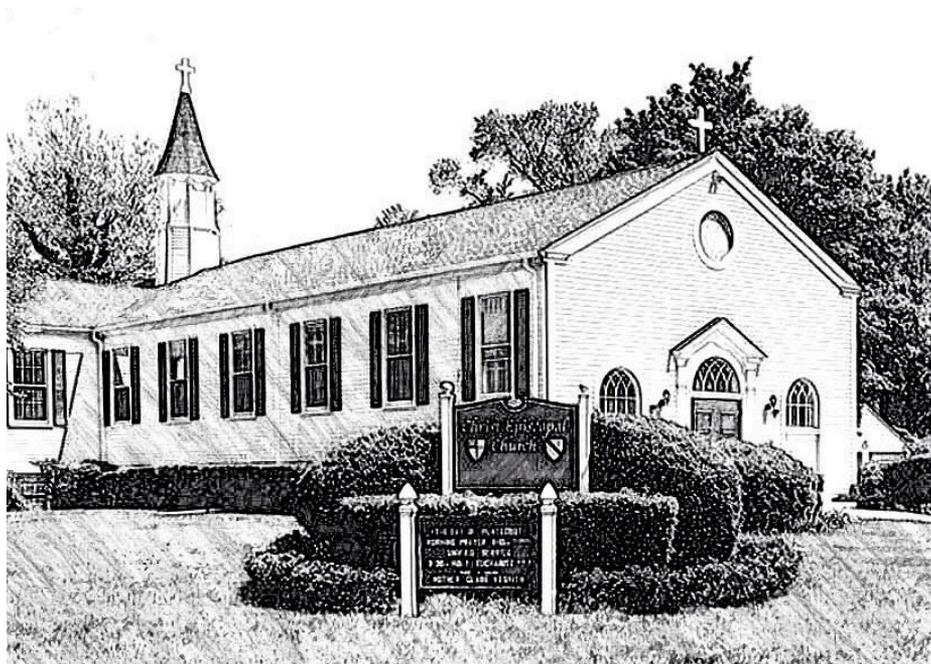


# Christ Episcopal Church



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

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 29, 2023**

Christ Episcopal Church  
12 Prospect Street  
Babylon, New York

# *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Year A

**January 29, 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 *God the Omnipotent!*

Hymnal 569, v 1-2

Opening Acclamation

BCP p 323

Collect for Purity

Song of Praise *Gloria*

BCP p 324

The Collect of the Day

*see following pages*

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

*see next pages*

Second Lesson: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-31

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart*

Hymnal 556

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 *God the Omnipotent!*

Hymnal 569 v 3-4

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 <i>God the Omnipotent!</i>	Hymnal 569
Opening Acclamation	BCP p 355
Song of Praise <i>All glory be to God on high</i>	<i>service music in pews</i>
The Collect of the Day	<i>see next pages</i>
First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8	
Psalm 15	<i>see next pages</i>
Second Lesson: 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-31	
Sequence Hymn <i>Open your ears O faithful people</i>	Hymnal 536, v1-2
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12	

The Sermon	Mother Nesmith
Nicene Creed	BCP p 358
Commissioning of Vestry Members and Convention Delegates	
Prayers of the People <i>Response Lord, hear our prayer</i>	
Confession & Absolution	BCP p 360
The Peace	

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn <i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>	Hymnal 593
Offertory Response <i>Doxology</i>	Hymnal 380, v3
Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP p 367
Sanctus <i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts</i>	<i>service music in pews</i>
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Be known to us, Lord Jesus</i>	<i>service music in pews</i>
Post Communion Hymn <i>Tis the gift to be simple</i>	Hymnal 554
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p 365
Epiphany Blessing	
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Recessional Hymn <i>Rejoice, ye pure in heart</i>	Hymnal 556
Dismissal	
Postlude	

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

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Old Testament: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### Psalm 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your  
tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and  
does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his  
neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the  
Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope  
of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the  
innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## **The Epistle: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## **The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **Prayer List for Sunday, January 29, 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, Michelle, Brianna and family, Robin, Audrey, Lillian, Carol, Dottie Z, Chris, John, Joseph, Joanne, Alison, Ashtyn & Billy, 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***

Chris Scharf, John Foley

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

We pray for the repose of the souls of Vivian and Robert Wilson in whose memory the sanctuary lamp, bread and wine have been given today. We remember all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, and all who have died in the war in Ukraine.

## **Announcements**



### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

Help us tackle hunger! We will be collecting cans of soup (and other non-perishable food items) until February 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations will go to stocking shelves at local food pantries.

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

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



## **150+ Capital Campaign Celebration!**

**Friday, February 10, at 6:30pm** we will hold our closing celebration of our 150+ Capital Campaign. We

have so much to celebrate! Be sure to put the date on your calendar and join us that evening!

**Altar Flowers & Gifts** Is there someone or an event you wish to remember, to celebrate, to give thanks for? Give thanks to God with a gift of Altar Flowers and Altar Gifts. We will be accepting gifts for altar flowers for the next three Sundays (2/5, 2/12, and 2/19 – and then all Sundays after Easter) and altar gifts always. Please call or email the office, or sign up in the notebook on the table in the narthex at the front of the church.

## **Candlemas Dinner Church – this Friday evening, Feb 3**

Come join us for our second dinner church offering this year this coming Friday at 6:30pm. It's a potluck, so please bring a supper dish to share. We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist, bless candles (bring some from home!), bless throats (this is the time of the year we all need that!), share a meal, and learn about what makes this feast of the Church special. It's the official end of Christmas!

## **Healing Service – Tuesday evening, Feb 7**

Each month on the first Tuesday, we gather in the chapel at 7:00pm to invite God to be deeply present with us in the midst of our struggles. A healing service is a time when we pray for, lay hands on, and anoint with oil those who ask and trust God to bring healing.

## **Youth Ministry Committee – TODAY, January 29**

Today is the first meeting of the Youth Ministry Committee immediately following the 10 am service in the Sunday School room. This meeting is to evaluate how much interest there is in having a youth ministry at Christ Church and to be responsible for guiding the formation of this group and/or organizing events for them here. If you have children in grades 6 through 12 that you would like to be a part of the Youth Ministry, it is important to come as well.

## **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)

Kathy Hannan (2025)

Michelle Taormina, Treasurer

Annette Lepsis, Clerk

Michael Vazzano (2026)

Jackie Barnes (2025)

Vikki Boning (2024)

Blosome Whyte (2026)

Annette Lepsis (2025)

Kathy Hannan (2024)

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.

and by appointment

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