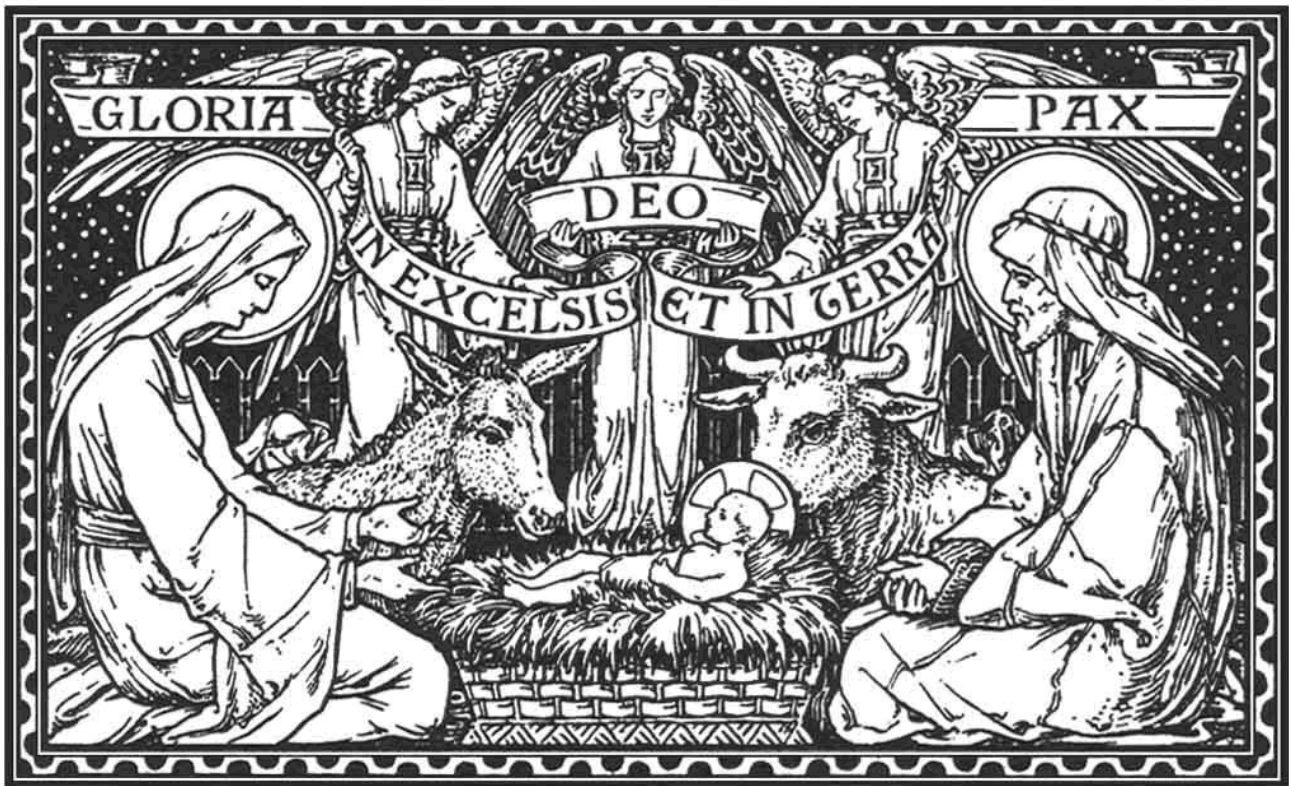


CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE VIGIL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

24 DECEMBER 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 House by way of the side 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.



The Five Traditional Precepts of the Church

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year.
3. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year.
4. Observance of the days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

At Christ Church

1. Share the joy and strength found in Christ with others.
2. Be present at the Mass unless prevented by travel, illness, or condition.
3. Support the Parish with time, talent, and treasure.
4. Find community in the mission and ministry of the Parish.
5. Show Christ in the world by being of service to others.

Vigil Mass w. Carols 6pm

Children who wish to process to the Creche carrying a figure are asked to gather in the Parish House Lobby by no later than 5:55pm.

The liturgy of the Mass can be found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which is the red book in your pew. Hymns can be found in the Hymnal, which is the blue book.

ORGAN *Nöel sur les flûtes*

Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

The Congregation rises at the ringing of the Bell.

HYMN 236 *Once in royal David's city (omit vs. 3-5)*

Irby

THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this night didst cause thine only-begotten Son to be born of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to hallow ✠ and bless ✠ this Crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all those who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of this holy incarnation, may be filled with thy benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 12 *O come all ye faithful (omit vs. 4 & 5)*

Adeste Fidelis

OPENING SALUTATION

BCP 323

COLLECT FOR PURITY & SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 323

KYRIE ELEISON

BCP 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BCP 323

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 161

READING *Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7*

The Congregation stands for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel.

HYMN 30 *The First Nowell (vs. 1, 2, & 6)*

The First Nowell

THE HOLY GOSPEL *S. Luke 2:1-20*

SERMON Father Matthew Tucker

The Congregation stands for the Creed.

NICENE CREED

BCP 327

The Congregation kneels for the Prayers and Confession.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 328

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 331

COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 332

THE PEACE

BCP 332

INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

The Celebrant declares to the Congregation the Intentions of the Mass, and then continues:

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, rest in the peace. **Amen.**

The Congregation stands for the Hymn, the Sursum Corda and Sanctus & Benedictus.

HYMN 42 *Angels we have heard on high*

Gloria

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

As soon as the Celebrant has finished distributing Holy Communion to the altar party, the members of the Congregation should approach the altar rail. All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Others who instead wish to receive a blessing may also come and kneel at the altar rail. The Celebrant will know to bless those who bow their heads and cross their arms over their chest.

HYMN 21 *O little town of Bethlehem (omit v.4)*

Saint Louis

The Congregation kneels for the Collect and the Hymn.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant to us, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that we who in these mysteries draw near with gladness unto the Nativity of Jesus Christ our Lord; may by godly conversation be found worthy to attain unto his fellowship: Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

HYMN 33 *Silent Night*

Holy Night

THE STORY OF ST. NICHOLAS & THE CANDY CANE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

BCP 339

The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel and Hymn

THE LAST GOSPEL

HYMN 27 *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn

POSTLUDE *Noël Suisse*

Louis Claude D'Aquin

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers and greens which decorate the church and chapel in celebration of the Nativity are given in memory of the many loved ones listed in the Christmas Memorials brochure, copies of which may be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

The Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle in the Lady Chapel is given in loving memory of Thomas A. Fisher II.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the sick: Anna Sury, Mark Goldstein, Roseann Walder, Joyce Venis, Roger Kafer, Dave Mohr, Fran Sutter, Christine Nicosia, Douglas Tootell, Christine Fritz, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Ellen Murphy, Stephanie Ackert, Marc Mercantini, Harry Vale, James Tucker, Jacob Bonser, Patricia Dixon, Christiana Carty, Joseph Carson III, Darrell Vigh, Karen Kwietnieski-Casais, Earl Reading, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Lisa Jones, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Mary Koch, Sava Nedic, Aimee Kurtis, Walter Easley, Frank Corbo, Josephine Corbo, Kathy Gabel, John Haney, Sharon Kedzierski, Marcus Behrsin, Sean Higgins, Kathy Buckland, Daryl Albury, Val Jackson, Bruce Smith, Sarah Talpis, Alexander Ounjian, Dennis Russell, Michele Hartpence, Renee Formica, Alexandra Mckallagat, and Isabelle Adams.

and those who have long term illnesses: Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Carl Hasson, Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Dixon Leavers, Dawn Matthews, Lucy Janicelli, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Robert Geneski, Maureen Rees, Gary Rutherford, Charles Martin, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, The Rev. Ted Anderson, R. Loraine Burke, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jim Tranter, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Emma Carver, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Rita Haney, Sue Kelly, Sister Angela, Sister Gussie, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Michael Slaper, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Holly Jones, Irene Fithian, Cheryl Kranz Bach, Brian Nguyen, Brianne Nicosia, Frank Clebock, Ron Clebock, Jennifer Millar, and Kelly Zsenak.

and for those in military service: Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter; USAFR; Samuel Manion, USA; Nickolas George USMC, Kevin Preston USAR.

celebrating a birthday this week: Thomas Feuerstein, Riley Woodrick, Dennis Brown, Robin Nosari, Evan Cartwright, Darrell Vigh, Rylee Collins, Derek Fiabane, Mark Casais, Devon Vlahovic, Piper Hensley, and Marianne Jackson.

celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials: Joseph & Gayle Carson

Anyone may contact the office with names of those who are ill and/or hospitalized for inclusion in our prayers. Names will remain on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless we are notified that they should remain for a longer period.

If you would like to include loved ones in the Altar Flower or Sacramental Candle dedications, please contact the Church Office. The donation for flowers is \$50; the donation for the Sacramental candle is \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME CELEBRATE the manifestation of our Lord to the Gentiles on **Friday, January 6, at 7pm**. A house blessing packet will be made available to everyone.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are available for pickup on the front table outside the church office. If you don't find a box with your name on it and would like envelopes, please call the church office at 298-2348 or email - office@ccbtown.com.

THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PACKET AND FINANCIAL INTENTION CARD for our support of Christ Church in 2023 was distributed to all households on our mailing list. Please return the card as soon as possible, as the Vestry is charged with creating and approving an operating budget for 2023. Extra pledge cards are located on the table at the back entrance of the church.

OUTREACH UPDATE: since the day before Thanksgiving, more than 1000 meals have been prepared and delivered to those in need. Our Christmas Outreach is wrapping up with all the families accounted for. Well done!

ACCESSIBILITY UPDATE: several pieces of our work to make the parish more accessible to those with differing abilities have been completed in the last week, including the creation of an accessible space in the Nave, motion-detector switches in the restrooms, and a baby-changing station in the accessible restroom. Our thanks to the diocesan Ministry with the Disabled committee for giving us a grant toward the work!

BLESSING BOX: Donations of travel-sized items such as toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, razors and shaving cream, soap, hand sanitizer, and the like are always needed and can be placed in the basket in the back of the church. Please contact Donna Kirk at the Parish office 298-2348 or email office@ccbtown.com with any questions.

CHURCH OFFICE: Please note that the Church office will be closed from December 25 through January 6.

SOLES4SOULS: Our shoe drive continues to bring in a wonderful amount of shoes for those in need. Keep this in mind during your fall cleaning of unwanted/unused shoes you may want to donate. Thank you!

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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The Rev. Fr. J. Matthew Tucker, *Rector*
The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon, *Honorary Associate*
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Schedule for the Week following 24 December

Saturday, 24 December

The Vigil of the Nativity

6:00 p.m. Family Mass
11:00 p.m. Sung Mass of the
Nativity

Sunday, 25 December

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Low Mass of Christmas
10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Carols
8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Monday, 26 December

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Church office closed

Tuesday, 27 December

Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist

Church office closed

Wednesday, 28 December

The Holy Innocents

6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 29 December

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170

10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Anointing

Friday, 30 December

Josephine Butler, 1906

Saturday, 31 December

Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, 1 January

The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m. Low Mass
10:00 a.m. Sung Mass
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

