

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



BORDENTOWN COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

22 NOVEMBER 2023

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.

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. **A Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish Hall. A restroom for small children is located in the nursery.

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.

The AED is located to the left of the door to the parish office.



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ON THE EVE OF THANKSGIVING

Bordentown Community Thanksgiving Service
7:00pm

ORGAN

*The Congregation rises at the ringing of the bell; the people say the words in **Bold***

HYMN 315 *We gather together*

Kremser

THE SALUTATION

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon His Name; tell the people what things He hath done.
- *Psalm 105:1*

SHEHECHEYANU

Kim Aubry

Baruch atah adonai, eloheynu melech ha-olam, shehechyanu v'kiyemanu v'higiyanu lazman ha-zeh.
Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for bringing us to this time.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Richard Romero

Lord God, **once again we come to the Thanksgiving feast, an earthly glimpse of that heavenly banquet you have prepared for us. In our faithfulness we would not conceive keeping your bounty for ourselves, but in our sinfulness we fail to behold those who have nothing with which to prepare a feast. Forgive us for closing our eyes to those who have so very little, for to do so is to ignore the One who had no place to lay His head. Grant that our thankfulness leads us to share the fruits of our land, that hunger and poverty may be removed from the face of the earth.**
Amen.

PSALM 145:1-12

The Very Rev. Matthew Tucker

- 1 I will magnify thee, O God, my King * and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 2 **Every day will I give thanks unto thee * and praise thy Name for ever and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised * there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 **One generation shall praise thy works unto another * and declare thy power.**
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship * thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
- 6 **So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts * and I will also tell of thy greatness.**
- 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed * and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8 **The Lord is gracious, and merciful * long-suffering, and of great goodness.**
- 9 The Lord is loving unto every man * and his mercy is over all his works.
- 10 **All thy works praise thee, O Lord * and thy saints give thanks unto thee.**
- 11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom * and talk of thy power;
- 12 **That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom * might be known unto men.**

The Congregation may be seated

THE FIRST LESSON *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

Kim Aubry

The Congregation stands for the Magnificat

THE MAGNIFICAT

The Very Rev. Matthew Tucker

† My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded *
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
 all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
 and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
 throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed for ever.

The Congregation may be seated

THE SECOND LESSON *John 6:26-35*

The Rev. Bruce Wood

HYMN 137 *Come, ye thankful people, come*

Saint George's Windsor

THE HOMILY *"Signs and Wonders"*

The Rev. Margaret E. Brungard

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Mark Stauffer

The Congregation kneels for the Prayers

Let us give thanks unto God our heavenly Father for all His gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of thy children, revealing thine image unto the world,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord

For our daily food and drink, our home and families, and our friends,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord

For our minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days. **Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES

The Rev. Margaret Brungard

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Congregation **And grant us thy salvation.**
Officiant O Lord, save the State.
Congregation **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Congregation **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Congregation **And bless thine inheritance.**
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Congregation **Because none other fighteth for us but thou, O Lord.**
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Congregation **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECTS

The Revs. Mark Stauffer, Richard Romero, and Bruce Wood

Almighty and gracious God, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; in thy Name we pray. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we commend to thy gracious care and keeping our armed forces and emergency personnel who, because of the exercise of their duty, are absent from their families at this time; Defend them this day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated

GREETINGS AND INTENTIONS OF THE OFFERING

The Congregation rises for the Hymn

HYMN 140 *Praise to God, immortal praise*

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THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE BENEDICTION

The Rev. Martin O'Reilly

HYMN 276 *Now thank we all our God*

Nun Danket

The Clergymen, Clergywomen, and Representatives Leading Worship This Evening

Ms. Kim Aubry, Temple B'nai Abraham, Bordentown
The Very Rev. Fr. Matthew Tucker, Christ Church Bordentown
The Rev. Margaret Brungard, First Presbyterian, Bordentown
The Rev. Fr. Martin O'Reilly, St. Mary, Mother of the Church, Bordentown
The Rev. Mark Stauffer, First Baptist Church
The Rev. Richard Romero, Trinity United Methodist Church Bordentown
The Rev. Bruce Wood, Chesterfield Baptist Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The St. Mary's Food Pantry can use your donation of cash, shelf stable foods, and toiletries/paper goods. As we approach the holiday season, please consider how you might be able to lend a hand. If you're able, you can put a check made out to St. Mary's Food Pantry in with your offering on Sunday. If you can, please consider picking up a few additional grocery items or toiletries as you shop each week (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, baby wipes, disposable diapers, toilet paper, etc.) Our deepest thanks to all who support this important ministry throughout the year.

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