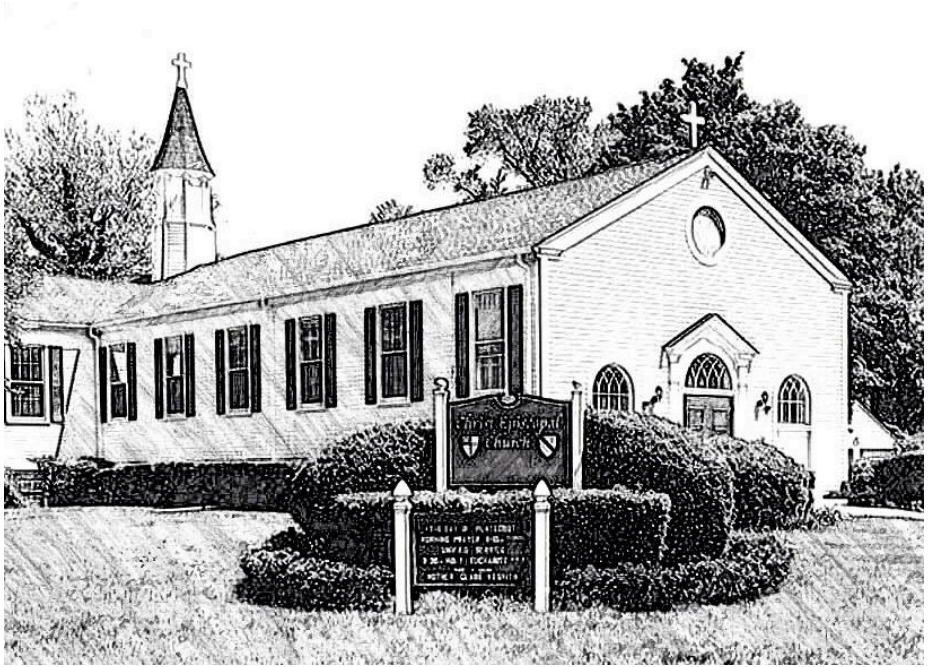


Christ Episcopal Church



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

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024**

Christ Episcopal Church
12 Prospect Street
Babylon, New York

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Year B

January 21, 2024
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Book of Common Prayer, page 319

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Prelude

The Word of God

Opening Hymn <i>Sing praise to God who reigns above</i>	Hymnal 408, v1
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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:6-14

see next pages

Second Lesson: 1st Corinthians 7:29-31

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The Sermon	Mother Nesmith
Nicene Creed	BCP p 326
Prayers of the People <i>Response Hear us, Lord</i>	
Confession & Absolution	BCP p 331
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn <i>Will you come and follow me</i>	<i>see hymn insert</i>
Offertory Response <i>Doxology</i>	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	Hymnal 408, v 2,3
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Sing praise to God who reigns above

Dismissal	BCP p 340
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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

Hymnal 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Opening Acclamation

BCP p 355

Song of Praise *All glory be to God on high*

Hymnal 421

The Collect of the Day

see next pages

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:6-14

see next pages

Second Lesson: 1st Corinthians 7:29-31

Sequence Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Hymnal 470, v 1

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The Sermon

Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Prayers of the People *Response Hear us, Lord*

Confession & Absolution

BCP p 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *Will you come and follow me*

see hymn insert

Offertory Response *Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v3

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p 367

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

Hymnal S113

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem *O Lamb of God*

Hymnal S157

Post Communion Hymn *They cast their nets in Galilee*

Hymnal 661

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p 365

Epiphany Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Recessional Hymn *Christ for the world we sing!*

Hymnal 537

Dismissal

Postlude

The Lessons appointed for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany Year B, RCL

The Collect

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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Psalms 62:6-14

6 For God alone my soul in silence
waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be
shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O
people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for
God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a
fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be
trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter
than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your
heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have
I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to
his deeds.

The Epistle: 1st Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him

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Prayer List for Sunday, January 21, 2024

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength

Bill D., Bob C., Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Phil B., Sandy M., Sr. Joy, Michelle and Brianna and family, Ray & Betsy, John, Joseph, Joanne, Courtney, Carol, Timothy, Marie, Lisa, Mary, Nancy, Silvia, Mthr. Vivian Lam, Bp. Michael Curry. For the people of Israel, those who are being held as hostages, and the innocent Palestinians in Gaza. We continue to pray for our parish as we work toward the best solution regarding our needed structural repair.

We pray for all who are struggling economically, 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. We give thanks for Diane Gaidon and all who are called to serve Christ through a vowed religious life.

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

Nora Seplavy (1/27), Gus Fishel (1/27)

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

Let us pray for those who have died

We remember 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 and in Israel, Palestine, and Gaza.

Assisting Our Worship

8:00am

10:00am

Eucharistic Minister:

Lector/s:

Server/s:

Greeter:

Coffee Hour Coordinator:

Vera Langstone

Hannah Boning,

Eden Verni-Vazzano

Vera Langstone

Michael Vazzano

Announcements

Annual Meeting of Christ Church Babylon

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28, the 4th Sunday in January at 9:00am. This unified service will be immediately followed by the annual meeting. Please see separate insert for details.

Sacred Ground

An 11-part series on race, grounded in faith and part of the Episcopal Church's commitment to Becoming Beloved Community, and beginning February 5. Please see separate insert.

Faith & Film: A Case for Love

Showing in Farmingdale this coming Tuesday, January 23 only, drawing on interviews with our Presiding Bishop and others, this film asks, "Can unselfish love heal our vast societal divide?" See flyer for details. Come join us!!!

Status of Roof Repair

Anthony Natale, Sr. Construction Manager of the diocesan real estate department, has made an appointment to bring an architect and structural engineer on January 24. The first task is to have two or three architects and structural engineers examine and give us some options of how to address the repair, then, depending on which firm is chosen, make a detailed plan including costs. The next Trustees' meeting is in early February.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

You and your family and friends are invited to the Christ Episcopal Church annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Learn about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lent, color and bury the Alleluias, and eat some pancakes at this gathering for all ages. Bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday that you no longer want to save. Free. Donations are appreciated.

Sunday School – 1st and 3rd Sundays, Pre-K through 8th Grade

Children's Sunday School starts at 9:45am; the children will come up to join the service at the time of the passing of the Peace. Michael Vazzano is teaching and Annette Lepsis is assisting.

Altar Flowers & Gifts

Gifts of flowers at the Altar, Sanctuary Lamp, Wine, Bread and Candles can be made each week in thanksgiving or in someone's honor or memory. Please see the binder at the Chapel entrance for additional details, or contact the office at 631-661-5757. Flowers and altar gifts are needed during January and the first two Sundays in February.

Digital Giving Options

Scan this QR code to access our online giving site through Realm Giving:



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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 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

Sunday School meets at 9:45am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for Pre-K – 8th grade

Church Officers and Vestry

Diane Gaidon, Warden (2024)

Kathy Hannan (2025)

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Martha Richardson (2026)

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Vikki Boning (2024)

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Michael DeBlasio (2024)

Blosome Whyte (2026)

Debbie Szala (2025)

Vera Langstone (2024)

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.

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