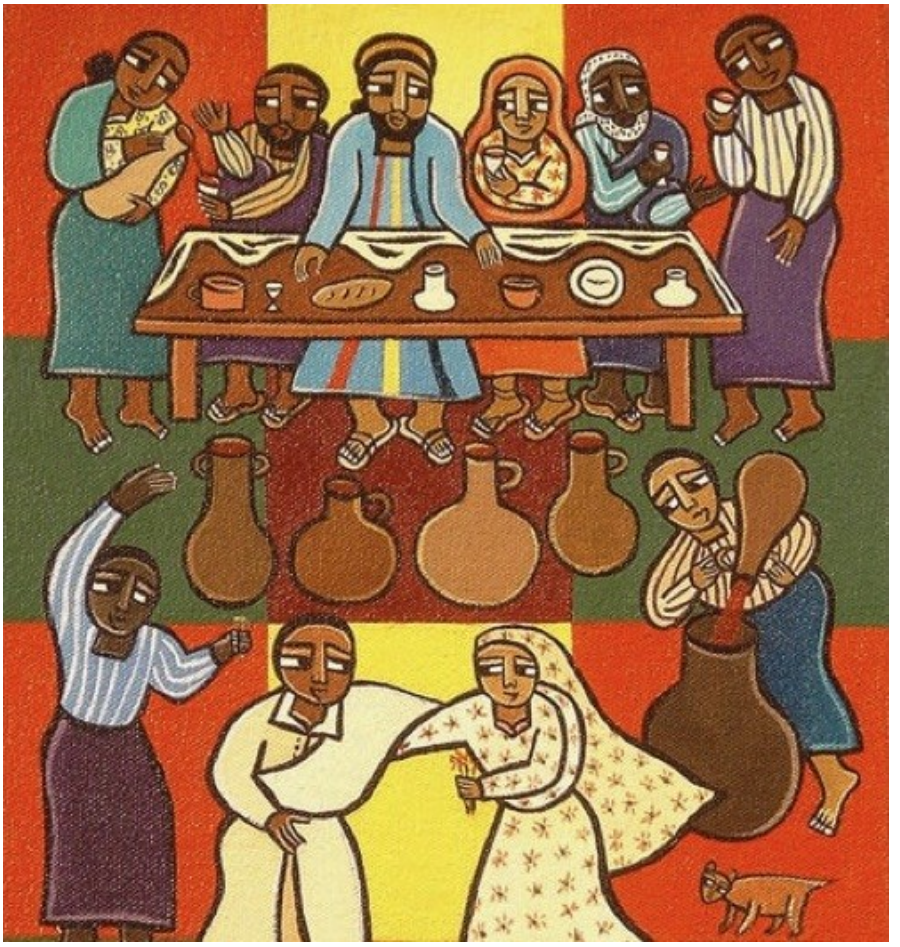
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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey
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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Epiphany season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need— *Arnold, Barb, Brianna, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jim, Julia, Kristen, Margaret, Pam, Pat, Robert, Stanford, Steve, Theayer, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian, Yvonne*

Anglican Cycle – *we pray for The Church of the Province of West Indies*

Diocesan Cycle – *The Rev Dr. Joyce M. Scheyer, The Rev. Dcns. Kenneth Carpinelli, Joseph Luzardo, Michelleleslie Maltese-Nehrbass, Brigitte Pincelli*

Christ Church Ministry – *Property Ministry*

Birthdays this week – *Jessica Albrecht-Dresch, Christene Fergusson, Debra Lowe, Roberto Moreira, Keelan Ryan*

Memorial Flowers—*are given by Mr. James L. Bates in memory of Jean Bates.*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact the Rev. Joanna Hollis—732.354.1450 or the Rev. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Hollis and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

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PRELUDE "Grand Dialogue," 3e Livre d'Orgue (Excerpt 1) — Louis Marchand (1669–1732)

THE WORD OF GOD — *BCP, page 323*

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF PURITY — *BCP, page 324*

The Presider says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Presider continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA — *BCP, page 324*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5

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Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
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PSALM 36:5-10

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the
shadow of your wings.
8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

THE NICENE CREED *BCP, p. 326*

ALL **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated

at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

ALL **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

THE PEACE *BCP, page 332*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

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OFFERTORY HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #135**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, page 340*

Presider The Lord be with you.
ALL **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
ALL **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day and then continues.

Presider Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

ALL **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel as able

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

ALL **Amen**

Presider 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

ALL **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Recipient **Amen.**

Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Recipient **Amen.**

After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and also are heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

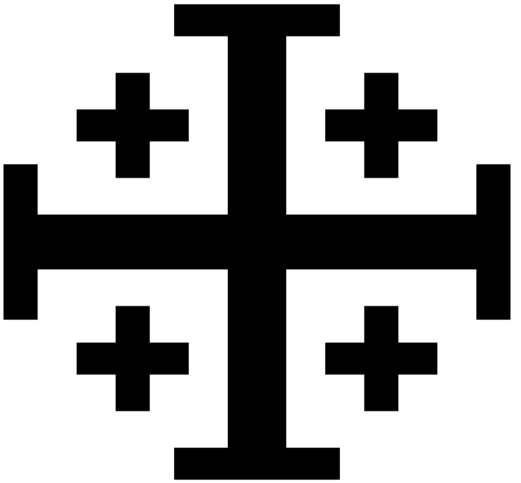
The Presider gives the blessing.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Grand Dialogue," 3e Livre d'Orgue (Excerpt 2) Louis Marchand (1669-1732)



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD

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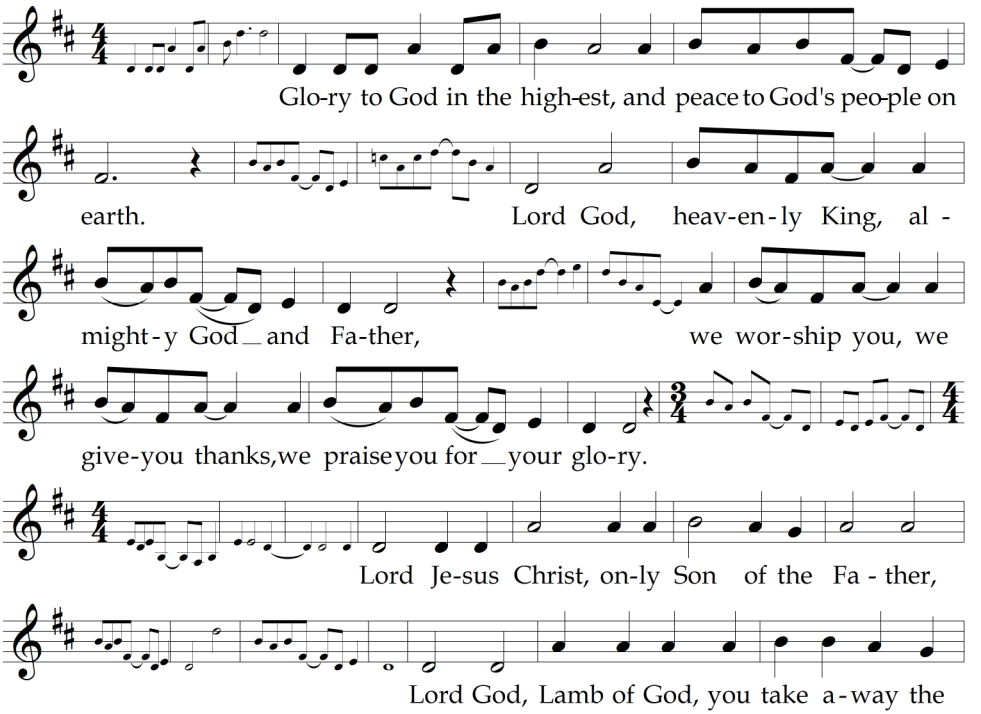
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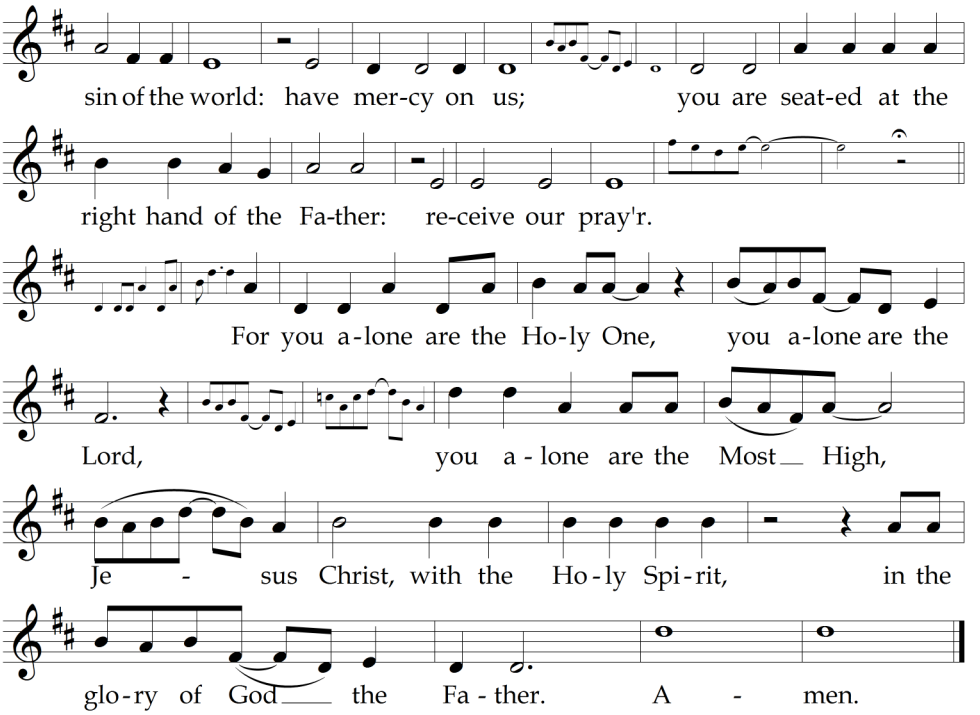
ENTRANCE HYMN "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" — **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #7**

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

GLORIA — **Red LEVAS *Hymnal*, #241**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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GRADUAL HYMN "Blessed Jesu " **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #440**

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People **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION EOW

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able please kneel or stand. Silence is kept for a space.

ALL **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People and Ministers greet one another in the name of the Lord.

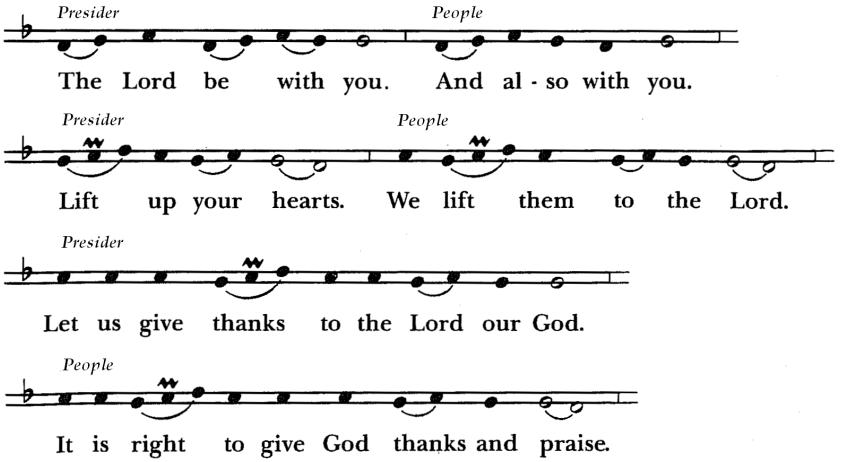
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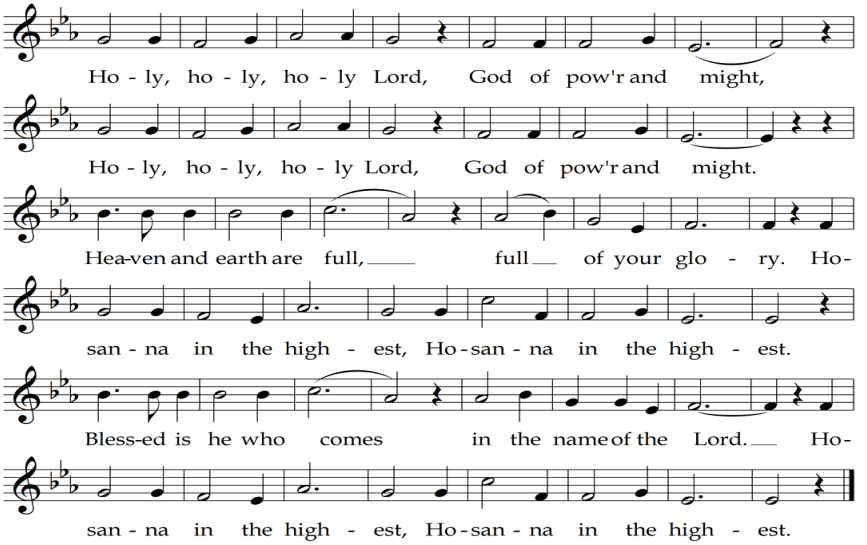
OFFERTORY HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" **Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #135**

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Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

ALL *Franz Schubert*

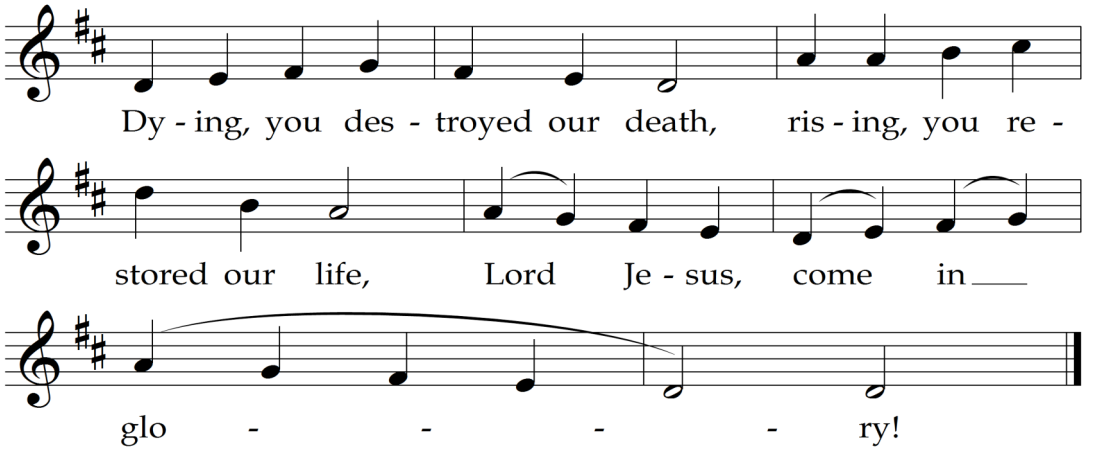


Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

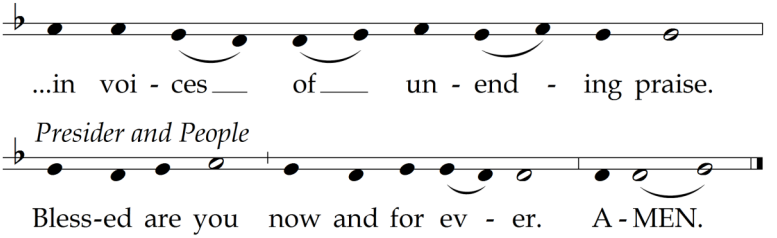
And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

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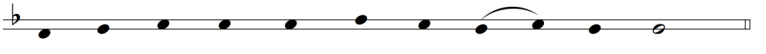


Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

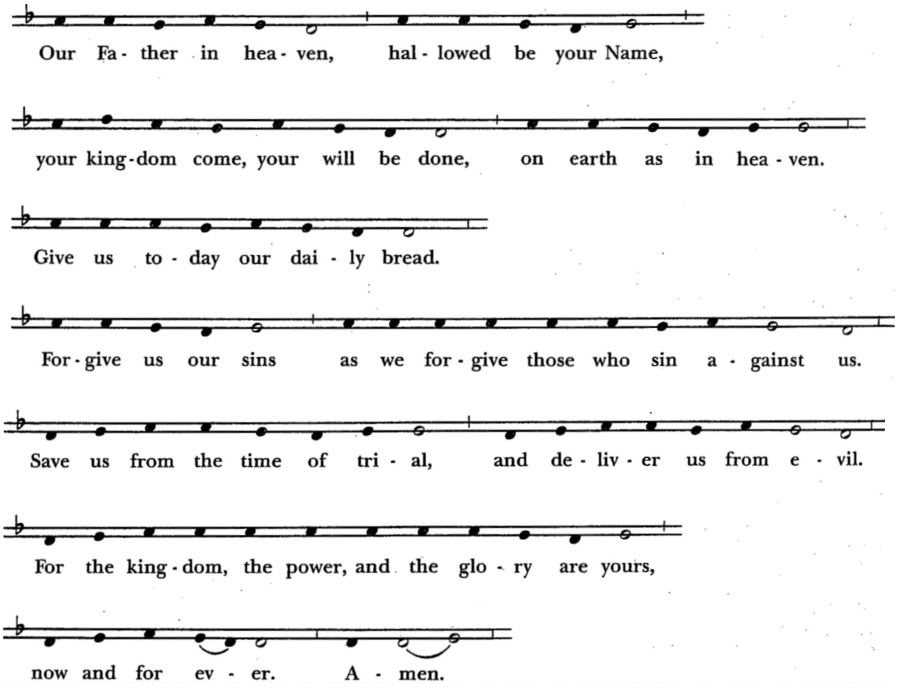
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator



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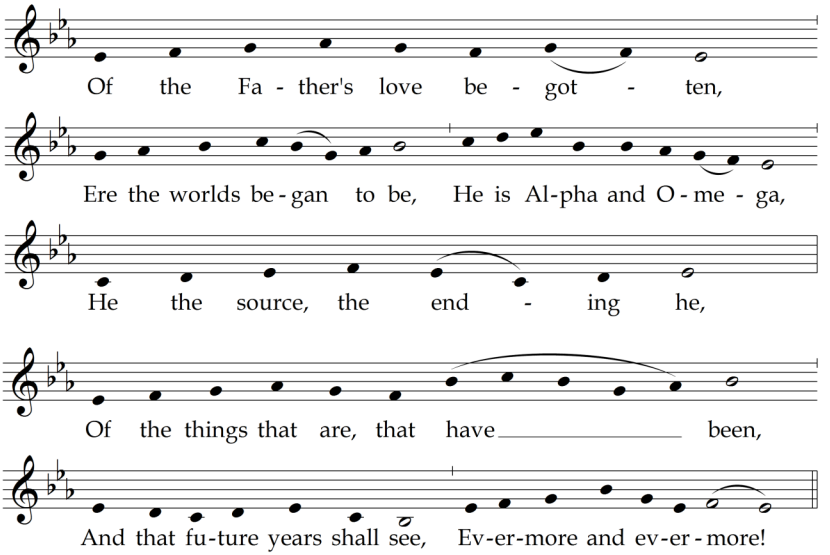
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BREAKING THE BREAD

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INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US ONLINE:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Deck Thyself my Soul with Gladness"

Blue *Hymnal 1982*, #339

AFTER COMMUNION

All who are able please stand

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" **Red LEVAS *Hymnal*, #120**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider gives the blessing.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Grand Dialogue," 3e Livre d'Orgue (Excerpt 2) Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

Parish Notes for January 19, 2025

Schedule for January 19 – January 25, 2025

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm
Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	**8:00 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	10:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	**6:00 p.m.**	**Christ Church Grief Support Group, Zoom**
	7:00 p.m.	**Tuesdayers, Zoom**
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom

*Join Us AFTER THE 10:30 AM Service for Coffee Hour in the Nicholas Room



The Parish Annual Meeting will be held
Sunday, February 2, 2025 immediately
following the one, combined service
at 9:30 a.m.



Join members of Christ Church TODAY after the 10:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

Supplies will be packed for the Choice Food and Resource Center. We hope to see you there!

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 as well as adult incontinence products in all sizes are in constant demand.

Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "diaper donation" or "Choice Food and Resource Center in the subject line.



Year end tax statements for 2024 were emailed to those parishioners who have an email listed with the church. The other statements will be available for pickup at the back of the church this **Sunday, January 19th** and next **Sunday, January 26th**. Those not retrieved will be sent out in the mail after the 26th.

Thank you for your continuing support of our ministries and mission.

Join The Christ Church Grief Support Group

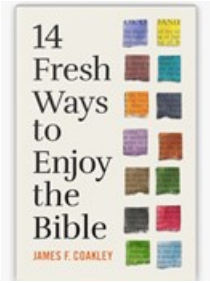
Our final session is Tuesday, January 21 at 6pm.

This series is for adults grieving the death of a loved one. The group includes education about grief and loss and provides participants an opportunity to share their experience. Allow us to connect ***hand-in-hand*** with you!

Zoom link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88251220962?pwd=JZe07lfHvdr441lMlLKSxrgR3CzFQL.1

Meeting ID: 882 5122 0962 Passcode: 782916

Sessions will **not** be recorded.



The Tuesdayers' Next Book: "14 Fresh Ways to Enjoy the Bible"

Do you feel like you get stuck in a rut when it comes to reading the Bible? Or rather than feeling inspired and energized, do you feel confused, disenchanted, or removed? In "14 Fresh Ways to Enjoy the Bible," James F. Coakley shares strategies that will bring your Scripture study to life. Among other things the Bible is great literature. The same riveting techniques that modern authors use in their books were also used by Biblical authors long ago. Coakley opens our eyes to the dramatic and poetical ways God communicates to us. You will acquire practical strategies to engage in God's Word and general guidelines that will keep you on track. The Tuesdayers invite you to join our discussion, which will start on **January 21.** We meet over Zoom on Tuesdays (except the second of the month), 7:00-8:30 pm. For more information contact Jonathan Clark at im4canoes@yahoo.com.



Open Choir is Next Sunday, January 26th!

All are Welcome to Sing!
Meet up at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.

Vestry Key Topics

1. The Vestry shared gratitudes for Wendy Benjamin and Sheila Cooper, who are rotating off.

2. The Vestry reviewed the Renewal Works Report which presented us with opportunities to enrich our spiritual life together. One idea we encourage you to try this month is to use Taking Faith Home at least one night this week to reflect on the scriptures for the week.

3. The Vestry extends an invitation to all and encourages all to attend the Annual Meeting on Feb. 2, 2025, after the 9:30 am service.

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Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, February 10**. Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, please (a) mail it by **Wednesday, February 5**, or, better, (b) advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time despite possible Post Office delays. Or, if you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, Paul will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.

You can avoid writing Paul a check by using their payment options through your checking account of credit card (checking costs a 29 cent charge per order; credit cards charge a percentage that is usually more). And if you want physical cards delivered directly to your home, you can do that through the app, although you will be charged for delivery. If you order for delivery through him, the church covers the delivery charge.



Register now for the Anti-Racism Training offered by the Anti Racism Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey

The Anti-Racism Training consists of five consecutive two-hour Zoom classes from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on **January 24, January 31, February 4, February 14, February 21, and a follow-up four weeks later on March 21**. Click here to register.

The fee for the training is $100 per person. For financial assistance or for more information about the training, please contact Canon Karen Moore, Chair, Anti-Racism Commission, at kfomoore@comcast.net.

Friends of the New Brunswick Free Public Library

Black History Month presentation

ALBERT EINSTEIN: CHAMPION OF RACIAL JUSTICE

Guest Speakers:



Elizabeth Romanaux



Shirley Satterfield

Saturday, February 8, 2025
2pm
New Brunswick Free Public Library
60 Livingston Ave.
NB, NJ

Learn more about Albert Einstein's advocacy for and friendships with African-Americans in Princeton and across the country. This is one aspect of the great man's life that will be found in the introductory gallery of the Princeton Einstein Museum of Science before guests explore his world-changing scientific discoveries.

For more information and to register please contact Deborah Celey at friendsnbfpl@gmail.com

Refreshments will be provided

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A Service of Witness to Black Ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

Sunday, February 16, 2025

3:00 P.M.
Trinity Cathedral
801 W. State St. Trenton, NJ 08618

Sponsored by:
Black Clergy Caucus
Union of Black Episcopalians
Commission on Black Ministries

Celebrant:
The Right Reverend Sally French
Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey



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Union of Black Episcopalians

Interfaith Rotating Shelter

Every winter, houses of worship in New Brunswick unite to open their doors to our unhoused neighbors. We rotate from church to church each week and typically house about 15 men. The shelter runs from 22 December to 10 March, when the temperatures are below freezing. Christ Church will be hosting **16 February to 23 February.**

The ministry has been running for over 20 years, and is recognized by our homeless neighbors and by community leaders as compassionate, life-saving, and much needed. This year, our needs are:

- Volunteers to stay overnight with the guests
  A full shift is 7 PM – 7AM and partial shifts are possible.
  At Christ Church, volunteers will typically sleep in the choir room from 11 PM – 5:30 AM and then start the coffee pots.
- Volunteers to help with move-out and cleaning on Sunday, February 16th
- Volunteers to cook or bring meals for 15 guests + 3 volunteers
- If you can't volunteer your time, you can also donate supplies or money

To sign up for a shift or meal, please reach out to Jason Kaelber at interfaithrotatingshelter@gmail.com or 848 228 3620. We also have volunteer openings for February at First Reformed Church and elsewhere, so you need not restrict yourself to the days Christ Church is hosting.

Thank you for supporting this ministry and the homeless men of New Brunswick!

A blessed Epiphany from the Diocesan Formation Team.

The Formation Team has exciting new offerings:

The diocesan Scripture Study class is held every Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom. Here's the registration link: https://dioceseofnj.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuceCqrzkrG9N9kTgSn_HUkRXoasHImbcp

The Acolyte Festival is coming up on **Saturday, February 8th**, at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, from 9:30 until 3. There will be many different workshops and activities for folks new to acolyting and for seasoned pros. Activities include games, team-building, a choir workshop, a meditation workshop for adults, an adult round-table discussion on lay ministry and leadership, a Cathedral scavenger hunt, basic acolyte and advanced acolyte workshops, lunch, Eucharist, and much more.
The registration link is here: https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0015-0007-B4EFA763242B4C06834D01F90693B748

JANUARY 19, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

taking faith home

Jesus' ministry overflows with joy and love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**John 2:1-11**	**The wedding at Cana**
Monday	**Isaiah 62:1-5**	**Jerusalem will be saved**
Tuesday	**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**	**Spiritual gifts**
Wednesday	**Psalm 16:7-11**	**Song of trust in God**
Thursday	**Jeremiah 33:10-13**	**Healing after punishment**
Friday	**Philemon 1:4-7**	**Philemon's love and faith**
Saturday	**Psalm 36:5-10**	**Human sin and God's goodness**
Sunday	**Luke 4:14-21**	**Jesus returns to Nazareth**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. **Isaiah 62:4 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Dear God, you take delight in bringing us joy when we are discouraged; help us to use our abilities so that others may see Jesus as the source of your abundant goodness. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
God of abundant care, we thank you for this food and all that you provide us, signs of your constant love for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the God of abundant love give you joy.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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JANUARY 19, 2025

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What gives you joy?
- When has faith in Christ brought you hope in difficult times?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 2:1-11.

In the Gospel of John, the first sign of Jesus that pointed to his glory (his death and resurrection) is seen in water turned to wine. That moment leads us to a deep understanding of Jesus' entire ministry. It is about abundance that brings joy, not gloom and doom. The amount of wine Jesus provides from the water jars was excessive, and it tasted very good. Wine in the Bible was meant to gladden the heart. It was associated with a future divine banquet as well as daily hospitality and celebration. The sign of changing water into wine at a wedding feast introduces Jesus' ministry as overflowing with goodness, joy, and love. It turns our shame and embarrassment (like a bridegroom's shame for running out of wine) into simple delight without limits, without measure. It leads us to long for more of what Jesus has in store for us.

Discuss: When is a time that Jesus' overflowing joy and love made a difference in your life?

Pray: **God of love, give us joy in your presence that we may be a sign of your love to others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you share God's overflowing love and joy with someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 we learn that all Christians are given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are given *"for the common good"* (v. 7). The larger world around us sees these personal gifts as something that emphasizes our own success. For Christians, our gifts are meant to serve others. Write a list of the gifts you feel you have or that others see in you. Take a moment to say each gift aloud.

Then pray: **Dear God, thank you for the gifts I have been given. Help me to use them to serve others in your name. Amen.**

MILESTONES MINISTRY

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	January 19	**January 26**
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Deacon		Rev. Daphne Roberts
Organist	Christopher Rios	Suzanne McDonald
8:00 a.m.	**8 AM**	**8 AM**
Lector & Intercessor	Mark McMahon	Kevin Stansbury
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Kevin Stansbury	Debra Lowe
Vestry Announcements	Sheila Cooper	Jim Nichols
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown-Stansbury
10:30 a.m.	**10:30 A.M.**	**10:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Jonathan Gloster	
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*		
Acolyte / Server	Graciela & Nico Adames, Inori Walsh	
Vestry Announcements	Meegan Adames	Gordon Arsenoff
Usher	Peggy Smith	Peggy Smith
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Coffee Hour		
Counters		

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshiping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service and fellowship.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.

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