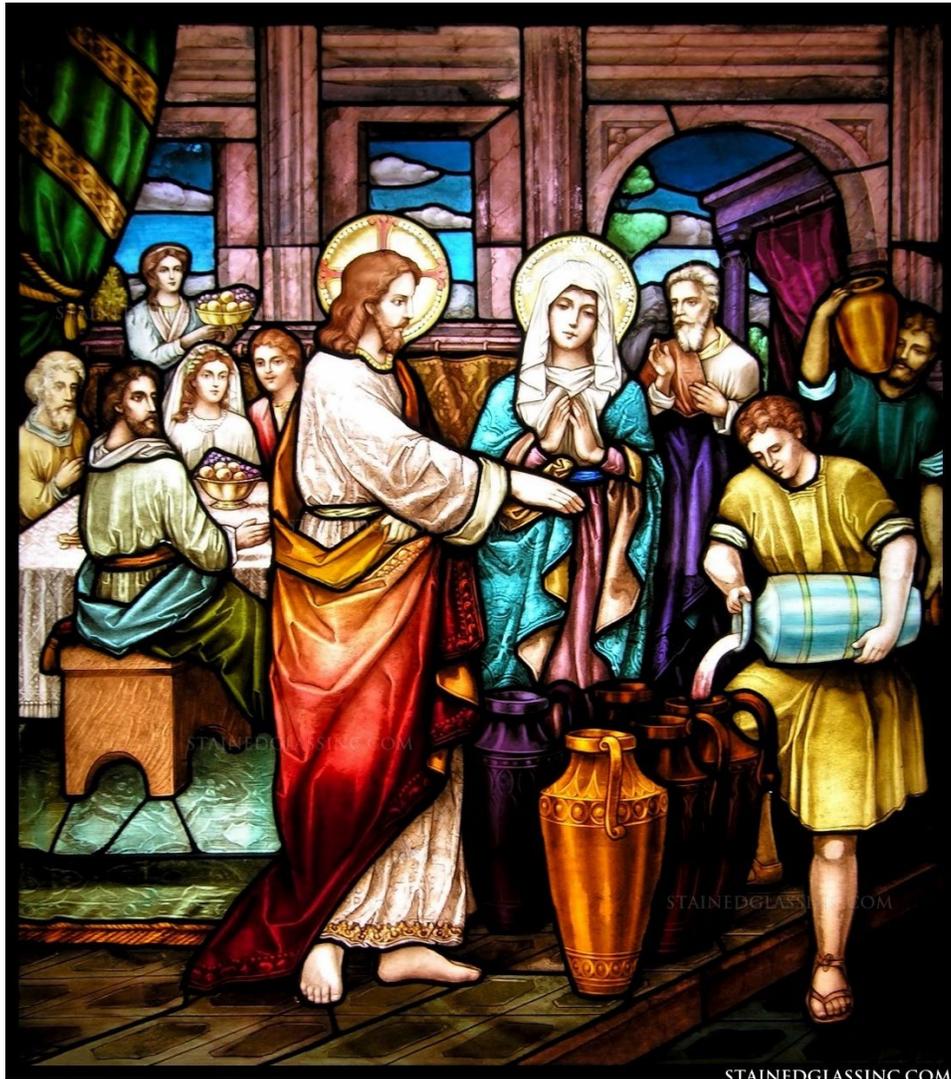


# *Christ Episcopal Church*



*Held in the Hands of God...  
Reaching our Hands out to others*

## ***The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:***

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

12 Prospect Street

Babylon, New York



# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Year C

January 16, 2022

## 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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*[We ask that during the service you mute all electronic devices]*

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*And of thine own hath we given thee.*

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# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Year C

January 16, 2022

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II

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## **Prelude**

**Processional Hymn** *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Hymnal 7

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph over shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear!

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return  
till thy mercy's beams I see;  
as they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiance divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

## **Opening Acclamation**

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

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Song of Praise** *Gloria*

*service music in pews*

All glory be to God on high,  
And peace on earth from heaven,  
And God's good will unfailingly  
Be to all people given.  
We bless, we worship you,  
We raise for your great glory  
Thanks and praise, O God Almighty Father.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Whom God the Father gave us  
Who for the world was sacrificed  
Upon the cross to save us;  
And, as you sit at God's right hand

And we for judgment there must stand,  
Have mercy, Lord, upon us.  
You only are the Holy One,  
Who came for our salvation,  
And only you are God's true son,  
Who was before creation.  
You only, Christ, as Lord we own and,  
With the Spirit, you alone share  
in the Father's glory.

### ***The Collect of the Day***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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, worshipped, 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.*

### **Old Testament:** A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 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. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. *Isaiah 62:1-5*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

### **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.

**Epistle:** A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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. *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

**Gradual Hymn** O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Hymnal 505, v 1 & 3

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
make us to love your sacred word;  
the holy flame of love impart,  
that charity may warm each heart;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

**The Gospel:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. *John 2:1-11*

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**The Sermon**

Mother Nesmith

## **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***

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray; "Jesus Christ, Light of the world, *in your light we see Light*."

Blessed Lord, through the Spirit you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and Bill, our Bishops; Clare, our Rector; and all ministers lay and ordained. Bind us together as your body and then use us, we pray, to show forth your great light.

*Silence*

Jesus Christ, Light of the world.  
*In your light we see light.*

Blessed Lord, your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like the great deep. May all the peoples of the earth look to you for salvation. We pray your guiding hand be upon Joseph, the President of the United States; Congress; and the Supreme Court; Kathy, the Governor of New York; and Mary, the Mayor of this village.

### *Silence*

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

Blessed Lord restore desolate lands. We pray for all the places destroyed by fire and winds and floods, praying for the people whose lives have been upended. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Lord, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity. We give thanks for [*those on our prayer list*]

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit. Let us pray for healing, comfort, and strength for [*those on our prayer list*]

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence*

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

Blessed Lord, with you is the well of life. By water and the Spirit you accept us as members of your family. By the springs of your living water preserve us for life eternal. We remember on this weekend the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., [*those on our prayer list*]

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence*

### *Silence*

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
*In your light we see light.*

### *Celebrant*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***The Confession***

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### *Celebrant and People*

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.

### *Celebrant*

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

### ***The Peace***

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

*People* And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

## **Offertory Sentence**

Walk in Love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

*During this time of pandemic, the people are asked to place their offerings, their alms and oblations, in the offering plate at the back of the church by the baptismal font or as you come forward to receive Holy Communion, either before or after the worship service. Please place your pledge cards in the offering plates at this time as well.*

## **Offertory Hymn** *All praise to you, O Lord*

Hymnal 138

1. All praise to you, O Lord,  
who by your mighty power  
did manifest your glory forth  
in Cana's marriage hour.
2. You speak, and it is done;  
obedient to your word,  
the water reddening into wine  
proclaims the present Lord.
3. Oh, may this grace be ours:  
in you always to live  
and drink of those refreshing streams  
which you alone can give.
4. So, led from strength to strength,  
grant us, O Lord, to see  
the marriage supper of the Lamb,  
the great epiphany.

*The priest prepares the altar for the celebration and offering of the Eucharist Feast*

## **Offertory Response**

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord  
*People* And of your own have we given back to you.

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the priest proceeds*

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

## **Sanctus**

*service music in pews*

*Celebrant and People together*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 the Glorious and Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saints Francis and Clare, 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, now and for ever. AMEN.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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***

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

***Fraction Anthem*** *Be known to us, Lord Jesus*

*service music in the pews*

Be known to us Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread,  
The bread which we break, Alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ  
Be known to us Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread.  
One body are we, alleluia  
for though many we share one bread.  
Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.

***Invitation to Communion***

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***Communion***

*A Prayer for those of us who are unable to physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ at this time.*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you are already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.*

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor;  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Sun, who all my life dost brighten;  
Light, Who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy the best that any knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth;  
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven,  
for our good, thy glory, given.

3 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited;  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep it's treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

**Post-communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together*  
Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Seasonal Blessing**

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## ***Announcements***

### ***Recessional Hymn*** *Christ is the world's true Light*

Hymnal 542

1. Christ is the world's true Light,  
Its Captain of salvation,  
The Day star clear and bright  
Of every race and nation;  
New life, new hope awakes,  
For all who own his sway;  
Freedom her bondage breaks,  
And night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all races meet,  
Their ancient feuds forgetting,  
The whole round world complete,  
From sunrise to its setting:  
When Christ is throned as Lord  
All shall forsake their fear,  
To plough-share beat the sword,  
To pruning hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great Name  
Unite us all who own thee;  
Cast out our pride and shame  
That hinder to enthrone thee;  
The world has waited long,  
Has travailed long in pain;  
To heal its ancient wrong,  
Come, Prince of peace, and reign.

### ***Dismissal***

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, walking in the Way of Love.

*People* Thanks be to God!

### ***Postlude***

## Prayer List for Sunday, January 16, 2022

### ***Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength for:***

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Eileen & Kirstin, Grace, Joanne, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy M., Jackie & Sarah, Elizabeth, Wayne, Sr. Joy, Michele, John, Chris, Earl & Lorraine, Lorraine, Lou-Ann, Debbie, Stefanie, Dianne, Nikki, Frank, Michael, Diane, Elizabeth, Penny, Jonathan, Tina, Michelle and family, Greg, Maggie, Bart, Fred D., Larry, Ralph, the people of Kentucky and 6 surrounding states, the people of Colorado, especially in the Boulder area, Robin, Audrey, Dcn. Jennifer Webster, Canon Glenworth Miles, Mthr. Liz Tunney, Mthr. Sonia Waters, Cn. Claire Woodley, Bp. Rodney Michel

We pray for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19. We pray for all who are worried about their loved ones and friends who suffer and are hospitalized, and those who are in grief following the death of their loved ones from this disease.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure. We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and with the homeless ministry, especially for those volunteers who give of their energy and passion to Nourish Babylon.

We pray for our junior and senior high schools, its students, former students, administration, and faculty, and for the whole community as we grapple with the allegations that have come to light regarding sexual misconduct and predation in our local schools. We pray for all who have been harmed emotionally, psychologically, spiritually, and physically.

***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays:*** Keith Hannan, Elizabeth Kuveke, Julia Kaible

***Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary:*** Robert & Kathleen Cunningham

***Let us pray for those who have died:*** We pray for the repose of the soul of James Gadzini, and we pray for the over 841,000 who have died of Covid-19 in our country, and we pray for all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence. We pray for their family members and friends who mourn and we pray for a time when we will not fear gun violence or being targeted for the color of our skin.

### **Prayer for the Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BCP p 815*

## Announcements

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study has resumed as of January 13, 2022**

This year's all-year program *Celebrating the Saints* is the final year of the three-year program *Living Discipleship* from Forward Movement and will equip us to follow Jesus while learning more about the many of the named saints in The Episcopal Church's calendar, studying the church's history through the lens of these individuals who lived their lives following Christ. We began on September 30, and continue our pattern of meeting on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm over Zoom. You are welcome to join us whenever you can.

### **Upcoming Services**

Please note the official date of the Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 23. We will postpone the meeting for two months, and will hold our regular services at 8:00 and 10:00am on January 23. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your reports before the end of January.

### **Outreach Needs**

We are looking for donations of gasoline gift cards, and now since the cold weather is upon us, there is a great need for warm gloves, especially men's gloves. Thank you so for your thoughtful generosity.

### **Every Perfect Gift**

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above...* We continue our stewardship ingathering which began the Sunday before Thanksgiving, at our unified service for Christ the King Sunday. This year's theme is *Every Perfect Gift*. Letters were sent from the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry along with a pledge card. If you have not yet offered your pledge of support for 2022, we invite you to pray about your annual gift to the parish and offer your gift. We thank you all for every gift you give in time, talent, and treasure.

### **Thank you! from Mother Clare Nesmith**

Dear people of Christ Church, thank you so very much for your generous Christmas present! I hope to be going on pilgrimage this year and your gift will help tremendously. Last year, since we couldn't go to France in the midst of the pandemic, my pilgrim sisters and I did a 150-mile bike ride in Pennsylvania. Your gift in 2020 enabled me to ride a pedal-assist e-bike! What great support you were as we rode!

### **Our Organist Today**

Please be sure and say "Thank You!" to John Benstock, who is our organist today. We will be seeing him and others on our organ bench as they fill in while we search for a new organist and minister of music.

## **All Are Welcome**

Christ Episcopal Church of Babylon represents and celebrates the diversity that is Long Island. We welcome everyone and believe that there should be no outcasts in the Episcopal Church. Our welcome knows no boundaries of marital status, age, race, ethnicity, cultural or religious background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic condition, and physical or mental ability. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Episcopal Church.

## **This is God's House...**

and we are blessed by the gift of your presence with us. In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please let the priest know by crossing your arms in front of your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask at the communion rail.

## **Handicapped Accessibility**

Our building is equipped with a lift located in the Sanctuary Annex, and a handicapped bathroom located on the lower level. For full access of the building and to join us for Coffee Hour downstairs, please ask a Greeter for assistance.

## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I      10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Healing Service, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays following the Eucharist  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (Sept. – June)

## **Church Officers and Vestry**

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