

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
Manhasset, New York

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FESTAL EUCHARIST
OF THE NATIVITY

December 24th, 2020

4:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

10:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th – *Holy Eucharist for Christmas Eve*

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th – *Christmas Day*

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Incarnation

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th – The First Sunday After Christmas

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite II

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th – The Feast of the Epiphany

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Cover Image: *Nativity, in an Initial P*. Leaf from Gradual (I), in Latin manuscript antiphonal [Florence, 1392-1399]. Here the initial *P* begins the Introit for the Christmas Mass, which is taken from the Book of Isaiah (9:6): *Puer natus est nobis* (A child is born to us). The prophet Isaiah may be represented as the upper of two heads on the shaft of the *P*. The lower head is that of a shepherd. The oval encloses the Nativity, which is staged before a cave with the ox and ass. The Virgin nurses her child, while the prostrate Joseph kisses his foot. The kissing of Christ's foot has its textual counterpart, and perhaps its origin, in such mystical writings as the thirteenth-century *Meditations on the Life of Christ*, in which the Magi and others are described as kissing his feet and playing with him. At the bottom of the leaf is the Annunciation to the Shepherds with an angel bearing an olive branch (peace to men of good will) and a shepherd playing his bagpipe. Even the sheep are animated.

century. Morgan Library & Museum. MS M.653.1


<https://www.themorgan.org/collection/medieval-and-renaissance/manuscript/msm653-1>

COVID 19 GUIDELINES FOR MASKS & SINGING:

*MASKS MUST BE WORN DURING THE SERVICE
AND SOCIAL DISTANCING MUST BE OBSERVED.*

THE CHOIR AND MUSICIANS WILL OFFER ALL MUSIC IN THIS SERVICE.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

elcome to Christ Church, an historic Episcopal Church founded in 1802 on the North Shore of Long Island. We encourage your full participation in this service. As part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, worship and music are an integral part of the life of this parish. Each week during the choir season the Choir of Christ Church provides choral music at the weekly Sunday 10:00 am sung Mass.

Our Usual Sunday schedule is:

8:00 a.m. TRADITIONAL MASS RITE I
10:00 a.m. CHORAL MASS RITE II & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our weekday schedule is:

MORNING PRAYER: Monday - Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in Tower Chapel.
EVENING PRAYER: Wednesday at 6:00pm in Tower Chapel
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Christ Church is a lively, inclusive community of faith, and visitors are always welcome. For more information Christ Church's ministries, you may speak with one of our Clergy, vestry members, or staff.

Guided tours of Christ Church are available, upon request and by appointment. If you are interested in a tour of the parish, please call Donna in the parish office during weekly office hours, at 516-627-2184.

PRELUDE: *Still, still, still* (German Carol)

arr. Robert Lau
b. 1943

OPENING HYMN: *O Come, all ye faithful*

Adestes Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

*S*ing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

PRAYER STATION AT THE NATIVITY CRECHE

*A*lmighty and ever-living God, you have given us a new revelation of our loving providence in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Opening Hymn continues with the final verse)

*Y*ea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*A*lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: *Angels we have heard on high*

Gloria

*A*ngels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. *Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*C*ome to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing, come,
adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn king. *Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, *prayed by the Celebrant*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *(all are seated)*

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 52: 7-10.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: The word of Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: ✙ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-14.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so, it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this

day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Stephen C. Tamke

Priest-in-Charge

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The leader and people pray responsively

On this holy night,

We pray for peace throughout the world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our Church and Christians the world over.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our President and all those in leadership.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for God's creation, that we may be faithful stewards of it.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are sick or suffering.

Lord, hear our prayer.


We pray for all ☩ those who have died.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs, and those of others.

(silently or aloud)

The Celebrant continues,

 God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

At 4:00pm & 10:00pm

Organ

At 7:00pm

Choir

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

arr. Earlene Rentz

Katherine Smolens, Flute

b. 1956

*L*o, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of
Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung. It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

*I*saiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we
behold, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love a right, she bore to
us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

- *Es ist ein Ros, 15th Century*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues,

*I*t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to
you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your

only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People say together,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The People may stand, sit, or kneel

*W*e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*O*n the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*A*fter supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

*A*nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being \pm sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward at the invitation of your usher, socially distanced, with masks on. Receive the host in the palm of your hand, step to the side 6 ft and consume the host. However, if you would prefer to receive a blessing from the priest, please fold your arms across your chest. If you are unable to come up for Communion, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

At 4:00pm: *I Sing of a Maiden*

Patrick Hadley
(1899-1973)

I sing of maiden That is makeless
King of all kings To her son she ches.
He came all so still Where His mother was,
As dew in April That falleth on the grass.

*H*e came all so still To His mother's bower,
As dew in April That falleth on the flower.
He came all so still Where His mother lay,
As dew in April That falleth on the spray.

*M*other and maiden Was never none but she:
Well may such a lady God's mother be.

Words: Traditional

(duet: Laura Pavlovich & Harriet Kapner)

At 7:00pm *O Bethlehem, du lilla stad (O little town of Bethlehem).*

arr. A. Canning
b. 1967

O Betlehem, du lilla stad, hur tyst du ligerdär, försänkt i djup och drömlös sömn, när skaparundret sker. En stjärna tänds, och mörkret har över den ej maktm och alla släktens hopp och tro stämt mote dennanatt.

S ä jstilla och sä oförmarkt blir oss Guds gåva räckt, och himlen kom till Jorden ner, när ingen väntat det. Vi kan ej hora stegen. Han nalkas oss ändå, och plötsligt som en okändstar han mitt ibland oss här.

D u barn av Betlehem, vi ber: Ge våra ögon ljus och rena hjärtat, att vi kan med dig bli barn hos Gud. Nu sjunger änglaskaror Guds lov, och vi med dem. O kom till oss, bli hos oss kvar, Guds Son Immanuel!

At 10:00pm: *O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam
(1803-1856)

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining: It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope – the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night diving, O night when Christ was born. O night, O holy night, O night divine!

L ed by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the Wise Men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our Friend. He knows our need – to our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King, before him lowly bend! Behold your King, before him lowly bend!

*T*ruly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, And, in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise his holy name. Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Soloist: Harriet Kapner

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People:

*E*ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN: *Silent Night*

Stille Nacht

*S*ilent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

*S*ilent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

*S*ilent night, holy night, Song of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE BLESSING

*M*ay Christ who, by his Incarnation, gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Joy to the world!*

Antioch

*J*oy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

*J*oy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

*N*o more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the
curse is found, far as the curse is found.

*H*e rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders
of his love, and wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Incarnate Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY: *Il est nê*

arr. Robert Lau
b. 1943

We are delighted that you have joined us for to celebrate the Incarnation.

You are always welcome at Christ Church!

The full schedule of events at the Christ Church can be seen at our website,
www.christchurchmanhasset.org.

MUSICIANS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

4:00pm Harriet Kapner, Elliot Pavlovich,
Laura Pavlovich, Katherine Smolens, *Choir*

7:00pm Harriet Kapner, Laura Pavlovich, Gloria Ryan,
Katherine Smolens, Phyllis Sternemann, *Choir*
Ellen Lucas & Laura Mole, *Violin*
Walter Stackler, *Violin*, Katherine Stackler, *Cello*

10:00pm Harriet Kapner, Gloria Ryan,
Nicole Sternemann, Phyllis Sternemann, *Choir*
Walter Stackler, *Violin*, Katherine Stackler, *Cello*

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Enrique Valdes, *Sexton*