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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimum.

Prelude

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Nicholas Palmer

Hymn in Procession #137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

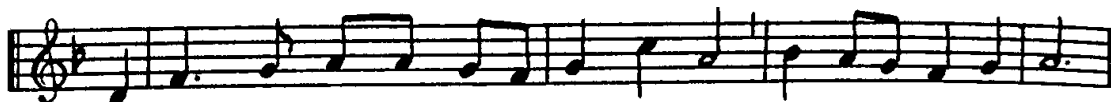
The First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation may join in singing the antiphon



1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples. [ANTIPHON]

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name*
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies
and the decree that he gave them. [ANTIPHON]

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. [ANTIPHON]

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be

attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

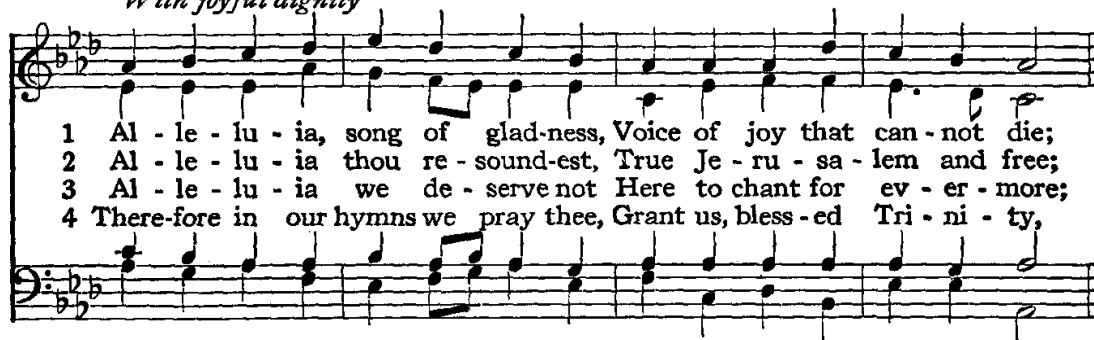
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

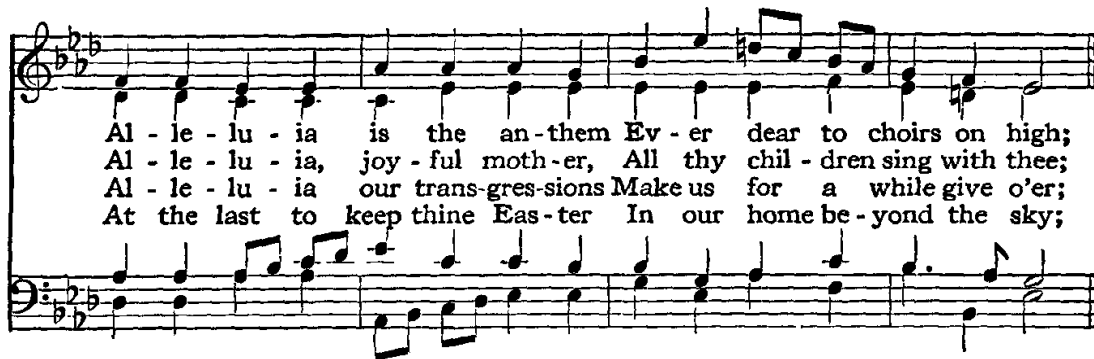
Alleluia, song of gladness

Dulce carmen

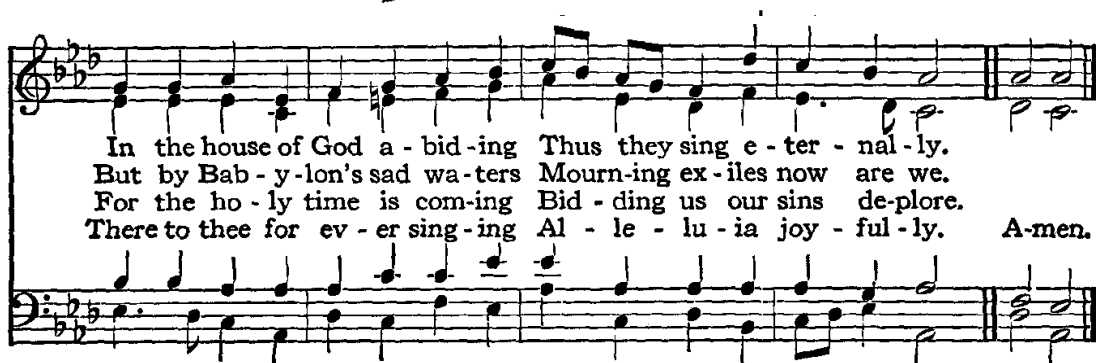
With joyful dignity



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad-ness, Voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound-est, True Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia we de - serve not Here to chant for ev - er - more;
 4 There-fore in our hymns we pray thee, Grant us, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty,



Al - le - lu - ia is the an-them Ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, All thy chil - dren sing with thee;
 Al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions Make us for a while give o'er;
 At the last to keep thine Eas-ter In our home be - yond the sky;



In the house of God a - bid-ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal-ly.
 But by Bab - y-lon's sad wa-ters Mourn-ing ex - les now are we.
 For the ho - ly time is com-ing Bid - ding us our sins de-plore.
 There to thee for ev - er sing-ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful-ly. A-men.

Latin, 11th cent.; Tr. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1851, alt.

The Gospel Acclamation



Verse *This is my Son, my beloved; * with whom I am well pleased.*

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

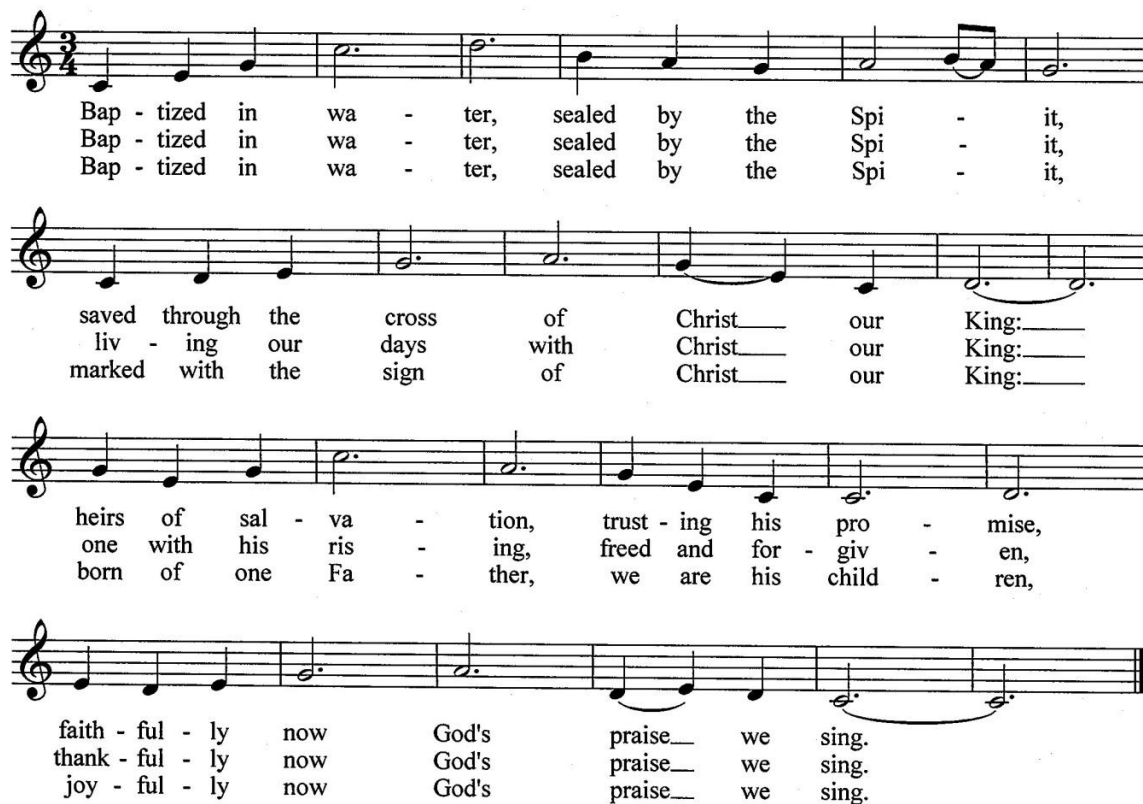
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter



Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - it,
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saved through the cross of Christ our King:____
 liv - ing our days with Christ our King:____
 marked with the sign of Christ our King:____

heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his pro - mise,
 one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,
 born of one Fa - ther, we are his child - ren,

faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

The Holy Baptism of Isla Christgau

Parents: Cara & Terrence Christgau

Godparents: Siobhan Hubbell & David Christgau

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Isla Christgau to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
<i>Parents and Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Isla in her life in Christ?
<i>People</i>	We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Please stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us join with Isla, who is being committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Father?
<i>People</i>	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
<i>People</i>	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Isla who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Congregation may please be seated.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isla, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Isla, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed on Isla the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant & People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace

Stephen Hatfield

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see*

*When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Was blind, was so blind,
but now I see.*

John Newton

The Doxology

Hymnal #380, vs 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.



The Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus

S-129

**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.**

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar; God of Isaac and Rebecca; God of Jacob, Rachael and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

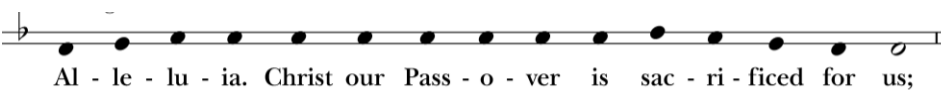
AMEN.

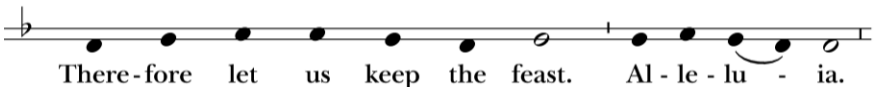
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

Communion Jesu dulcis memoria *arr. Charles Callahan*

Communion Hymn #337 And now, O Father (omit*) *Unde et memores*

Thanksgiving after Communion *Please stand or kneel.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Voluntary

Hyfrydol

Anna Marie Page

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Kiechel

L.E.M.: MaryAnn Risley

Ushers: Mike Ragsdale

10:00 am

Crucifer: Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Geri Livengood, Alex Zander,
Lori Parks

L.E.M.: Matt Genung

Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

Joining us in worship & fellowship on February 8, 2026

8:00 am: 23

10:00 am: 105

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: John, Amy, Linda, Joyce, Laura, Adam, Ryan, Lindsay, Ellie, Herder, Edgar, Daryl, Ruth, Ishi, Carol Irene, Jennifer, Art, Mike, Louise, Sharon, Gail, Nadine. Ray, Yonnie, Terry, Mrs. Ceriello, Jeff and Chandler

For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel, Jonathan and Nicholas.

We rejoice with... Mitch Hillard, Ty Parker, Adrianne Caggiano, Jonathan Streeter and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Janine & Michael Love and Jeff & Jane Butz on their anniversaries.

*Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office
to have names added or removed from our prayer list.*

Announcements & Events



Annual Meeting of the Parish
TODAY at 9:00 am in Holley Hall

Thank you to those who have offered to stand
for election:

Warden (two-year term)

MaryAnn Risley (3rd Term)

Vestry (one-year term)

Mark Dubel

Vestry (three-year term)

Cecelia Clayton (1st Term)

Sarah Jaqueth (2nd Term)

Mike Ragsdale (1st Term)

Diana Riker (1st Term)

Danise Tellefsen (2nd Term)

Convention Delegates

Mark Hoyer

Nick Orichio

Luz Quintero

Alternate Delegates

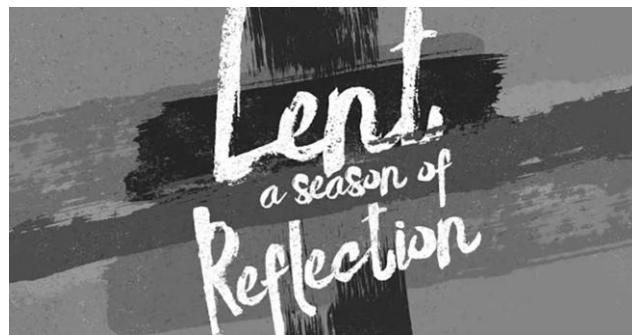
Geri Livengood

MaryAnn Risley

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 18
Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes
12 noon & 7 pm

Mark the beginning of Lent with this solemn service reminding us of our own mortality.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.



Lenten Series 2026
Wednesday Evenings
7:00-8:00 pm
Beginning February 25

Spiritual Struggles:
Strategies for Strengthening
& Sustaining our Faith

Our prayer book invites us into the season of Lent through “self-examination, repentance, prayer, and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (pg. 265).

You are invited to join in this holy work with others through our five-week Lenten series. Led by Chris Streeter and Tricia Lyons, we will spend time identifying some of the spiritual struggles and pitfalls that can challenge and discourage us. Utilizing both large and small group formats, we will look at different strategies and resources that can help strengthen our faith and renew our connections to God, each other and our own, best selves.

Our first, introductory session will be held on Wednesday, February 25 beginning at 7:00 pm in Holley Hall. We hope you will join us throughout the season of Lent, preparing our ourselves in heart, body, mind and spirit for the coming of Easter and reclaiming the joys given to us through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Christ Episcopal Church
2026 Women's Retreat*

GOD IS DOING A NEW THING

*Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19*

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

9AM-4PM

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Building #3
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Cost: \$50

Includes: lunch, coffee, tea and snacks

Scholarships and financial aid available

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Facilitated by The Rev. Danielle Baker

The Rev. Danielle D. Baker serves as Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's in Morris Plains, focusing on stewardship, spiritual growth, and service. She is dedicated to helping others discover and share their gifts through worship, teaching, prayer, and community engagement.



*Let the healing grace of your love, O Lord, so transform me,
That I may play my part in the transfiguration of the world,
From a place of suffering, death and corruption
To a realm of infinite light, joy and love.
Make me so obedient to your Spirit
That my life may become a living prayer,
And a witness to your unfailing presence.*

Martin Israel



Christ Church Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, 11th Bishop of Newark

The Rev. Christopher M. Streeter, Rector

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The Rev. Candace Sandfort
& The Rev. Jeanette Hile, Assisting Clergy

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Karrie Miller, Parish Administrator

Joseph Mello, Director of Music/Choirmaster

Diana Greene, Organist

Deborah Mello, Youth Choir

The Rev. Jenny Streeter, Christian Formation

Sue Mittelstadt, Children's Ministry

Luz Quintero, Sexton