

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

6 JANUARY 2022

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

Restrooms are located in the Parish House, and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the Parish House by way of the side office door.

Pastoral Emergencies such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.



Epiphany House Blessing

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The above line should be written on the lintel above the front door into your house. A piece of blessed chalk may be taken home with you for this purpose. Following the writing, this prayer is to be used:

Let us pray.

O LORD holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house. I call upon thy Saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us and all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine Eternal Kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

THE FEAST OF THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE GENTILES

Low Mass w. the Blessing of Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh, and Chalk
7:00 pm

The Congregation stands at the ringing of the Bell

THE BLESSING OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Congregation **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you

Congregation **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

RECEIVE, O Holy Father, from me, thine unworthy servant, these gifts which I offer to the honour of thy holy Name in homage to thy omnipotent majesty, as thou didst accept the sacrifice of Abel the Just and the same gifts which the three Magi didst offer unto thee. **Amen.**

THE EXORCISM

I EXORCISE thee, creature of gold, incense, and myrrh by God the Father ✠ Almighty, by Jesus ✠ Christ, his only-begotten Son, and by the Holy ✠ Ghost, the Paraclete, that freed from all the deceit, evil and cunning of the devil, thou mayest be a saving remedy to men against the snares of the enemy. May those, who with confidence in divine help, use thee in their homes and dwellings or about their persons be delivered from every danger to the body and soul and rejoice in the possession of every good, through the power and merits of our Lord and Saviour and the intercession of the Most Holy Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, of the Holy Magi who on this day venerated Christ the Lord with the same gifts, and of all the Saints; now and for ever. **Amen.**

O GOD, who art invisible and eternal, we humbly beseech thee by the holy and terrible Name of thy Son, to bestow blessing ✠ and power upon these creatures of gold, incense and myrrh, that those who have them about them may be protected from every illness, injury and danger of body and soul, so that they may gladly and safely serve thee in thy Holy Church, who in perfect Trinity livest and reignest, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

AND may the blessing of Almighty God, Father ✠, Son ✠, and Holy ✠ Ghost descend upon these creatures of gold, incense, and myrrh and remain forever. **Amen.**

FOR THE CHALK

Let us pray.

BLESS ✠, O Lord God, this chalk that it may be helpful to men and grant by the invocation of thy Most Holy Name that whosoever shall use it or inscribe with it the names of thy Saints Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar upon the doors of their homes, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, who on this day didst by the leading of a star manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, which known thee now by faith, may finally attain unto the contemplation of the beauty of thy majesty. Through the same Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated for the Epistle

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:1-12*

The Congregation stands for the Holy Gospel and the Creed

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1-12*

NICENE CREED

BCP 327-328

The Congregation kneels for the Prayers through the Peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 329

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 331

COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 332

THE PEACE *The People may rise and greet one another in the Name of the Lord and then be seated*

INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

Celebrant ...rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

Congregation **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant *May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercies of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The Congregation stands for the Sursum corda

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

BCP 333

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

BCP 334

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass

CANON OF THE MASS

BCP 334

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

AGNUS DEI

BCP 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

BCP 339

The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel

THE LAST GOSPEL