

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER
PELHAM, NEW YORK



CHRISTMAS EVE
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 24, 2025, 4PM & 10PM

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, most Sundays during the academic year at 4pm, 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.

Christians began celebrating the birth of Jesus on December 25 near the beginning of the fourth century. By the beginning of the fifth century, a midnight celebration on Christmas Eve was held in Rome and spread throughout Western Europe. Christmas Masses soon became among the most beloved services of the year for Christians. The gospels of Matthew and Luke both record the story of Christ's birth. John's gospel begins with a proclamation on the meaning of it.

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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.

RESTROOMS & ASSISTANCE

Restrooms are located in our Parish Hall which can be reached by walking to the right of the organ and down the hallway (follow the red carpet). If you need any assistance, please speak with one of our Ushers.



NEW OR VISITING?

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SUPPORT CHRIST CHURCH: HOW TO GIVE

The majority of our operating budget is funded by donations. Ushers will pass the collection plate during the Offertory music midway through today's service, 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**.



PLEDGE FOR 2026 TODAY

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OUTREACH & SERVICE

The Outreach Committee's 2025 Giving Tree is located in Hoag Hall. This year, we are requesting donations to benefit shelter and pet-rescue cats and dogs: Dry and wet food for both cats and dogs, including specialized diet food, puppy/kitten formula, and treats; Stainless steel or ceramic feeding/water bowls; Grooming supplies – nail clippers; towels; brushes, pet shampoo; Medical and nursing supplies – heating pads; bandages; gauze; nursing bottles; clear Pedialyte; Bedding, blankets, crates and carriers; Litter boxes, cat litter and wee-wee pads; Toys, collars and leashes; Chewy, PetSmart, or Amazon gift cards.

New York Cares Coat Drive – Until December 31. The Christ Church Outreach Committee is again organizing our annual Pelham Coat Drive asks Christ Church/Pelham parishioners and our friends to open their hearts and closets to bring slightly used or new coats and make a gift to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters; those who are unable to provide the necessary warmth of a coat for themselves or their children. Coat Drive boxes are located around the Church and in houses of worship and businesses around Pelham so you can easily drop off coats of all sizes from infants to adults.

Outreach Request - Food Pantry

We accept donations 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.*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Before the service begins, we offer instrumental selections played by the Modus Operandi Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Justin Bischof. The 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.

A Medley of Traditional Christmas Carols

Sinfonia (Messiah)

George Frederic Handel 1685-1759

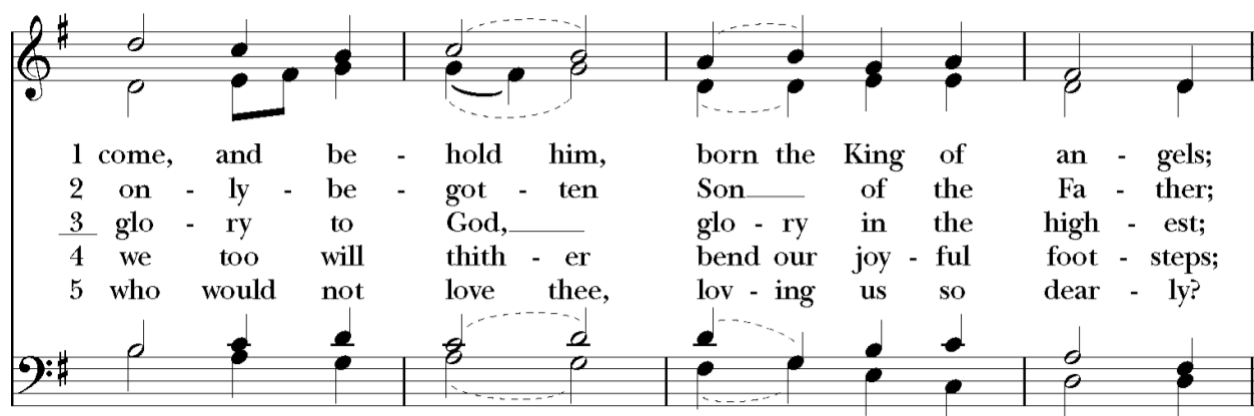
MOO Modus Operandi Orchestra
Justin Bischof, conductor

ENTRANCE CAROL (#83)

All stand and sing the carol as the minister enter.

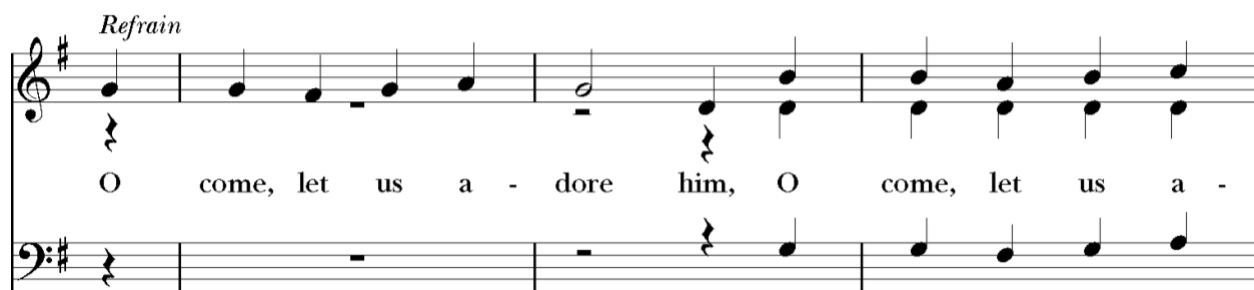
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

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



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

Refrain



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



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

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

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880) and others
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
 Meter: Irr.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

All remain standing.

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (#96)

All remain standing and sing the carol.

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

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

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line being the most prominent. The second line is a response or continuation of the first. The third and fourth lines are also responses or continuations. The score is written in a simple, clear font, with the lyrics in a larger font than the musical notation. The overall style is traditional and liturgical.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.
 Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958)
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 Meter: 77. 77 with Refrain

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 9:2-3, 6-7

All are seated.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL ANTHEM AT THE FAMILY MASS

All remain seated while the Children's Choir sings the anthem.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

GRADUAL ANTHEM AT THE MIDNIGHT MASS

All remain seated while the Parish Choir sings the anthem.

Ding dong, merrily on high!
In heav'n the bells are ringing;
ding dong, verily the sky
is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
let steeple bells be swung, and
And io, io, io,
by priest and people sung.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime
your matin chime, ye ringers;
may ye beautifully rhyme
your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

SECOND LESSON: TITUS 2:11-14

All remain seated.

Reader

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

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

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CAROL AT THE SEQUENCE (#79)

All stand and sing the carol.

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!

2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,

3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!

*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,

5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;

2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.

3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.

4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;

5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

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

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

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835–1893)
 Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831–1908)
 Meter: CMD

THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-20

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 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rector, Father Matthew Hoxsie Mead.

THE 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

All remain standing. The Minister and people pray responsively.

Minister Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Minister Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Minister We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Minister We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Minister Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Minister Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Minister Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Minister We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Minister Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is observed. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All remain standing.

Rector 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).

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

The choir sings the anthem as the gifts of bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken.

Hallelujah (Messiah)

Handel

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
For ever and ever, forever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
And Lord of lords, And He shall reign,
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, forever and ever,
And Lord of lords, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY (#87)

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

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



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



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



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

Refrain



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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831–1915)

Meter: 77. 77. D with Refrain

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; 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:

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.

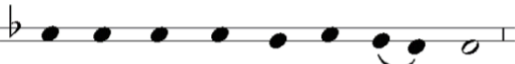
Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate 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,

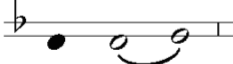
 We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

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 has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
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 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.

Hodie Christus natus est

Francis Poulenc 1899-1963

Hodie Christus natus est
Hodie Salvator apparuit,
Hodie in terra canunt angeli,
Laetantur archangeli,
Hodie exultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Today Christ is born.
Today the Savior appears.
Today angels sing to the earth,
Archangels rejoice.
Today the just rejoice, saying:
Gloria in the highest to God,
Alleluia.*

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION (4PM ONLY)

During the ministration of Holy Communion, the choir sings the anthem at the Family Eucabrist (4pm only).

Ding dong, merrily on high!
In heav'n the bells are ringing;
ding dong, verily the sky
is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io,
by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime
your matin chime, ye ringers;
may ye beautifully rhyme
your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

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 forever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION CAROL (#111)

All stand and sing the carol.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - dian - t beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 birth. Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885)
Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910)
Meter: Irr.

BLESSING

All remain standing.

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness;

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel;

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and always.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL (#100)

All sing the final carol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.
 Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685–1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)
 Meter: CM with Repeat

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY

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.

Toccata (Symphony No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937

Christmas Day Choral Mass at 10am

*With Carols for Congregation and our Parish Choir Section Leaders.
 Followed by a delicious brunch in the library!*

Orchestra Concert, January 28

**Modus Operandi Orchestra (43 players) with David Enlow, Organist,
 Justin Bischof, Conductor**

Poulenc Organ Concerto & Brahms Symphony No. 1

Wed., Jan. 28, 2026, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal/Anglican

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The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*
The Reverend Meredith Hawkins, *Priest Associate*
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, *Deacon*
Ms. Marie Main, *Parish Administrator*
Dr. Justin Bischof, *Director of Music & Organist*
Mr. Liam Myers, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Mr. Michael Moynihan, *Director of Adult Christian Learning*
Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Vergers and Assistant Sexton*

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The Rev. David Hoag, *Rector Emeritus*
The Reverend Deacon Katie Lawrence, *Deacon Emerita*

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Worship Schedule

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 4pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist

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