
 - 1lb. packages of rice *
 - Pasta and 14-25 oz. PLASTIC jars of spaghetti sauce
 - Reusable bags such as Fresh Direct Bags!!!
 - Pet Food for the Animal Drive
- PLEASE - NO odd, old, opened or expired food.*

Outreach Request - Sharing Shelf Donations

The Sharing Shelf of Westchester is a non-profit organization founded in 2009 to address clothing insecurity and meet basic hygiene necessities of area low-income children and teens. The Shelf works to provide feminine hygiene products that will help fight period poverty and give dignity, comfort, and self-esteem to girls and young women in our area. There is a pink donation box inside the double glass doors at the lower parking lot; please help with a donation of unopened boxes of menstrual products.

Obizi Medical Mission Fundraising

Deacon Chisara is participating in a Medical Mission Fundraiser as part of her month long trip to Africa in December & January. He is asking for your support. Obizi USA will conduct a Medical Mission in Obizi on December 19 - 21, 2024 at Central School Obizi. Deacon Chisara asks for your support and assistance to ensure a successful medical mission in Obizi. Please Zelle your financial support to: *Zelle:* *Obizi USA account Obiziusa@outlook.com Indicate "medical mission" in remarks. Medical Mission website- <https://apharmda.com/obizi-usa> For more information, please reach out to Deacon Chisara.

Coming Events

Seniors Christmas Party - Thursday, December 5, 12pm

Join our Seniors (of all ages) for a festive lunch in the Hall featuring a reading of The Night Before Christmas and singing of popular Christmas Carols. Catered Lunch with wine, \$35 per person.

A New York Lamentation - Saturday, December 7, 2024, 3pm

Presented by the Episcopal Diocese of New York Reparations Commission at Christ Church. In this play by the Rev. Chuck Kramer, six historical figures from New York's slavery era meet to tell their stories. From supporters of slavery to abolitionists to formerly enslaved men and women, each has to reckon with the evil they witnessed and, in some cases, participated in. This play is being presented around the Diocese of New York in Autumn 2024.

Saint Lucia Festival & Concert in NYC -December 8, 7pm

The Christ Church Women's Connection is heading to NYC. Celebrate the Swedish festival of Saint Lucia on Sunday, December 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a traditional Saint Lucia procession and concert at Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, four blocks south of Grand Central Terminal. Learn about the history of Saint Lucia and enjoy music by members of the Swedish community in New York. Tickets are \$30 per person, must be purchased in advance and are available online at <https://www.scandinaviahouse.org/event/holiday-concert-3/> To RSVP and for more information, contact Jean Gruener at gruenerjean@me.com OR call or text her at 914-426-4118.

Christmas Cookie Exchange - December 14, 2pm-4pm

Our Annual Cookie Exchange will be hosted by Courtney McGrory (see your directory for the address). Please bring homemade cookies to share and exchange. The afternoon will feature other food and refreshments as well. Please RSVP to Courtney McGrory at ckmcgrory@gmail.com

Christmas Lessons & Carols - Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm

Join us for Christmas Lessons & Carols on Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm. Lessons and Carols features Christmas readings from the Bible and cherished and well known Christmas Carols sung by our amazing parish choir led by Dr. Justin Bischof, and favorite Christmas Carols for the entire congregation. It is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season. There is no cost to attend, though donations are appreciated. The service will be followed by a festive reception in our Parish Hall. Are are welcome and bring your friends!

Christmas Pageant – December 22, 5pm

Our Annual Pageant is one of the treasures of the church year. Our parish is beginning preparations for our annual Christmas pageant, which will be taking place this year on Sunday, December 22nd at 5pm. As with all years, the pageant is open to all children in our parish (and beyond), as we have plenty of different roles & costumes for all age levels. There will not be any advanced rehearsals for the pageant except for the day of, where we'd ask all children and parents to arrive to the church at 3pm for a rehearsal + costume fitting (includes singing). If you are interested, please let Evan Felcietti know as soon as possible, so we can begin to get a headcount. Thank you so much!

Children's Choir

Weekly Children's Choir (2nd to 5th grades) rehearses Thursdays from 5:00-5:30 pm. The Sunday and Holy Day singing schedule for the Children's Choir includes Christmas Eve at 4pm, Easter Sunday at 9am, and at the 10am service on Sundays November 24, January 26, March 2, March 30, April 29, May 18, and June 8. The choir is growing, and we would love for your child to join us! Please talk to our Music Director Dr. Justin Bischof for more information.

Youth Group

Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers next meets Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30pm to 7pm. Speak to Evan Felicetti for more information.



Friends of Music Concert Season 2024-2025

Five concerts celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Christ Church's Juget-Sinclair organ. Four internationally acclaimed concert organists who are also leading New York City area Episcopalian organists. A wine and cheese reception will take place after the concerts. To purchase tickets please use this QR code.

Wednesday January 29th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Orchestral Concert by Modus Operandi Orchestra MOO; Justin Bischof, artistic director & conductor; David Enlow, organist.

Wednesday March 26th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Organ Concert by David Enlow, Organist & Choirmaster, Church of the Resurrection, New York City.

Wednesday May 7th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Organ Concert by Stephen Tharp; Artist-in-Residence (2015-2024); St. James Madison Avenue.

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Mr. Evan Felicetti, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Verger and Sexton*
Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*

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Worship Schedule

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 5pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist

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