

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21 DECEMBER 2025

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us to-day. 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 in English and Latin. The Rood shows our Saviour, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet, restful place, where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share in its benefit. Come in, rest, and 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, and 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 the main doors and entering the Parish House by way of the side office door. A **Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish House. A **restroom for small children** is located in the nursery at the far end of the Parish House.

Pastoral Emergencies such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one, should be directed to Fr. Tucker – 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner. Please do not hesitate to call. The **AED** is located to the left of the parish office door.

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 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 5.30 PM

The Vigil Mass follows the form found in the Chapel Booklet.

LOW MASS 8.00 AM

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℣. ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣. ...full of grace and truth.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG MASS

10.00 AM

The page numbers refer to pages in the red 1979 Book of Common Prayer found in your pew.

Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.

ORGAN “Variations”

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

INTROIT

RORATE cœli, desuper, et nubes
pluant justum: aperiatur terra, et
germinet Salvatorem. *Ps. 18, 2.* Cœli
enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum ejus
annuntiat firmamentum. Gloria Patri...
Rorate cœli...

DROP down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down
righteousness: let the earth open,
and bring forth the Saviour. *Ps. 19, 1.* The
heavens declare the glory of God: and the
firmament sheweth his handy-work. Glory be
to the Father... Drop down...

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KYRIE – “Communion Service in D”

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on__ us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on__ us. Lord, have
mer - cy up - on__ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on__ us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on__ us.
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§ The Congregation may be seated for the Lessons and Psalm.

LESSON *Isaiah 7, 10-17*

PSALM 24, 1-7



THE earth is the LORD's and · all that therein is; * the compass
of the world and · they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded · it upon the seas, * and stablished · it
upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the · hill of the LORD? * or who shall
rise · up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean · hands and a pure heart; * and that
hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to de · ceive his neigh-
bour.

5 He shall receive the · blessing from the LORD, * and righteous-
ness from the God of · his salvation.

6 This is the generation of · them that seek him; * even of them
that seek thy face O · God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye · everlasting
doors; * and the King of · glory shall come in.

EPISTLE *Romans 1, 1-7*

§ *The Congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel.*

HYMN – “The Lord Whom Earth”

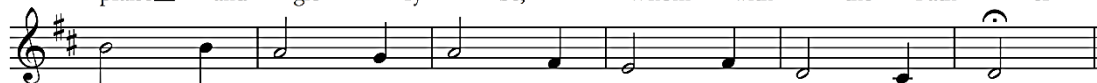
Puer nobis nascitur



1. The Lord whom earth and sea and sky A - dore and
2. And he whose will is ev - er done By moon and
3. How blest that Moth - er, in whose shrine The ver - y
4. Blest in the mes - sage Gab - riel brought, Blest in the
5. O Je - su, Vir - gin - born to thee E - ter - nal



praise__ and mag - ni - fy, Who o'er their three - fold
seas__ by stars and sun, Is borne up - on a
Word__ of God di - vine, The mak - er of the
work__ the Spi - rit wrought Blest ev - er - more, who
praise__ and glo - ry be, Whom with the Fath - er



fab - ric reigns, The Vir - gin's spot - less womb con - tains.
Maid - en's breast, Whom God's fore - see - ing grace pos - sess'd.
earth and sky, Was pleas'd in flesh - ly form to lie.
brought to birth The long - de - sired of all the earth.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er - more.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 1, 18-25*

SERMON

Mr. Paul Smith

NICENE CREED

(Priest) *(Choir & Congregation)*

I be-lieve in one— God * the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of heav-en and earth,

And of all things vi - si-ble and in-vi - si ble: And in one Lord Je - sus Christ,

the on - ly - be-got-ten Son of God; Be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be - fore_ all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God; Be-got-ten, not made;

Be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; By whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from heav - en,

And was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma - ry, And was made man:

And was_ cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for_ us un - der Pon-tius Pi - late:

He suf - fer - ed and was bu - ri - ed: And the third day he rose a - gain

ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures: And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en,

And sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther: And he shall come a - gain, with glo - ry,
to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose king-dom shall have no end.

And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, and Giv - er of Life,
Who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the Son; Who with the Fa-ther and the Son
to-gether is wor-ship-ped and glo - ri - fi - ed; Who spake by the pro - phets:

And I be-lieve One Ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A pos-tol-ic Church: I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism
for the re - mis - sion of sins: And I look for the Re-sur-rec-tion of the dead:
And the Life of the world to come. A - - - - - men.

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THE PEACE *The People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

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OFFERTORY – “Alma Redemptoris Mater”

Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594)

ALMA Redemptoris Mater, quæ pervia
Acæli porta manes, et stella maris, succurre
cadenti, surgere qui curat populo: tu quæ
genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum
genitorem: virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis
ab ore sumens illud ave, peccatorum miserere.

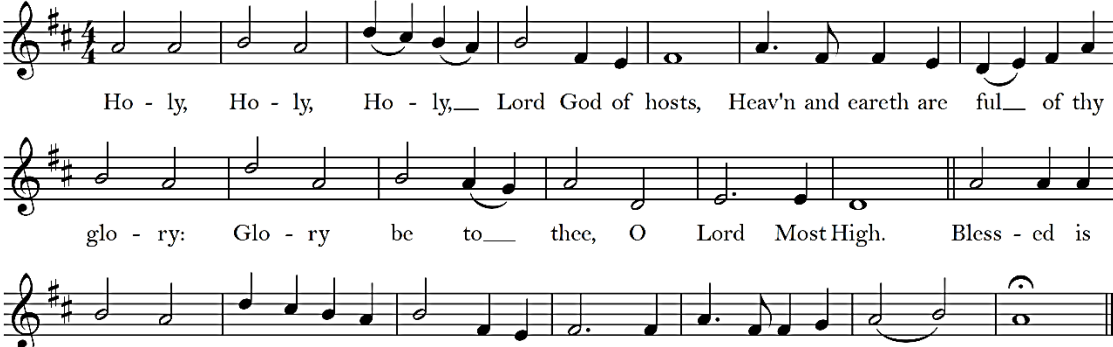
KIND mother of the Redeemer, the open
gateway to heaven and star of the sea,
help your fallen people who strive to rise again;
we pray you, who bore your holy Son by a
miracle of nature, a virgin first and last, who
received God’s greeting from the mouth of
Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.

HYMN 484 – “Lift Up Your Heads”

Truro

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is
he that com eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

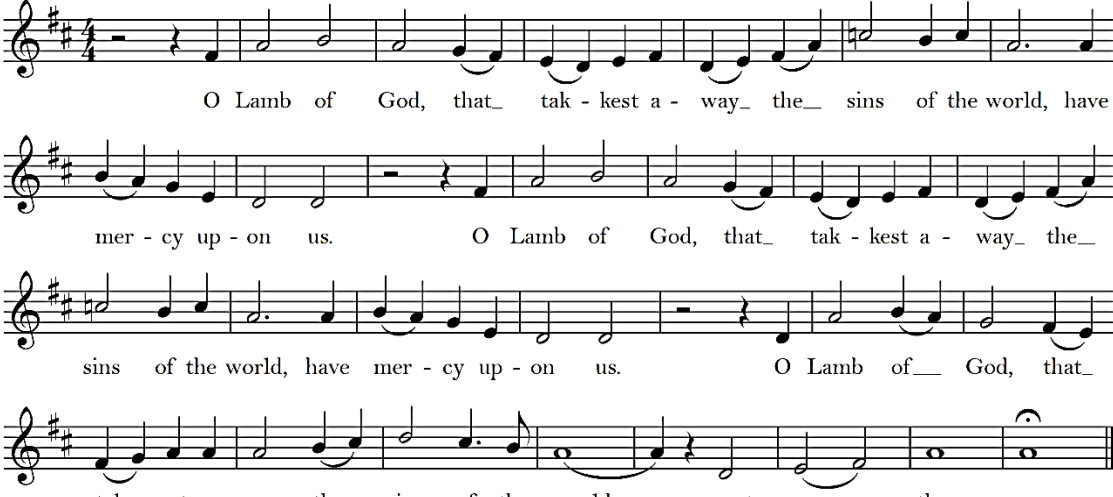
§ The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that
tak - est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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COMMUNION

ECCCE, Virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et
vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel.

BEHOLD, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear
a son: and his name shall be called
Emmanuel.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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HYMN 117 – “Sing of Mary”

Pleading Saviour

§ The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.

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HYMN 2 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

ORGAN “Improvisation on *Stuttgart*”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Lessons & Carols: Come celebrate Christmas with Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 28, at 7pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, 24 December – Christmas Eve

✠ Family Mass – 6.00 pm

✠ Sung Mass of the Nativity – 11.00 pm

Thursday, 25 December – Christmas Day

✠ Low Mass w. Carols – 10.00 am

Parish Annual Meeting: Our parish Annual Meeting will be held on January 25th at 11.30am in the Parish Hall. Please join us to lend your voice to our plans for the next year and elect members to the Vestry and delegates to Convention and the Convocation.

Donations Needed for Blessing Box: Donations such as toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, razors, shaving cream, soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, socks 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 609.298.2348 or email office@ccbtown.com with any questions or monetary donations.

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in loving memory of
John F. Carty, Jacqueline K. Carty, Anna May Carty, and Carl Fritz.*



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

Of your charity, please remember in your prayers...

the sick: Grayson Porter, Robert J. Law, Bob Iero, Cindy Nahill, Alannah Aldea, Suzette Mansell, Amelia Sciortino, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Bruce Kwietnieski-Casais, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Sharon Kedzierski, Daryl Albury, and Alexander Ounjian.

and those who have long term illnesses: Richard Hebron, Anna McDuff, James Ferrell, Kevin Nelson, Marlene Barnhart, Vicky Barbos, The Rev. Donald Muller, Wendy Goldstein, Mark Goldstein Ryan Wiese Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Lisa Jones, Kathy Buckland, Ellen Murphy, Kimberlee McCafferty, Joseph Carson III, Sava Nedic Marlene Barnhart, Scott Evans, Tess Santos, Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Elaine Morrissey, Rick Sibley, Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty, Christiana Carty, Dawn Applegate, Barbara Sury, Paul Sootkoos, James Tucker, Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Mark Casais, Christine Nicosia, Kevin Kintner, Anna Sury, Earl Reading, Dixon Leavers, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Gary Rutherford, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Sister Angela, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Irene Fithian, Brianne Nicosia, Kathy Gabel, Sean Higgins, and Kelly Zsenak.

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

celebrating a birthday this week: Lawrence Nosari, Riley Fleming, Robert Bauer, Thomas Feuerstein, Riley Woodrick, and Dennis Brown.

celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials: Joseph and 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 remember a loved one 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.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 21 – 8:45am: HomeFront Meal Prep
Dec 24 – 6pm: Christmas Eve Family Mass
Dec 24 – 11pm: Sung Mass of the Nativity
Dec 25 – 10am: Christmas Day Mass w. Carols
Dec 28 – 7pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols
Jan 11 – 12pm: Luncheon for Donna Kirk
Jan 18 – 8:45am: HomeFront Meal Prep
Jan 25 – 11:30am: Parish Annual Meeting



Make your Offering online using this QR Code:

Vestry

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Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Canon J. Matthew Tucker, *Rector*
The Rev. David Snyder, *Pastoral Associate*
Mr. Greg Geehern, *Seminarian*
Mr. Stephen C. Bearse, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Mrs. Donna Kirk, *Parish Administrator*
Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*
Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

Sunday, 21 December – *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- ✠ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ✠ Homefront Meal Prep – 8.45 am
- ✠ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ✠ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
- ✠ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

Monday, 22 December – *S. Thomas the Apostle*

Tuesday, 23 December – *Advent FERIA*

- ✠ Low Mass – 12.10pm

Wednesday, 24 December – *Christmas Eve*

{Church Office Closed}

- ✠ A.A. Meeting – 6.00 pm
- ✠ Family Mass – 6.00 pm
- ✠ Sung Mass of the Nativity – 11.00 pm

Thursday, 25 December – *Christmas Day*

{Church Office Closed}

- ✠ Low Mass w. Carols – 10.00 am

Friday, 26 December – *S. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr*

{Church Office Closed}

Saturday, 27 December – *S. John the Apostle & Evangelist*

- ✠ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

Sunday, 28 December – *The First Sunday After Christmas Day (Holy Innocents)*

- ✠ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ✠ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ✠ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
- ✠ Christmas Lessons & Carols – 7.00 pm
- ✠ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

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