

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
'The Feast of the Holy Innocents'

28 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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<i>¶ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.</i>	
<i>R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.</i>	
<i>¶ ...full of grace and truth.</i>	
<i>R. Thanks be to God.</i>	

SUNG MASS

10.00 AM

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Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.

ORGAN – “Improvisation on Cranham”

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KYRIE – “Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena”

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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.
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA

And on earth peace, good will towards men, We praise thee, we bless thee,
 we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great
 glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God____ the
 Fa - ther Al - migh - - - ty____ O Lord, the

on - ly - be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,
 Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that tak - est a - way the sins of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sins of the
 world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the
 Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art
 ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God the
 Fa - ther. A - - - - - - - - - - men.

COLLECTS

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

WE remember this day, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by the order of King Herod. Receive, we beseech thee, into the arms of thy mercy all innocent victims; and by thy great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish thy rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

§ The Congregation may be seated for the Lessons and Psalm.

LESSON *Isaiah 61, 10 – 62, 3*

PSALM 147, 12-20



12 Praise the LORD, O Je·rusalem; * praise thy · God, O Sion.

13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy · gates, * and hath blessed thy chil·dren within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy · borders, * and filleth thee · with the flour of wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon · earth, * and his word runneth · very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like · wool, * and scattereth the hoar·frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like · morsels: * who is able · to abide his frost?

18 He sendeth out his word and · melteth them: * he bloweth with his wind · and the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto · Jacob, * his statutes and ordi-nances · unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any · nation; * neither have the heathen · knowledge of his laws.

EPISTLE *Galatians 3, 23-25 & 4, 4-7*

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

HYMN 28 – “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Regent Square

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 1, 1-18*

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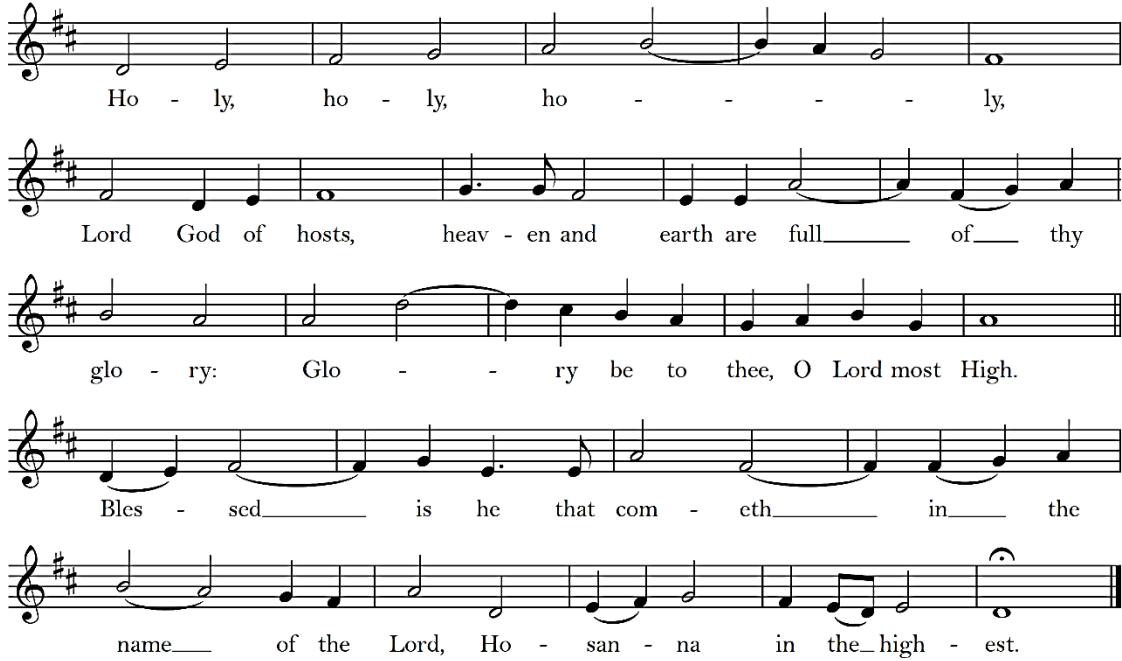
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OFFERTORY HYMN 40 – “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

God Rest You Merry

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - - ly,
Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - - - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.
Bles - sed is he that com - eth in the
name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

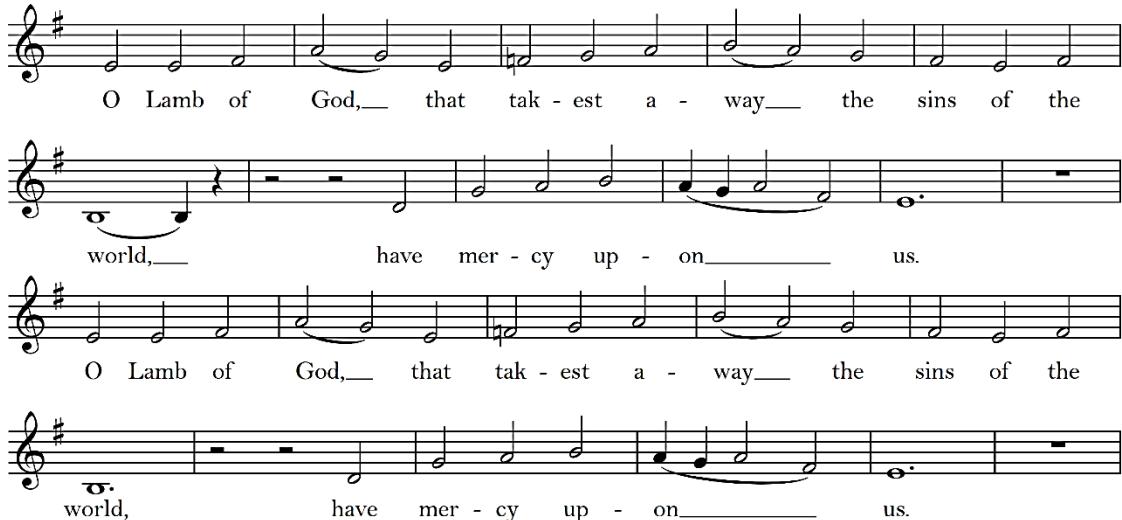
§ *The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

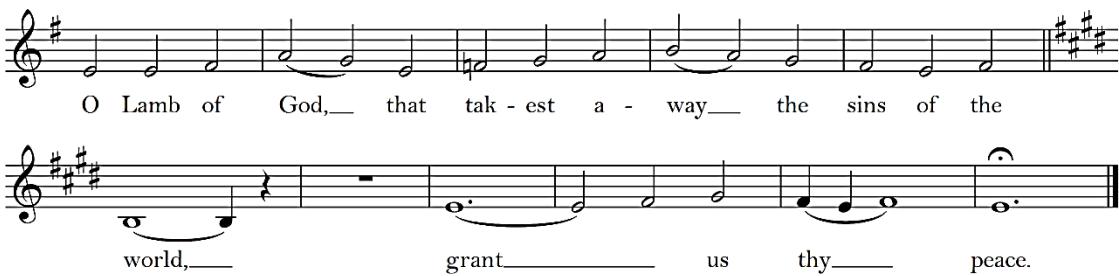
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THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

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.



PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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COMMUNION

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HYMN 34 – “Unto Us a Boy Is Born”

Puer Nobis Nascitur

§ *The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.*

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§ *The Congregation stands for The Last Gospel.*

THE LAST GOSPEL

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

℟. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

℣. ...full of grace and truth.

℟. Thanks be to God.

HYMN 329 – “How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

Frankfort

ORGAN – “Noël Suisse”

Lois-Claude D’Aquin (1694-1772)

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers and greens that decorate the church this Christmastide are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those listed in the Christmas Memorial Flowers.



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 Forendon, 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: Robin Nosari, Evan Cartwright, Darrell Vigh, David Tennett, Rylee Collins, Derek Fiabane, Mark Casais, Devon Vlahovic, Piper Hensley, Marianne Jackson, Steve Langmuir

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Lessons & Carols: This evening at **7pm!!** Reception to follow in the Rectory.

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.

Bishop's Visitation for Confirmation & Reception: Bishop French will visit Christ Church on **Sunday, March 8, 2026**, for her official visitation, which includes Confirmation & Reception.

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 Tim Smith at the Parish office 609.298.2348 or email office@ccbtown.com with any questions or monetary donations.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 28 – 7pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols
Jan 6 – 6pm: Sung Mass for the Epiphany
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

Ms. Kate Williamson, *Warden* (856.577.1334) ~ Miss Mary Ellen Carty, *Warden* (609.298.4337)

Mrs. Loris Johnson (609.291.5610) Mrs. Anne Lyon (609.291.8077)

Mrs. Debbie Mallard (609.802.8929) Mr. Dean Perry (609.758.3115)

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Ms. Colleen Suozzo (609.947.1304)

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 & Mr. Timothy Smith, *Parish Administrators*

Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*

Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

Sunday, 28 December – *The First Sunday After Christmas (Feast of the Holy Innocents)*

- ❖ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ❖ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ❖ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
- ❖ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

Monday, 29 December – *Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury & Martyr, 1170*

Tuesday, 30 December – *Josaphine Butler, 1906*

No Mass to-day

Wednesday, 31 December – *Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335*

- ❖ A.A. Meeting – 6.00 pm

No Mass to-day

Thursday, 1 January – *Feast of the Circumcision (Most Holy Name)*

- ❖ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am

Friday, 2 January – *Christmas Feria*

No Mass to-day

Saturday, 3 January – *Christmas Feria*

- ❖ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

Sunday, 4 January – *The Second Sunday After Christmas*

- ❖ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ❖ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ❖ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
- ❖ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

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