



# CHRISTMAS EVE

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Traditional Worship | 5 + 8 P.M.  
Christ Church Episcopal  
December 24, 2025



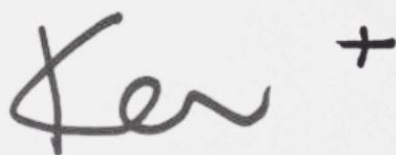
## Merry Christmas and welcome to Christ Church!

We're so grateful you have joined us to celebrate Christ's birth. The Christmas story is a simple one, really. A frightened young girl gives birth to her first child, attended only by her equally-frightened husband. And it's a not so simple story, because the child born changed the course of history and the destiny of emperors.

And most amazingly of all, somehow, a story this big seems to get lost. Lost in Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer; Charlie Brown and Linus; the clothes, the toys, the list of things we did not even know we couldn't live without, until someone told us we could not live without them...you know what I mean.

Christmas is a time for miracles, and the first miracle of Christmas might just be grace. Grace that admist all the marketing and distractions, we still can't tame it. We try to make it habitable; make it a simple story - about a girl, and a baby, and some smiling farm animals. But this miracle is anything but tame. God became human and walked the earth!

That's why we need to celebrate this day. That's why we need to get to Bethlehem. To be reminded how much God loves us. To see Jesus. To feel the presence of God. To breathe. May God's love and blessing be yours today and always. You are always welcome here.



Father Ken Malcolm, Rector



# Christ Church Episcopal

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2025 | Christmas Eve | 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM

### WELCOME

Song of Entrance:           **“O Come All Ye Faithful”**           *Adeste fideles*, arr. Larson

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

PEOPLE:                   **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise:           **“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**           *Regent Square*

CELEBRANT:               The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE:                   **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT:               Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy day to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### *A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (9:2-7)*

The people who walked in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
    on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.



For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
 and all the garments rolled in blood  
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
 a son given to us;  
 authority rests upon his shoulders;  
 and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
 and there shall be endless peace  
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
 He will establish and uphold it  
 with justice and with righteousness  
 from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

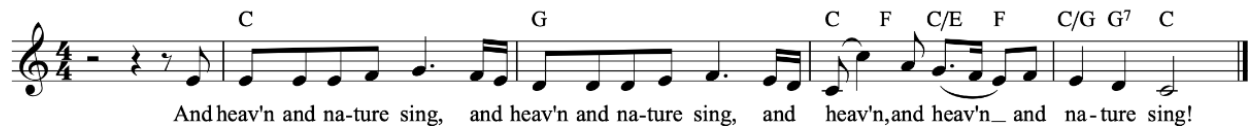
READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 96

### *Antiphon – Please sing together*

From *Joy to the World* by Isaac Watts and Lowell Mason



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
**sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
**and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
**but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

### *Antiphon*



- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
**ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
**let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
**let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
**and the peoples with his truth.**

*Antiphon*

Sequence Hymn: **"The First Noel"**

*The First Nowell*

*THE GOSPEL – LUKE 2:1-14*

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,



the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

CELEBRANT: The Gospel of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### *THE MESSAGE*

The Rev. Drew Downey

### *THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

LEADER: Most High and Holy God, we come together in humility and adoration to pray for Christ's Church and the world.

PEOPLE (SUNG): ***O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

LEADER: Almighty and everliving God, who in your holy Word has taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all creation: May we be inspired with the spirit of truth, unity, and peace; and grant that all those who do confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

PEOPLE (SUNG): ***O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

LEADER: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

PEOPLE (SUNG): ***For he alone is worthy, for he alone is worthy, for he alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.***

LEADER: Holy God, we pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all who are in danger that they may be relieved and protected.

PEOPLE (SUNG): ***We give you all the glory, we give you all the glory, we give you all the glory, Christ the Lord.***





LEADER: We bless your holy Name for all your servants departed this life in faith and fear, grant them continual growth in your love and service; and grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and of all your saints, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom.

PEOPLE (SUNG): ***O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

CELEBRANT: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *THE PEACE*

CELEBRANT: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

### *INVITATION TO PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS*

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Offertory Anthem: **"Wexford Carol"**

Hagenberg

Song of Offering: **"What Child is This?"**

Greensleeves

### *THE HOLY COMMUNION – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A*

*You may receive the bread and the wine or bread only. Gluten-free wafers are available.  
The second cup is alcohol-free wine.*

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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CELEBRANT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Keith Tan

**Andante con moto** ♩ = 60

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord

9 God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are

15 full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in ex - cel - sis.

21 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho

26 sa - na in ex - cel - sis, Ho sa - na in ex -

32 - cel - sis! *rit.*

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CELEBRANT:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."





CELEBRANT: 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

PEOPLE: **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

CELEBRANT: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

CELEBRANT: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

CELEBRANT: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say . . .

ALL: **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.**

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



CELEBRANT: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Songs of the Table: **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** *Divinum mysterium*

**“O Nata Lux”** Byler

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** *Forest Green*

**“Silent Night”** *Stille Nacht*

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

ALL: **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.**

### *THE BLESSING*

Song of Dismissal: **“Joy to the World”** *Antioch, arr. Tan*

CELEBRANT: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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**\$67,506**

Dollars invested in local and global missions  
through Missions and Outreach.



**5,321**

People impacted from CCE'S  
Missions and Outreach.



**254**

People we helped with housing.



**121**

Students we supported locally and abroad.



**31**

Non-profits we partnered with to do  
Missions and Outreach work.



**17**

Partner organizations who  
received financial grants.

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INVESTED BY PARISHIONERS WHO GIVE OF THEMSELVES  
TO BLESS OTHERS IN THEIR WORK PLACES AND HOMES.**



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You honor us with your presence. Please join us again in worship or through our other ministries.



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## WORSHIP

### Family Worship | Sundays at 9 A.M.

A dedicated "playground" at the front of the worship space encourages young children to engage their senses while actively participating in liturgy and music that's meaningful for kids and adults.

### Traditional Worship | Sundays at 11 A.M., Online and in person

Offers timeless traditions with modern elements to renew your spirit and bring you closer to God.

**Sunday Evenings** offer a time for youth to gather at 5 P.M. in The Garage for Youth Group.

**Wednesday Morning Eucharist** offers a celebration of Holy Eucharist at 8:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary.

## SERVE

### In 2025, through Missions and Outreach (M&O)...

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- **17** partner organizations received financial grants
- Partnered with **31** non-profits
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- We helped feed **1,079** people

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