

Christ Episcopal Church



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

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany:

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

12 Prospect Street

Babylon, New York

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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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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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January 23, 2022

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

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Prelude

Open Annual Meeting

Announce Rescheduled Date of Annual Meeting and Adjourn

Opening Hymn Hail, to the Lord's anointed

Hymnal 616

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

The Word of God

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: A Reading from the Book of the Nehemiah

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn Open your ears, O faithful people

Hymnal 536, v 1-2

Open your ears, O faithful people,
Open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

Refrain

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Repeat verse 1

The Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." *Luke 4:14-21*

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

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Empowered by the Spirit, let us pray together saying, "We bless you, Lord our God. Amen, amen."

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

By the spirit of the Lord, may we, your Church, carry on the work of Jesus. Open our hearts to the poor and the captives, to the blind and the oppressed.

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

The heavens declare your glory, Great Creator, and the firmament shows your handiwork. We praise you and we thank you for the beauty and majesty of your creation.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

We thank you, O God, for the many members that make up our body; for the gifts, the work, and the prayers we share. We ask you to bless especially our leaders, lay and ordained. Give us wisdom and guide by your Spirit.

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

We pray for those who are sick or sorrowful. When they suffer, we suffer with them. Revive and heal them, we pray. May your joy be their strength.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

O God, you have formed an eternal bond with us in baptism. Whether living or dead, bless and keep your children forever.

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God.

Amen, amen.

Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray. 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 *God is Love*

Hymnal 577

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is
God himself is there

1. Here in Christ we gather,
love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us,
gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him,
holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love
Christ in one another. *Refrain*

2. When we Christians gather,
members of one Body,
Let there be in us no
discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger,
strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always
present here among us. *Refrain*

3. Grant us love's fulfillment,
joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face,
O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest
Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless
ages sing your praises. *Refrain*

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

Hymnal S130

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,
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.

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.

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn *My God, thy table now is spread*

Hymnal 321

1. My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2. O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3. Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless numbers let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4. Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread all men be blest
who see the light or feel the sun.

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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Announcements

1. We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.

2. We all are called for service
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

3. We all behold one vision,
A stark reality:
The steward of salvation
Was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice
Gives rise that we may share
Free reconciliation
And hope amid despair.

4. Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.

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 23, 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, Lillian, Chris, Grace & Charles, 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: Nora Seplavy, Gustave Fishel, Talia Taormina, Chris Scharf

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary:

Let us pray for those who have died: We pray for the over 854,000 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

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 will continue our pattern of meeting on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm over Zoom. Last week we learned about St. Augustine of Hippo. This week we will study John of Damascus. You are welcome to join us whenever you can.

Annual Meeting of Christ Church Parish

Please note the official date of the Annual Meeting is today, Sunday, January 23. However, because of the rise of the new variant of the Covid-19 coronavirus, we are postponing the meeting for two months until we have a better probability of meeting in-person and having a quorum. The rescheduled annual meeting date is March 27, the 4th Sunday in March. Please put this date in your calendars and plan to be here for the unified service and meeting immediately following on that day. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your reports before the end of January.

Today is the last day of John Foley's tenure as Senior Warden. We are grateful for his years on the vestry, and his five years as warden, and are sorry to see him leave this role. Please be sure to say "Thank you!" to him for this time he has given in leadership in the parish.

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!

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.

Our Organist Today

Please be sure and say "Thank You!" to Eleanor Gould, who is our organist for this Sunday. We will be seeing her 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, 1st and 3rd Sundays following the Eucharist
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (Sept. – June)

Church Officers and Vestry

John Foley, Warden (2021)	Diane Gaidon, Warden (2022)	
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