

Christ Episcopal Church



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

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 13, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

12 Prospect Street

Babylon, New York



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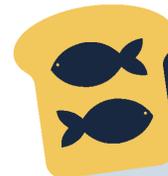
On the Promise of Abundance

When I visited Israel a few years ago, one of the highlights was seeing a scale model of Jerusalem before the Temple was destroyed. This is probably what the city looked like during Jesus' time. There, right in the center, was the Temple. When the guide started explaining how it was decorated, using some of the descriptions in our Gospel reading for today, I was struck with how the people of the day must have seen it, sitting on top of the hill in gleaming white stone with touches of gold. It really was spectacular, a fitting place for God to dwell.

Jesus foretold not only that this magnificent building would be razed to the ground, but that he, the earthly vessel of God, would be killed. As if that wasn't enough, Jesus told his followers that they would also be persecuted, betrayed, and even put to death. They would be hated because of Jesus. This would be enough for even his most dedicated followers to wonder what they were getting themselves into.

At the end of the narrative, though, Jesus provides comfort for them. Not a hair of their heads will perish. Their physical bodies may be harmed and destroyed, but they will gain their souls. In this apocalyptic description of what they might expect in the near term, they see that there is still Good News as Jesus promised. Jesus is offering us abundant life, even in the direst circumstances, although it might not be the type of life we're expecting.

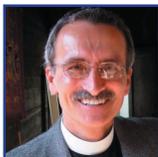
It's hard to think of abundance during times of economic instability, partisanship, and conflicts. But abundance is what Jesus has promised. Why not step out in faith this year in gratitude and pledge an extra percent of your income? | tens.org



Questions For Reflection:

When was a time when you were expecting the worst but were surprised by a pleasant outcome instead?

How might the words of Jesus in the Gospel reading give reassurance to us today when we face grim circumstances?



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November 13, 2022

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

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Year C

November 13, 2022

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

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Prelude

Opening Hymn *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

Hymnal 632

1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

3 O make thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Song of Praise *Glory to God in the highest*

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Prophet Malachi

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. *Malachi 4:1-2b*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Epistle A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

2nd Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

People Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor The Word of the Lord is alive. The Word of the Lord is active.

It can judge our thoughts, bring us closer to the Father.

People Alleluia, Alleluia

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Luke 21:5-19

Presider 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

Presider Recognizing that our gifts are miracles that enable our ministry, serve our neighbors, and strengthen our community, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the Church, the inspiration and inheritance of our gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom. Pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and Bill, our Bishops; Clare, our Rector; and all other ministers in the Church. [silence may be kept for a time.] When we give out of our abundance,

There is always more than enough.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the world, your greatest miracle. May we who inherit this earth be wise stewards of Creation and kind caretakers of all your creatures. Pray for those who lead our nations. I ask your prayers for António, Secretary-General of the United Nations; for Joseph, our President; Kathy, our Governor; Rich, our Town Supervisor; and Mary, Mayor of Babylon Village; for our federal, state, and local legislative and judicial institutions, for the

representatives of our local government, and for all who have been elected earlier this week to various offices. May they use the plentiful resources they steward to care for the people of the world. [Silence may be kept for a time.] When we give out of our abundance,

There is always more than enough.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. For those who are marginalized and oppressed; those who are sick and those who are dying; for the lonely and isolated; for those who are suffering; and for those who are hungry and those who sleep on our streets. I ask your prayers for all on our prayer list, offering prayers of healing, comfort and strength for [*list names*], and family and friends we name now. [Silence may be kept for a time.] When we give out of our abundance,

There is always more than enough.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for those who have died, including [*list names*]. May they forever gather at your table of plenty, sharing their gifts with love and joy. [Silence may be kept for a time.] We remember all those past members and friends of Christ Church whose gifts, bequests, and intentions provide inspiration and abundance beyond their lifetimes. When we give out of our abundance,

There is always more than enough.

Intercessor As the crowd gathered to hear Jesus preach shared two fish and five loaves, they discovered that when their gifts were blessed, they increased and became a blessing to others. We give you thanks for the uncountable miracles and blessings in our lives. [Silence may be kept for a time.] When we give out of our abundance,

There is always more than enough.

Presider May we, too, reach within ourselves to share our gifts with the world so that our love overflows in a need-filled world. These and all things we ask in the name of Your Son. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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.

Presider

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

Presider 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

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Offertory Hymn *All who love and serve your city*

Hymnal 571

1 All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless.

3 In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
I must work while it is day."

2 in your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace, and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who is your life.

4 For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.

5 Risen Lord! shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;
be its name, "The Lord is there!"

The altar is prepared for the celebration and offering of the Eucharist Feast

Offertory Response *Let all thing their creator bless*

Hymnal 400, v4

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 S125

Presider 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 Presider 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 Presider

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

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

Fraction Anthem *Christ, our Passover*

Hymnal S154

Invitation to Communion

Presider 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 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 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Hymnal 635

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days,
who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

Post-communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn *All my hope in God is founded*

Hymnal 655

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

3 God's great goodness e'er endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

4 Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, walking in the Way of Love.
People Thanks be to God!

Postlude



The BABYLON INTERFAITH CLERGY CLUSTER
invites all to attend a
THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE
and
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN EVENING VESPERS
Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 5:00 pm
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
200 Great East Neck Rd, West Babylon, NY 11704
(631) 587-1150
Choir members and musicians from many
local congregations will lead us in song and prayer.

Refreshments will be served during a
fellowship hour immediately following the service.



A free-will offering will be
received during the service.

The proceeds will be distributed to the needy
soup kitchens and food pantries in our area.

You may bring non-perishable food for the
food pantry at St. Nicholas.

Prayer List for Sunday, November 13, 2022

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy M., Wayne, Sr. Joy, Lorraine, Lou-Ann, Penny, Jonathan, Michelle, Brianna and family, Ralph, Robin, Audrey, Lillian, Virginia, Carol, Nathaniel, Melissa, Ray & Betsy, John, Ella, Dottie Z, Chris, John, Joseph, Joanne, Alison, Ashtyn & Billy, Mthr. Sonia Waters

We continue our prayers for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19, and those who are suffering from long Covid.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those searching for employment, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure.

We pray for those who are in the path of hurricanes, those who have been struck by hurricanes, and we pray for this earth as we suffer the effects of climate change. God give us the wit and the will to do what is necessary on our part to help bring our planet back to health and balance.

Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving

We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and homeless ministries, especially for those volunteers who give of their energy and passion to Nourish Babylon. We give thanks for all veterans who have served our country in the various branches of the Armed Services.

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays

Lydia Jinks

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating anniversaries

Let us pray for those who have died

We pray for the repose of the souls of Joseph Schlanger and Francis Nash in whose memory the altar flowers are given. We pray for the over 1,060,000 (one million, sixty thousand) who have died of Covid-19 in our country, those who have been killed in mass shootings across the United States, for all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, and all who have died in the war in Ukraine.

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*

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

Announcements



2022 Christmas Greenery and Poinsettia Orders – Due TODAY

For the past few years, we have been able to source the BEST wreaths and other greenery and poinsettias for you from a source that does not sell directly to the public. Please share this resource with your friends and neighbors by asking them to purchase through us, so they can benefit as well! The order forms on the front table and need to be returned by TODAY, November 13. Net proceeds go to the Building Fund.



Thanksgiving Outreach – Due Next Sunday, November 20

Thank you to all who have signed up to bring various food items for our Thanksgiving Outreach, helping four families this year. There are a few items that are still needed to complete the boxes. Please take a moment to check and see if you can help. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex, at the front of the church. Thank you for your generosity, aiding families in need.



Annual Financial Stewardship – Next Sunday, November 20

Over the past few weeks you have been receiving weekly reflections on this year's stewardship theme "More Than Enough," and will be hearing from the Stewardship Committee. Our ingathering of pledges for the annual financial stewardship campaign will be in two weeks NEXT Sunday, *Christ the King Sunday, November 20, at our unified service at 9:00am*. Immediately following the service we will gather for a potluck – a "hearty" coffee hour/brunch. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to be here!

Babylon Community Thanksgiving Service – Next Sunday, November 20

This year, the annual Community Thanksgiving Service lead by the Babylon Interfaith Clergy Cluster will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on Sunday evening, November 20, at 5:00pm. There will be an offering received for the feeding ministries supported by BICC and food pantry offerings of cans and shelf stable items are most welcome. A festive reception will follow. Please join us at this worship service as the whole community gathers giving thanks.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 23, 7pm

The Christ Church Thanksgiving Service will be held on the Eve of Thanksgiving. We gather with our families, giving thanks, and joining together in a meal that is typically full of family and national traditions. Did you know that Thanksgiving Day is one of two national holidays that are in our Book of Common Prayer, where we are asked to gather as a church to give thanks? Come, join us for the church's Thanksgiving tradition around Christ's Table on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00pm, giving thanks to God for his gracious bounty and goodness.

Digital Giving Options

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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
Physical distancing protocols are requested and face covering are no longer mandatory.
The 10:00 a.m. service is also livestreamed
In-person Sunday School is suspended for the present time.

Church Officers and Vestry

Diane Gaidon, Warden (2023)		Annette Lepsis, Clerk
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Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island
The Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, Rector
Dr. Christopher Hopkins, Minister of Music

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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