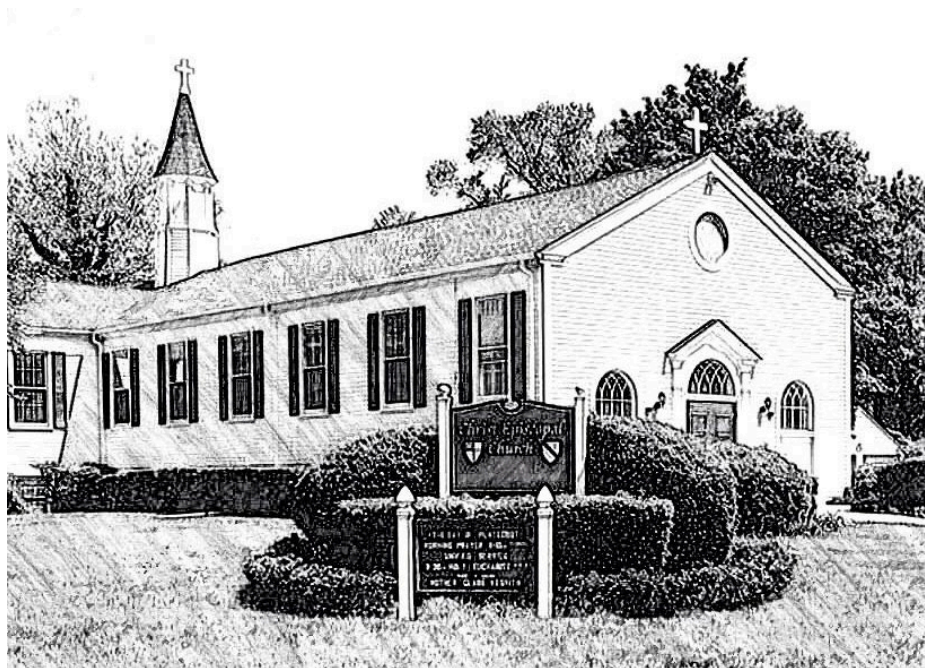


Christ Episcopal Church



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

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2024**

Christ Episcopal Church
12 Prospect Street
Babylon, New York

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Year B

February 4, 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>Immortal, invisible, God only wise</i>	Hymnal 423, v1, 2
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 40:21-31	
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c	<i>see next pages</i>
Second Lesson: 1st Corinthians 9:16-23	
The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39	

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn <i>O bless the Lord, my soul!</i>	Hymnal 411
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 <i>Immortal, invisible, God only wise</i>	Hymnal 423, 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 Hymnal 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c *see next pages*

Second Lesson: 1st Corinthians 9:16-23

Sequence Hymn *O bless the Lord, my soul!* Hymnal 411, v 1, 4

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

The Sermon Mother Nesmith

Nicene Creed BCP p 358

Prayers of the People *Response Hear our prayer*

Confession & Absolution BCP p 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *In the silence, Wondrous Love* by R. E. Schram

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 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* Hymnal 304

Post Communion Prayer BCP p 365

Epiphany Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Recessional Hymn *The church of Christ in every age* *music insert*

Dismissal

Postlude

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

The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

The Epistle: 1st Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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Prayer List for Sunday, February 4, 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, 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 our newly elected vestry members and convention delegate and alternate.

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

Joelle Siemers (2/5)

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

Let us pray for those who have died

We pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Randazzo, and remember 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:

Annette Lepsis

Hannah Boning,

Eden Verni-Vazzano

Vikki Boning

Michael Vazzano

Announcements

Status of Roof Repair

Anthony Natale, Sr. Construction Manager of the diocesan real estate department, returned on a site inspection on January 24, along with an architect and a structural engineer. They are now consulting together to give us some options of how to address the repair, including costs. The next Trustees' meeting is in early February.

Healing Service: This Tuesday evening, February 6, at 7:00pm



Souper Bowl Sunday – Next Week, Feb. 11
Help us tackle hunger! We will be collecting cans of soup (and other non-perishable food items) until next Sunday, February 11th. Donations will go to stocking shelves at local food pantries.

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.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. We will hold our regular Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm. We will also be doing Ashes-to-Go at the Babylon Train Station and have ashes available from 10:00am-12noon and 2:00-4:00pm for those who are not able to come in the evening. If you know members who need a home visit, please let us know.

Easter Flower Fundraiser

The order forms are available for this year's Easter Flower fundraiser! Orders are due Sunday, March 10. These pre-ordered spring flowers will be available for pickup March 22 – 24, Palm Sunday. The flowers are being supplied by the same nursery that supplies our Christmas wreaths.

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 the first two Sundays in February, and altar gifts during Lent.

Digital Giving Options

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



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

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

Church Officers and Vestry

Kathy Hannan (2025)

Michelle Taormina, Treasurer

Martha Richardson, Clerk

John Altieri (2027)

Martha Richardson (2026)

Jackie Barnes (2025)

Michael DeBlasio (2027)

Michael Vazzano (2026)

Annette Lepsis (2025)

Blosome Whyte (2026)

Debbie Szala (2025)

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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