

**The Parish of Christ Church
Andover, Massachusetts**

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prayer list, please scan:



**Christmas Eve Service and Pageant
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**December 24, 2025
at four o'clock in the afternoon**

Prelude Medley of Christmas Carols *Traditional*
Umi Shirai da Costa, flute, Izu Shirai da Costa, cello, Lucio Shirai da Costa, piano & Glockenspiel

Processional Hymn 83, verses 1, 2, 3 & 6 O come, all ye faithful *Adeste fideles*

Welcome, Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity *BCP, p. 355*

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Christmas

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night 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.**

The congregation is seated.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

SCENE I

The Word is Foretold

American Carol It came upon the midnight clear *Carol*

SCENE II

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem

American Carol O little town of Bethlehem *St. Louis*

SCENE III

The Birth of Jesus

American Carol Away in a manger *Cradle Song*

SCENE IV

The Shepherds and Angels

French Carol Angels we have heard on high *Gloria*

SCENE V

Christ the King

English Carol The first Nowell *The First Nowell*

SCENE VI
The Three Kings

American Carol

We three kings of Orient

Three Kings of Orient

SCENE VII
The Word is Spread

American Carol

Go tell it on the mountain

Afro-American Spiritual

Organ Interlude Improvisation on “Hark the herald angels sing”

Peter Pindar Stearns (1931-2016)

The Prayers of the People

Based on Form III, BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia, our bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Becky, Peter, Debbie, Maddie, Nancy, Leslie, Jessica, Ed, Carol, Mary, Ila, Bonnie, and Roger, and those family and friends of parishioners who have been commended to our prayers, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, and those in whose memory tonight’s flowers and music are offered;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks for the Pennacook-Abenaki people who inhabited the lands upon which our church building is located, and we pray that we may be faithful stewards of this sacred space.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Then the Minister and People may greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

O Holy Night
Sung by the St. Cecilia Choristers

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Hymn at the Presentation 87, verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper Preface is sung or said.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord [Hymnal S-130] *Sanctus*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God [Hymnal S-164] *Agnus Dei*

Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant This is Christ's table of love and forgiveness. 'The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation' provide food for our souls. All are welcome to draw near and share these holy mysteries. Take Christ within your bodies and become the Body of Christ.

~ Everyone is Welcome at God's Table ~

Music at Communion

Ding dong! merrily on high
Ukrainian Carol of the Bells
The holly and the ivy
King Jesus hath a garden
Joys Seven

French Carol, arr. Charles Wood
Mykola Leontowych (1877-1921)
English Carol, arr. Cecil Sharp
Dutch Carol, arr. Charles Wood
English Carol, arr. Stephen Cleobury

Sung by the St. Cecilia Choristers

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

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.

Postcommunion Hymn 111

Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

Christmas Blessing

Hymn 100, verses 1, 2 & 4 Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Antioch

Dismissal

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

A very Merry Christmas to you all!

Participating in the Christmas Story

Angel Gabriel

Neive Bosworth

Mary

Piper Heim

Joseph

Linus Barrett

Baby Jesus

Amelia Camuso

Kings

Will Cardoso
Barrett Mamis
Brody Mamis

Shepherds

Mike Camuso
Paula Martinez
Sam McFarland
Courtenay Smith

Narrators

Benji McFarland
Caitlin Nason
Anthony Vinson Ventola

Angels

Helen Barrett
Charlie Bates
Halle Bates
Sienna Case
Naomi Foley
Caitlin Nason
Noah Vasquez

Helpers

Alexandra Bosworth
Addison Calnan
Selah Heim

Animals

Lily Barbieri
Brody Bates
Carly Camuso
Declan Foley
Max Foley
Connie Mamis
Julian Martinez
Quentin Smith

Pageant Organizers

Josephine Nason
Douglas Heim

St. Cecilia Choristers

Lily Barbieri	Helen Barrett	Linus Barrett	Eric Cardoso
Will Cardoso	Brody Mamis	Connie Mamis	Ben McFarland
Caitlin Nason	Izu Shirai da Costa	Lucio Shirai da Costa	Umi Shirai da Costa

Adult Helpers

Barbara Bruns	Anney Barrett	Julie Bosworth	Jen Calnan
Erica Kenney	Hilary Mamis	Stacy Swift	



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Flowers

Given in Memory of:

Irene and Ralph Crompton
Carol Couch, Margaret Couch, James Couch and Jeremiah Couch
Inez and Gerald Johnson
Renee Halle
Maywood and Robert Kenney
The Knipe Family
Bryan Kuchar & all our sisters & brothers
Brita and Kenneth Marsland
Jim Wagner
Bill Vinson
Angelica and Ralph Ventola

Music

Given in Memory of:

Lieutenant Colonel Richard I. Erb & Barbara Ann Erb
Barbara and Duncan Lennon
Barbara and Bob Rickert



Serving at Today's Service

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Michael J. Hodges
Organist	Barbara A. Bruns, Minister of Music
Choir	St. Cecilia Choristers
Lector	Chris Wagner
Eucharistic Ministers	Marie Wagner, Chris Wagner
Altar Guild	Marie Wagner
Ushers	Doug Nason, Josephine Nason, Matt Calnan, Jon Vacik
Flower Guild	Christ Church Flower Guild
Verger	Holly Jarrell-Marcinelli
Videographer	Ross Morgan

Welcome to Christ Church!

We're delighted you have found us! We are blessed by your presence here today and want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion, we believe that everyone is welcome at God's table. Our welcome extends to all people without preference for age, ability, gender, race, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, marital or family status. We desire to know ourselves and one another as God knows us - as beloved children of God - and to embody Jesus' own example of radical hospitality. If you have questions about this parish specifically, or about the Episcopal Church in general, please ask someone seated near you. There's a lot of wisdom in the helpful people in the pews. You may also talk with the Rev. Michael Hodges, our Rector.

Children: Children's activity bags for borrowing are available on the children's bookshelf in the back of the church. Our service is enriched by the presence of children; they learn liturgical behavior by observation. Let them see you participate in and enjoy the service!

Accessibility: Plastic magnifying sheets are available at the rear of the church. There are also hearing assistance devices located in the rear of the church. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Restrooms: Restrooms, including one with a changing table, are located behind the Parish Hall at the end of the long hallway on the left. Follow the red signs.

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that Christ Church is located on the ancestral lands of the Pennacook tribal nation, an Algonquian-speaking tribe of the Wabanaki Confederacy composed of the Pennacook, Pawtucket, and other Indigenous people. This was their home for more than 10,000 years. We acknowledge these caretakers of the land and waters: the elders who lived before, the Indigenous people today and the generations to come. We are guests on this land and have used it and its people for our betterment, often at their expense. We commit to doing our part to become better stewards of this land, understanding the impact of present and past exploitation, and working toward a more just and equitable future.

Our Weekday Services: Our weekday services of Morning Prayer take place on Zoom on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:00 a.m. Our Wednesday morning Eucharists take place in person in the North Chapel at 7:00 a.m. Our services of Compline are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome! To join any of our online services, go to our homepage for the Zoom links.



Gift Matching Opportunity!

To help offset some of this year's expected deficit, a generous donor has offered to match \$15,000 of additional gifts through the end of 2025. Any contribution to this year's Christmas Offering counts toward this match. Please use this QR code to donate today!

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