# Christ the King Episcopal Church



The Nativity of our Lord Holy Eucharist, Rite II December 25, 2023 10:30 AM

## Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church!

If you live in the area and do not have a church home, we invite you to journey with us as followers of Christ in this wonderful community! If you are a seasonal guest, we are delighted that you found your way to the "church in the wildwood," and we invite you to consider Christ the King as your church home away from home.

# Hearing Assist devices are available in the narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

A note about our worship service: We understand that newcomers to the Episcopal Church might be a little lost during the worship service. Don't worry – you are in good company! Many of us did not grow up in the Episcopal Church, but were drawn to the way that our worship feels simultaneously ancient and contemporary. So if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. It is most important that you experience the sights, sounds, and silence of our worship service.

The worship bulletin contains the scripture lessons for the day, and points you to page numbers in the red *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which is found in your pew rack. At the 10:30 service, hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*, which is also in the pew rack. There are pamphlets in the pamphlet rack in the church narthex (lobby) that give helpful information about the Episcopal Church. Feel free to pick some up and read through them.

## **Making Connections**

Jesus' birth is announced by angels to shepherds with flocks of sheep. Perhaps Luke is pointing here to the significance of Jesus' birth for non-elites, anticipating Jesus' proclamation of good news to the poor(4:18) as well as Jesus' own homelessness (9:58). Here in Luke, Jesus and his supporters embark on a long journey to Jerusalem, one that will form followers, crowds, and disciples into a community, much in the same was that Israelite slaves wandered through the desert with their leader Moses, as they began to be formed by God into a nation. Bethlehem is also the city of David, the Shephard King. That the child is laid in a manger, or crib, perhaps a feeding trough for domestic animals, introduces the notion, expanded in Christian tradition, that Jesus is born surrounded by cows, oxen, and other animals.

## The Entrance Rite

## The Prelude Dr. David Ott, Organ

This is a time for silence, stillness, and centering as we prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship.

## The Welcome and Announcements

## The Invitatory (standing)

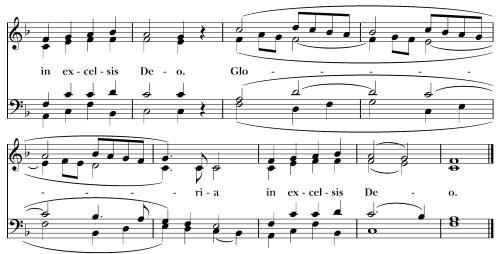
Celebrant: Alleluia. To us a child is born.

People: O Come, let us adore him. Alleluia

## The Ringing of the Bell

## The Hymn in Procession (standing) Angels we have Heard on High





Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

## The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

## The Collect for Purity (said by Celebrant)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets his: 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.** 

## The Hymn of Praise (standing)



The Liturgy of the Word

## The Collect of the Day (standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

## The First Reading (seated)

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 98 (read responsively by whole verse)

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

## The Second Reading (seated)

Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able

## The Sequence Hymn (standing)



## The Gospel (standing)

John 1:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

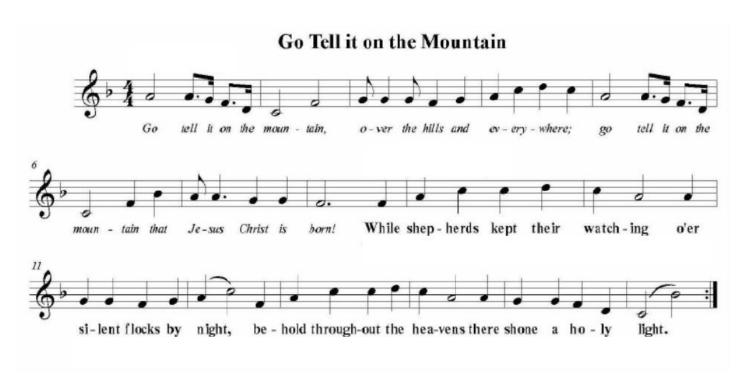
He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The congregation remains standing and sings:



The Homily (seated)

The Rev'd Richard Gillespie Proctor, OA

## The Nicene Creed (standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen, and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he

came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

## The Prayers of the People (kneeling or standing)

Celebrant: In Christ God's Word has become flesh, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. Let us pray to the true light which enlightens the world, asking that all creation may receive grace upon grace from the fullness of God, saying: What has come into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people.

#### Intercessor:

You have called the Church to witness to the light which enlightens everyone: Empower our testimony that all persons may know themselves to be children of God and share the gospel of the Word made flesh.

What has come into being in Christ was life,

and the life was the light of all people.

Inspire the leaders of our nation and all in authority in the ways of grace and truth, that we may no longer be a people enslaved under the law, but know ourselves to be heirs, adopted as God's own children.

What has come into being in Christ was life,

and the life was the light of all people.

Be light in the darkness for all the world; let the fullness of Christ's heart may be made known for the healing of the earth.

What has come into being in Christ was life,

and the life was the light of all people.

Live among us, O Word made flesh, and reconcile this community to your light. What has come into being in Christ was life,

and the life was the light of all people.

May your people sing a new song for your marvelous work, as we pray in faith for those on our parish prayer list.

Hear our gratitude for your glory manifest among us, especially for our family here at Christ the King.

Receive those who have died as heirs of eternal life.

What has come into being in Christ was life,

and the life was the light of all people.

**Celebrant**: Loving and gracious Creator, from the beginning you have brightened our darkness with the light of your life: Let your vindication shine out like the dawn, and your salvation like a burning torch, that your Word made flesh may bring grace upon grace to all the earth, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## The Confession of Sin and Absolution (kneeling)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

A period of silence is kept.

All say together
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace (all stand)

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

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn (seated)

#### In the Bleak Midwinter



#### The people stand

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own, have we given thee.

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A (remain standing)

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It 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 the 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 (sung)



The people stand or kneel.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

After 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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*.

## The Lord's Prayer (standing)

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

Celebrant & People: 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.

## Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

An usher will come to your pew to invite you forward to the altar rail for communion.

All are invited and encouraged to come forward to the altar rail during communion. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition/denomination, are welcome to receive communion. To receive the Body of Christ/Bread, place one hand over the other, palms facing upwards, and the minister will place the Bread in your hand. To receive the Blood of Christ/Wine, place your hand on the base of the chalice to assist the chalice bearer in bringing the chalice to your lips (or you may dip the Bread in the Wine if you prefer). Those who are not baptized or who are baptized but do wish not to partake in the Eucharistic Elements, cross your arms over your chest, and you will receive a blessing from the priest. If you are interested in the sacrament of baptism, please see Fr. Richard after worship...he'd love to have a conversation with you!

## Communion Hymns (seated)





The Prayer for Mission and Thanksgiving (standing)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People:

Eternal 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.

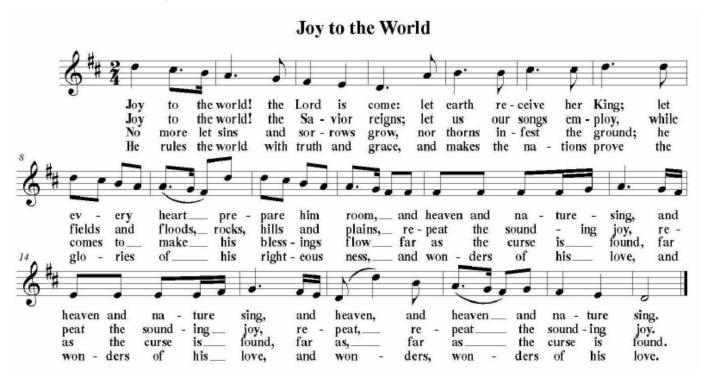
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singlesness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing (standing)

Celebrant:

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.* 

## The Processional Hymn (standing)



## The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. (Alleluias are only added during the great 50 days of Easter)

The Postlude: Dr. David Ott, Organ

# Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of or Thanksgiving for:

In Memory of Our beloved, Tim Harbeson by Buffy and Lark

In memory of David by The Kellogg Family

In Memory of Bob Tait by Fran Tait

In Memory of Hank Rice by Marlyna Rice

In loving memory of Edmund W. Burbach, Sr & my parents, Ann & Robert Schumacher by Marianne Burbach

In memory of Gretchen Tiszafalvy by Dennis Tiszafalvy

In memory of Robert S. Fairweather by Tommy Fairweather

In memory of our Grandparents: Richard Thomas Gillespie; Mary McGavock Gillespie; Maurice Julian Proctor; Sarah Ball Proctor; Joseph Alfred Saliba & Irby Martin By The Rev'ds Emily Rose and Richard Gillespie Proctor

In memory of William Freeze and Raymond Stamps by Cheryl Freeze

In Honor of The Proctor Family by Emily Caruso

In Honor of Mary Lynn Berglund by Tom and Carolyn Huff

In memory of Rev & Mrs. Peter M Horn by Peter Horn Jr.

In honor of Nana, Rick & McKenzie Catania by Andrew and Richard Catania

In Memory of Michael McConnell by Cindy McConnell

# Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of or Thanksgiving for:

In memory of Kay Bonn by Steve Bonn

In memory of Edwin Blocher by Mary Blocher

In memory of Kristy Harper

In memory of Barbara Florance

In memory of Tony Puttock and Trevor Chatfield by Ron and Pennie Lucas

In honor of our grandchildren, Ruby and George Reynolds and William Thomas Turner By Kathy and Tom Reynolds

In appreciation of all those who make CtK a wonderful place to worship by Ann Clark

In memory of Clayton Roberts RM Crafton By Dale Crafton

In memory of Paul Guthals and by Mick and Karin Guthals

In memory of Evelyn and John McGee and in thanksgiving for Lindsay and Colby Cannon by Jean Miller

In memory of Tomas Galuppo by Gail Galuppo

In Thanksgiving for our Grandchildren by Marty and Joan Mars

In loving memory of Carl and Joyce French by John French

In loving memory of Jack Wellborn, Abe Watson, Lucille Ashley & Rocco by Linda Watson and Josephine Wellborn

In memory of Dottie and Loomis' great grandparents Dottie and Bill Burns by Will, Dottie and Loomis Burns

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In memory of The Weaver's and The Brown's by Terry and Kim Weaver

In loving memory of David Barrineau by Elizabeth and Beth Barrineau

In loving memory of Deacon Bob Dean by Pat Dean

In memory of Jim Ghioto by The Justiss Family

## Special thanks go out to the ministers of our worship services today:

### The Altar Server Guild of St. Tarcisius:

- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dave Reis & Carole Duncan

## The Lector Guild of St. Bede

Lector: Buffy Miller

- Prayers of the People Intercessor: Jim Moomaw

## The Hospitality Guild of St. Benedict

- Usher:

- Greeter: Rebecca Waters

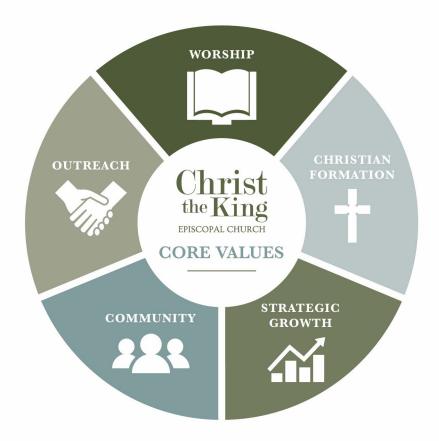
- Coffee Host:

## The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary

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### The Flower Guild of St. Therese

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## 1) Worship:

Our worship is grounded in the traditional Anglican triad of scripture, tradition, and reason. Our lovely space, liturgy, and music help focus our hearts and minds on a God who is at the same time in this world and beyond.

## 2) Outreach:

At the end of our worship services, we are dismissed with the words, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." We seek to do so by being in solidarity with those in need in our local, diocesan, and global communities by providing both hands-on and financial support.

## 3) Community:

While our worship is directed towards loving God, and our outreach is directed towards loving our neighbors, we also value the relationships we have within our own parish family. A sense of belonging, feeling connected, and loving and caring for one another is a large part of who we are and what makes Christ the King feel special.

## 4) Christian Formation:

We value the lifelong formation and development of our spiritual, intellectual, and social selves. Whether it is at the Tree House Episcopal Montessori School, Sunday forums, or weekday small groups, we believe that God calls us to be lifelong learners.

## 5) Strategic Growth:

Our growth strategy is focused on nurturing disciples not adding members. While we take seriously Jesus' command to "go and make disciples," we recognize any growth must take into account our stewardship of our physical plant as well as our ability to remain meaningfully connected with one another.

## CAMPUS MAP



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- 7. EDUCATION BUILDING: YOUTH ROOM
- 8. NURSERY
- 9. PLAYGROUND
- 10. THE TREE HOUSE EPISCOPAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

