

Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Christ Episcopal Church
Kensington, Maryland
December 21, 2025
10:00 AM

A Blessed Sunday & Welcome to All

Whether at home or in-person, we are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning, especially if you are new or visiting!

Children of all ages are welcome in the service! There is also childcare available in the nursery downstairs throughout the morning, and a wonderful Children's Chapel for children ages 3-10 downstairs in the Parish Hall during the first half of the 10:00 a.m. service. They will return to the service in time for communion. Parents/guardians are welcome! There are also child-friendly materials at the back of the sanctuary. Just ask an usher.

Children's Faith Formation, 9:30 a.m. (Sunday School)

PreK – 5th Grade meet on the lower level. The classes flow into Children's Chapel and then they will return to the service in time for communion. Junior Youth Group (Grades 6-8/9) meet in the Children's and Youth Library on the main level. Interested in more info on children's ministry or to receive the weekly Kids Connect email? Contact Children's Minister Ann Enkiri sundayschool@ccpk.org

All are welcome to receive communion. Instructions for communion are in the bulletin just after the invitation. ("The gifts of God for the people of God...")

Offerings. You may make a donation by placing cash or checks in the offering plate, or you may also give online via the link on our website, or simply scan the QR code below. We are grateful for your support!



All-gender restrooms and water are located at the end of the hallway off the back of the sanctuary.

Participating online? Please know that you are as much a part of our worship today as those in the church! We hope you participate fully. If you have questions or comments, let the Tech Minister who is running the livestream know in the chat.

Welcome to all our visitors! We are better for your presence here today.

Please introduce yourself to the clergy and/or the vestry person who makes the welcome announcement today. If you fill out a visitor's card found in the pews, or email Parish Administrator Jen Luna administrator@ccpk.org or 301-942-4673, we'd welcome the opportunity to connect with you, and if you wish, add you to our weekly e-newsletter the Christ Church Connection. If you would like more info about Christ Church, please visit our website at www.ChristChurchKensington.org.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Ave Maria von Arcadelt*

Franz Liszt

*** Hymns are in the blue or red "Hymnal 1982", or where indicated, in the red, black & white "Lift Every Voice & Sing" (LEVAS) Hymnal. Both can be found in the pew racks! ***

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Led by Katerina Georgiev & Mac Macfarlane, with children Kenny and Adelaide

Leader Today we light the fourth Candle of Advent, the symbol of the great love we know in Christ.

People **Surround us with your love, Gracious Spirit.**

Leader Loving God, remind us of the love you show for us, and for all that you have made, in giving us the gift of yourself.

People **Surround us with your love, Gracious Spirit.**

Leader Help us to remember that there is no power greater than love; love is stronger than fortunes and empires, stronger than grief and despair.

People **Surround us with your love, Gracious Spirit.**

Leader Fill our hearts with your love, this day and every day, that we might share your love and light with the world.

People **Surround us with your love, Gracious Spirit.**

(the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love are lit)

Leader Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Advent season. Show us how to live in hope. Teach us that true peace is only possible with justice and mercy. Help us share your love with the world.

People **Transform us, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn #66 *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Stuttgart

Welcome

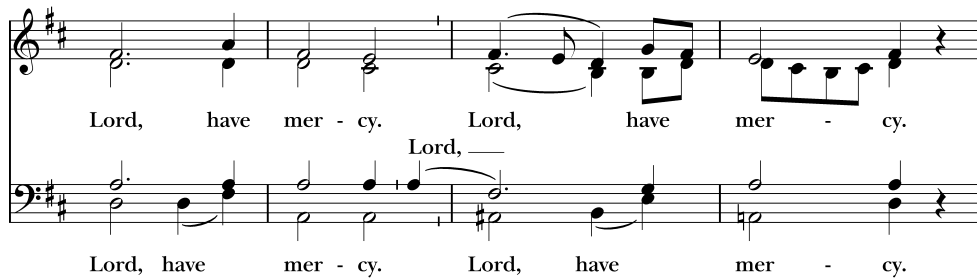
Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

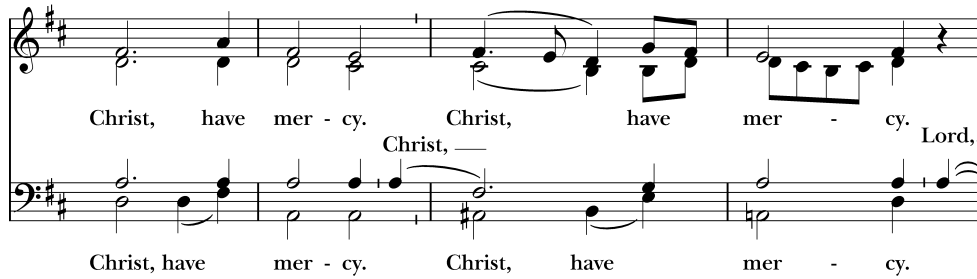
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Schubert



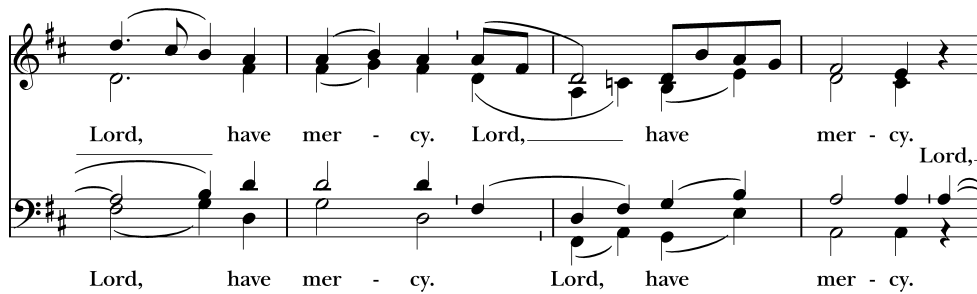
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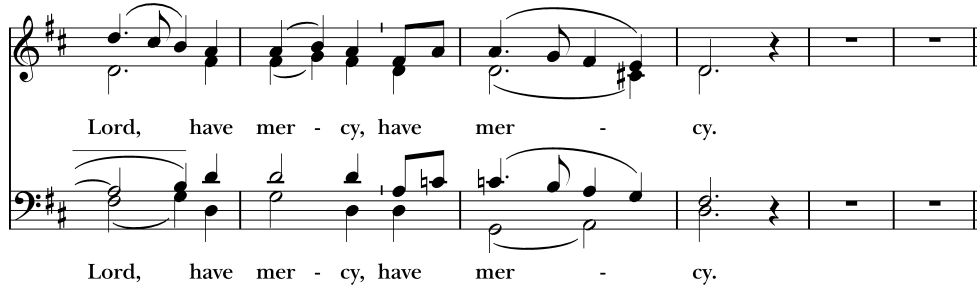
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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Presider Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary

mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

Psalm Tone S-411

Kennedy

The slash / indicates a change in tone. The verse begins on one note, then the word (or syllable) after the slash is sung on a different note. Each verse has two changes.



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the / cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to / help us.

3 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.

4 O Lord God of / hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your / people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of / tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to / drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to / scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the one at your side in / honor, *
the one you have made so strong for your/self.

17 And so will we never turn away from / you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your / Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn LEVAS #9 (vv. 1, 2) *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* Promised Land

The Gospel *Matthew 1:18-25*

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Emily Guthrie

a moment of silent reflection

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

We are called to watch and pray, therefore let us pray together saying:

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

Gracious God, we thank you for coming to us in Jesus, and for coming to us whenever we
gather in your name. Keep us alert and watchful through the dark night of this world,
and give us confidence as we await your coming in glory.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

We pray for your church—its people and its leaders. Keep us alert and watchful in support of
one another, guard us from everything false and untrue, and shine on us with the light of
your holy word.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

We pray for our country and all nations. Lift the hearts of those in authority that they may
govern wisely and well, for the good of all. Bring your peace to all communities torn by
division, violence and war, especially in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and everywhere there is

violent conflict. Keep us alert and watchful that we might serve you by serving our neighbors and all creation.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

Loving Christ, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle. We lift up the sick of our parish including Helen-Paige Buck, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Doug Leavens, Amri Joyner, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, Ellen Thomas, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; all caregivers; and all those who need our prayers:

You are invited to add your own intercessions, silently or aloud.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

We pray for all who have died and all who mourn. We remember especially Tom Van Beek; all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war; and those we now name:

You are invited to add your own prayers for the departed, silently or aloud.

We thank you, O God, for the blessings in our lives. We give thanks for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Ellen Woodward, Ivan Leavans, Theodore Vasiliadis, Tom McKay, Kathy McKay, Robert Quinn, Allan Wallace, Mark Kelly, and Allisdair Davies. Keep us alert and watchful for moments of joy, and move us to give generously out of our abundance.

You are invited to add your prayers of thanksgiving, silently or aloud.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

The Presider offers a concluding prayer.

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

A moment of silence

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

The Presider offers Absolution.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence



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We are grateful for your support!*

Offertory Antiphon *A Virgin Most Pure*

Michael Larkin

Presentation Hymn #76 (v.5) *sung as the offerings are being presented at the altar.*

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with our Maker we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For Christ the Sun of Righteousness has dawned as our deliverance, and as your power to renew the world in love and justice. 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:

The Sanctus

S-130

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Elest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the bread, all respond with the Fraction Anthem:

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation and Communion of the People

Presider The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church.

You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell your server. You may either drink from a silver chalice or intinct (dip the bread) in the clear glass chalice. Note that consuming the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving communion, indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. We'd be happy to bring communion to you wherever you are sitting, simply tell an usher!

Healing prayer for yourself, or on behalf of others, is offered during the distribution of Communion in the chapel at the rear of the sanctuary.

Communion Voluntary *Ave Maria, Op. 80*

Max Reger

Communion Hymn #265 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

Gabriel's message

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we who have been fed with your love and grace, follow you out in the world as ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

Blessing of the People

Recessional Hymn #56 (vv. 5-8) *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Dismissal

Deacon Our worship is ended, our service in the world begins. As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude *Ave Maria* Peter Benoit

**Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall immediately following the service
for Coffee & Conversation**

Christmas at Christ Church 2025

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Family Festival Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.

Music & Hymns at 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist at 9:00 p.m.

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Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. with Organ & Hymns of Joy

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Sunday, December 29 - First Sunday after Christmas

Lessons & Carols at 10:00 a.m., *single service this day*

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Sunday, January 4 - The Feast of Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Feast of Lights with Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.

followed by the Annual Twelfth Night Party

Announcements

Love in Action: Reaching Our Neighbors

Monthly Food Packing at San Mateo Join us to help bag groceries for distribution to families in need at San Mateo Episcopal Church in Hyattsville, MD. The next visit will be **Wednesday, January 7** (note this is the 1st Wed. not the usual 2nd Wed.) Interested? Please let Deacon Sara know if you are coming by the *Tuesday* morning before. (sara@ccpk.org)

Food Justice DMV assists our immigrant neighbors with essential food and supplies. Please donate infant formula and diapers to help. You can leave them in the hallway across from the Outreach board. Want to know more about Food Justice DMV? Contact volunteer Thea Kayne theakayne@gmail.com or Deacon Sara. (sara@ccpk.org).

Love in Action: Racial & Social Justice

All are welcome to join the Mercy Team! Support the vulnerable in the current political crisis and put your faith into action. To join the Mercy Team distribution list, contact Cynthia Mitchell at justice@ccpk.org or Thea Kayne at theakayne@gmail.com. *This is the best way to find out about emerging needs and a variety of ways to get involved.*

Care Pod: The Mercy Team has formed a “Care Pod” - a circle of care and support - for a family of four with urgent needs following the deportation of a loved one. Watch the CC Connection in the future for a sign-up genius with specific items to contribute to help us support the family. There are hundreds of families in crisis in our area. If you would like to have a major impact on the well-being of a family in crisis, please consider volunteering to be part of a second Care Pod. Email Thea Kayne for more information.

General Announcements:

End of Year Giving: The end of the year is approaching - have you completed your 2025 pledge payments? If you pledged for 2025, please take a minute and check whether you have fulfilled your pledge, and if you are able to do so, please make a payment.

If you are unsure of your pledge status, you can access your giving statement on Realm, or get in touch with Jen Luna in the office at administrator@ccpk.org or (301) 942-4673.

Gifts must be *received* by the church by **Dec 31** to be counted toward your 2025 tax deductions. Thank you so very much for your financial support! It is our primary source of income and fuels our mission.

Schedule Changes, Christmas Week

Office Closed - the church office will be closed from December 24 - January 1 for the holidays. Jen will return on Friday, January 2. Contact Emily for pastoral emergencies.

Compline - Will not meet 12/25

Lectio Divina - Will not meet 12/25, resumes January 1, 2026

Bible Study - Will not meet 12/21 and 12/28, resumes January 4, 2026

We raise to God those who are on our hearts and are in need of prayer:

Friends and Family of our Community

All who ask for prayers through our website

Anthony
Bob (friend of Nachin Bone)
Santo Borruso (father of Sarah Burruso)
Bruce Beamer (uncle of Nina Upshaw)
Betty
Charles
Coley Beggy (friend of the Hoffeditz Family)
Susan Best (sister-in-law of Jeff Taylor)
Steve Campbell (Uncle of Jackie Campbell Waidmann)
Moises Carera and the Carera family
Susan Catlette
Cecelia
Cindy
Maureen Cordell (sister of Nora Buckley)
Eric Cozzens (son of Peter Cozzens)
Yvonne Dean (friend of Bonnie Douglas)
Kelly Doig (friend of Katie, Jackie & Katherine)
Daniel Epps (father of Cynthia Mitchell)
Gerald & Sandy Giddings (relatives of Liz & Bob Quinn)
John Godfrey (brother of Rena Godfrey)
Sandra Goldman (mother of Brad Christmas)
Gema Guarin (friend of Joan Centrella)
Rob Guzzon (father of a friend of Katherine Chatt)
Laura (friend of Betsy Robbins)
Doug Hanscom (friend of Emily Guthrie)
Lisa Harrison (friend of MaryBeth and Mike Etherton)
Earl Hill (godfather of Sean Quinn)
Terry Hodge (friend of Annie Seale)
Amanda Hoey (daughter of Anne Witt)
Bob Hoffman and his son Cornell
Floris & Rob Houston (friends of Joan Centrella)
John (friend of Mary Ellen Huzzard)
Nelly Jones (mother of Jennifer Jones)
Robert Kellam (cousin of Victoria Thanos)
Neal Klasky (friend of Lori Pujol)
Nancy & Pete Lane (sister & brother-in-law of Joan Centrella)
Abbi Livay (granddaughter of Ann Hagan)
Chris Lloyd (friend of Kitty Shuler)
Ray Martens (uncle of Roma Hart)
Martha (prayers for healing)
Maureen (friend of Donna Berkowitz)
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)
Bob McCarthy (friend of Bob Quinn)
Nick McGray (father of Craig McGray)
Meaghan Morin (Kensington neighbor)
Melanie Moxness (niece of Dwight Allen & Joan Centrella)

Miriam
Nicole
Julianne Paige (mother of Jason Paige)
Cabrini Pak (friend of Dwight Allen)
Dawn Porter (friend of Liz McLeod)
Vivian Puricelli (mother of Lee Puricelli)
Ricky Reeves (grandson of Pat Reeves)
Robbie (friend of Sibbie O'Sullivan)
Andrew Rupli (son of Brenda Rupli)
Lori Richards (sister of Lisa Albright)
Sarah Rosenbaum (friend of Helen Urquhart)
Karen Sechrist (friend of Liz Quinn)
Margarita Serrano
Jerry Sheard (brother of Liz Quinn)
Scott Sherman (brother of Sara Thorne)
Sr. Margaret (friend of Leslie Everheart)
Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)
Ben Sudbrink (son of Emily & Bill Sudbrink)
Jim Tavares (brother of Phyllis Knight)
Jamie Tippit (friend of Roma Hart)
Rick V. (friend of Lori Pujol)
Ronald Young (cousin of Patrice Whiting)

Those in our community in need of healing prayers:

Helen Paige Buck, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Doug Leavens, Amri Joyner, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, Ellen Thomas, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; all caregivers; all federal civil servants.

Those in need of continued prayer: Nora Buckley, Dorothy Clarke, Sara Cowan, Florence Crozier, David Dixon, Stephanie Feller, John Frohman, Ray Gardiner, Liz McLeod, Lee Puricelli, and Betsy Robbins.

We remember those in our community serving our country.

Clara Bartram, Alex Cox, Michael Cullinane, Alex Miller and David Hanna.

We remember those who have died: especially Tom Van Beek (brother-in-law of Madison Chase).

We give thanks: for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Ellen Woodward (12/21), Ivan Leavens (12/21), Theodore Vasiliadis (12/22), Tom McKay (12/24), Kathy McKay (12/24), Robert Quinn (12/24), Allan Wallace (12/25), Mark Kelly (12/25), and Allisdair Davies (12/26). Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

Send your prayer requests to emily@ccpk.org

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I, In person only
9:30 AM Children's Christian Formation, Parish Hall & Classrooms
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

Monday, December 22 – Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Tuesday, December 23

No Holy Handcrafters, resumes 12/30

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Festival Eucharist, In person only
8:30 PM Music & Hymns
9:00 PM Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist, In person and
Live Streaming on YouTube

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Organ & Hymns of Joy

Sunday, December 28 – One Service at 10 AM

10:00 AM Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist, In Person & Live Streaming

***** The church office will be closed December 24 - January 2.*****

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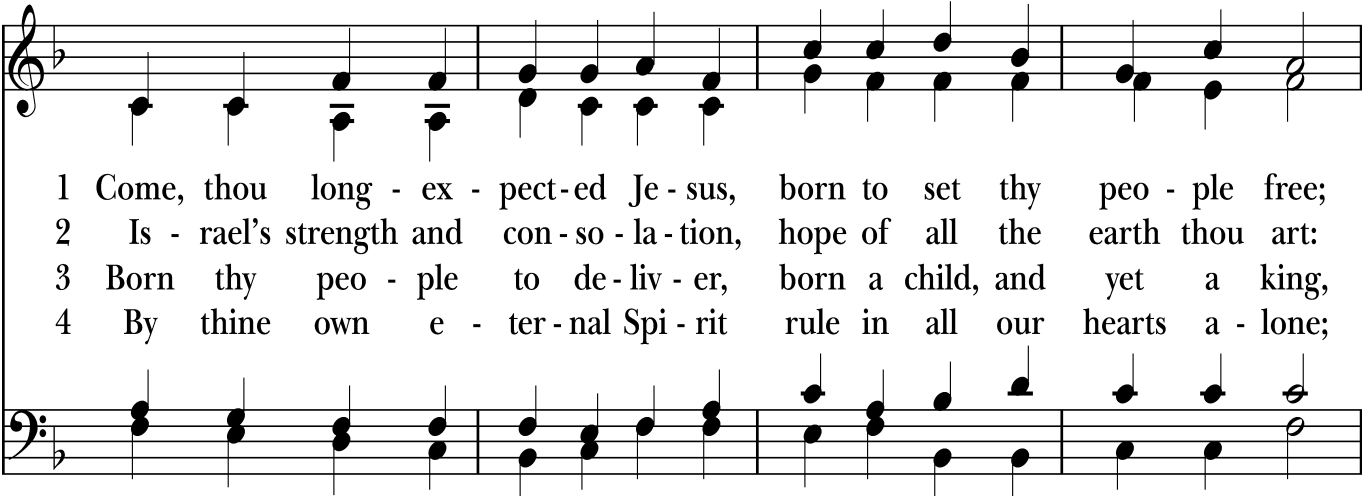
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Hymns for December 21, 2025, in the order they occur in the service.

Processional Hymn #66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-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.

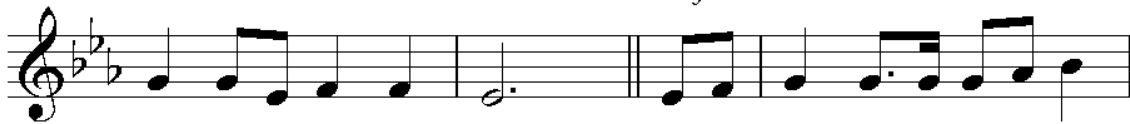


1. On Jor-dan's stor - my banks I stand, and cast a
 2. O'er all those wide ex - ten - ded plains shines one c -
 3. No chil-ling winds or poi sonous breath can reach that
 4. When I shall reach that hap - py place, I'll be for -



wish - ful eye to Ca naan's fair and hap - py land, where
 ter - nal day; there God the Son for - e - ver reigns, and
 health-ful shore; sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are
 c - ver blest, for I shall see my Fa - ther's face, and

Refrain



my pos - ses - sions lie.
 scat - ters night a - way. I am bound for the pro - mised
 felt and feared no more.
 in his bo - som rest.



land, I am bound for the pro - mised land; oh,



who will come and go with me? I am bound for the pro - mised land.

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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Recessional Hymn #56 (vv. 5-8) *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



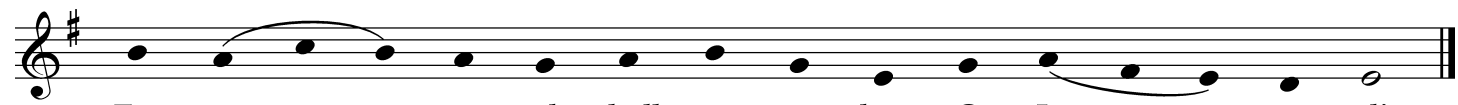
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



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
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!