Christ the King Episcopal Church



The Nativity of our Lord Holy Eucharist, Rite II December 24, 2023 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM

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

A Litany of Carols

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Invitatory (standing)

The people stand as they are able.

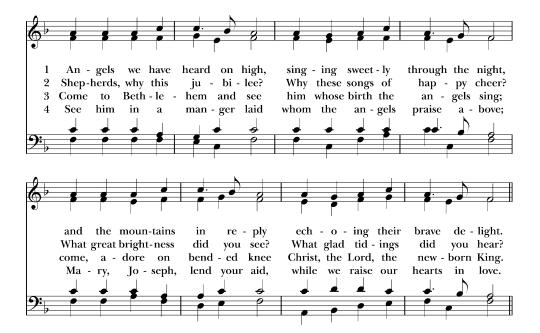
Celebrant: Alleluia. To us a child is born.

People: O Come, let us adore him. Alleluia

The Ringing of the Bell

The Processional Hymn (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 for ever. 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (standing)

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 Reading (seated)

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 96 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading (seated)

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn (standing)



The Gospel (standing)

Luke 2:1-20

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will

find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

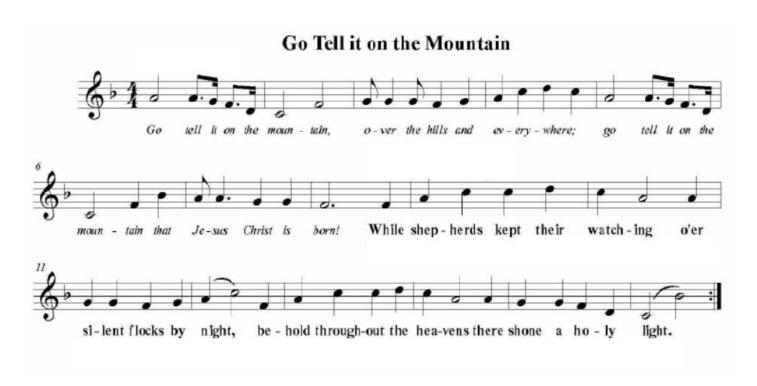
"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Celebrant: Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus you have filled all humanity with your divine life: Hear our prayers of joy and thanksgiving as we offer our supplications to you, saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to God's people on earth.

Intercessor:

You have entrusted the Church with good news of great joy for all people: Inspire our witness that we may spread the light of Jesus' love to all humanity.

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Let your power and compassion guide those who exercise authority on earth, that they may be servants of peace, bringing comfort and security to all who are vulnerable. Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Embrace with your eternal protection all who are poor: refugees and the displaced, those threatened by violence, and families with no place to call their home. Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Fill this community with hospitality and generosity, that we may care for one another and celebrate the joy of your presence in our humanity.

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and peace to God's people on earth.

We entrust to your divine grace all for whom we pray, especially those on our Parish Prayer List.

We give thanks for shepherds and all the vigilant who work while others sleep. Hear our grateful thanksgiving for all the gifts and blessings in our lives, especially for our God Emmanuel, who came and comes to be with us.

We entrust into your eternal arms those who have died.

Celebrant: Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child to live among us in vulnerable humility: Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution (standing)

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

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Offertory Hymn (seated)

Hymn 112

In the Bleak Midwinter



The Presentation of the Gifts (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All 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 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; spoken)

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.

The Breaking of the Bread (standing)

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem



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!

The Communion Hymns (seated)





Ushers and acolytes will turn out the lights and begin lighting the handheld candles.



The Prayer for Mission (standing)

The people stand as they are able.

All Stand

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.

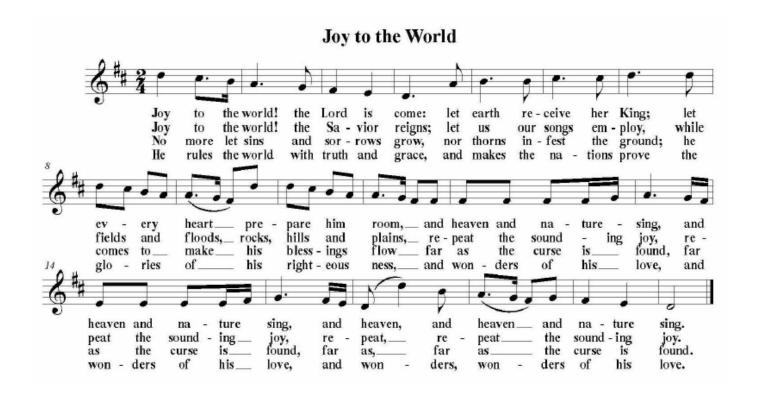
The Blessing (standing)

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.

The Processional Hymn (standing)

Amen.



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

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

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: John Tait(4:30); Dave Reis(7:00), Jim Moomaw(7:00)
- Crucifers: Samantha Torrey(4:30), Carson Dossett(4:30); Grace Kerrigan(7:00)
- Torchbearers: Violet Torrey(4:30), Berkeley King(4:30); Kaila Spector(7:00),
 Whip Jones(7:00)
- Gospel Bearer: Anderson King(4:30)

The Lector Guild of St. Bede

- Lector: Dale Dalbey(4:30); Mark Mahaffey(7:00)
- Prayers of the People Intercessor: James Habshey(4:30); Buffy Miller(7:30)

The Hospitality Guild of St. Benedict

- Ushers: John Finch(4:30); Mike Gavigan(4:30), Magee Dossett(4:30),
- Mary Blocher(4:30); Rebecca Waters(7:00), Bryan Whitehead(7:30)
- Greeter: Jenny Adams(4:30); Meredith Spector(7:00)

The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary

Altar: The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary

The Flower Guild of St. Therese

Altar: The Flower Guild of St. Therese

CAMPUS MAP



- 1. SANCTUARY
- 2. CHURCH OFFICES
- 3. SANDEFUR HALL
- 4. HUGHES LIBRARY
- 5.PARLOR
- 6. EDUCATION BUILDING: CONFERENCE ROOM
- 7. EDUCATION BUILDING: YOUTH ROOM
- 8. NURSERY
- 9. PLAYGROUND
- 10. THE TREE HOUSE EPISCOPAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

