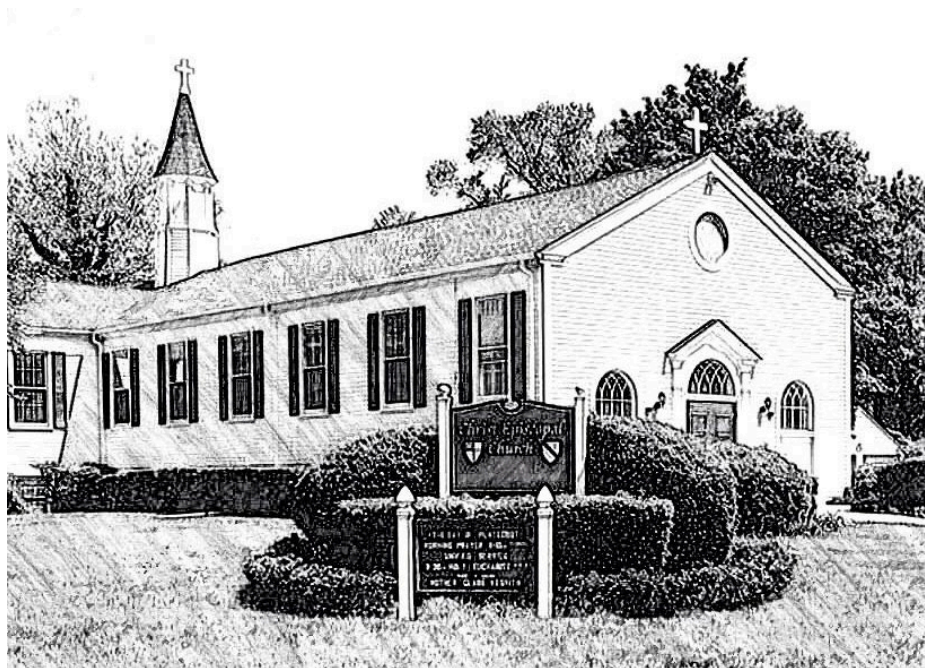


# *Christ Episcopal Church*



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

**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 15, 2023**

Christ Episcopal Church  
12 Prospect Street  
Babylon, New York

# *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

Year A

**January 15, 2023**  
**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

Book of Common Prayer, page 319

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

Prelude

## **The Word of God**

Opening Hymn <i>Christ is the world's true Light</i>	Hymnal 542, v 1
Opening Acclamation	BCP p 323
Collect for Purity	
Song of Praise <i>Gloria</i>	BCP p 324
The Collect of the Day	<i>see following pages</i>

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-12

*see next pages*

Second Lesson: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:1-9

The Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42

The Sermon

Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed

BCP p 326

Prayers of the People *Response Lord, hear our prayer*

Confession & Absolution

BCP p 331

The Peace

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

*see music insert*

Offertory Response *Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v3

Eucharistic Prayer 2

BCP p 340

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p 337

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p 339

Epiphany Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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

Hymnal 542 v 2-3

Dismissal

BCP p 340

Postlude

# 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Pg. 351

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Prelude

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* Hymnal 7  
Opening Acclamation BCP p 355  
Song of Praise *All glory be to God on high* service music in pews  
The Collect of the Day see next pages

First Lesson: Isaiah 47:1-7

Psalm 40:1-12

see next pages

Second Lesson: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:1-9

Sequence Hymn *Open your ears O faithful people*

Hymnal 536, v1-2

The Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42

The Sermon

Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Prayers of the People *Response Lord, hear our prayer*

Confession & Absolution

BCP p 360

The Peace

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

see music insert

Offertory Response *Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v3

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p 367

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts*

service music in pews

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem *Be known to us, Lord Jesus*

service music in pews

Post Communion Hymn *I have decided to follow Jesus*

see music insert

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p 365

Epiphany Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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

Hymnal 542

Dismissal

Postlude

## The Lessons appointed for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany Year A, RCL

### The Collect

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: Isaiah 47:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### Psalm 40:1-12

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.  
2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and  
made my footing sure.  
3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.  
4 Happy are they who trust in the  
Lord! \* they do not resort to evil spirits  
or turn to false gods.  
5 Great things are they that you have  
done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your  
plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared  
with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known  
and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.  
7 In sacrifice and offering you take  
no pleasure \* (you have given me  
ears to hear you);  
8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you  
have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.  
9 In the roll of the book it is written  
concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'  
10 I proclaimed righteousness in the  
great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \* I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; \* let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

### **The Epistle: 1st Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The Gospel: John 1:29-42**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

## **Prayer List for Sunday, January 15, 2023**

### ***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, Cindy, Andrea, Lisa, Linda, Nick, Diane, Mthr. Sonia Waters, Mthr. Abby Murphy

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.

### ***Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving***

We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and homeless ministries, especially for our Nourish Babylon volunteers and all those who support the various feeding ministries in the Babylon area.

### ***Let us celebrate with and pray for this week's birthdays***

Megan Scharf, Keith Hannan

### ***Let us celebrate with and pray for this week's anniversaries***

Bob & Kathy Cunningham

### ***Let us pray for those who have died***

We remember all those in whose memory Christmas flowers and greenery have been given, all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, and all who have died in the war in Ukraine.

## Announcements



### Christmas Thank You's!

As you all know, the worship and celebration of Christmas takes many people for it to happen! Thank you to everyone who gave gifts for the Shoebox gifts and recipients of our Giving Tree; to our music minister, choir, and soloists; to the acolytes, servers, and Eucharistic Ministers; to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas; and to the Altar Guild! It couldn't happen without you! **Mother Clare says "Thank You!"** Thank you so much for my Christmas gift! I so appreciate your thoughtfulness and will enjoy using it this spring on pilgrimage! Last year's gift helped take me to England!

### Annual Meeting of Christ Church Babylon

The Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 22, the 4th Sunday in January at 9:00am. This unified service will be immediately followed by the annual meeting. Please see insert for details.

### Parish Retreat at Winter Clove! Fri.-Sun., March 17-19

Put it on your calendar! Please see insert for details...



### 150+ Capital Campaign Celebration!

**Change of date! Friday, February 10, at 6:30pm**

we will hold our final celebration of our 150+ Capital Campaign. We have so much to celebrate! So, be sure and put the date on your calendar and join us that evening!



Teaching  
is a work of  
heart.

### Pride and Joy Childcare

We are pleased to announce that Pride and Joy Childcare opened on January 3. They are now enrolling for their third location here in the lower level of Christ Church! They offer a full day program for Toddlers and PreK, including nutritious breakfast and snacks. The program is a research-based curriculum and focuses on hands-on learning experience. Call or email to schedule a tour:

631-620-3002 / [prideandjoybabylon@gmail.com](mailto:prideandjoybabylon@gmail.com)

### Digital Giving Options

Scan this QR code to access our online giving site:



Scan this QR code to learn more about stewardship and fill out an online pledge card:



## **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 both upstairs and 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, 3rd Sundays following the Eucharist

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 (2024)

Michelle Taormina, Treasurer

Annette Lepsis, Clerk

Jackie Barnes (2025)

Vikki Boning (2024)

Marianne O'Connor (2023)

Annette Lepsis (2025)

Kathy Hannan (2024)

Lynn Simmons (2023)

Vera Langstone (2024)

Blosome Whyte (2023)

### **Clergy and Staff**

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

The Very Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, Rector

Dr. Christopher Hopkins, Minister of Music

Ms. Marie Rivera, Parish Administrator

### **Parish Office Hours:**

Wednesday & Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

and by appointment

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