



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
 THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 HOLY EUCHARIST

January 12, 2025

We welcome you today, and always, just as you are. All directions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are “as you are able”. If you need assistance, please ask a neighbor or an usher.

Let us gather in silence to listen to God before the Eucharist and gather to build community after the service.

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PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise

H 135

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God to God in the highest (Canticle 20)

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.


¹Now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98 – All the Ends of the Earth

Refrain:



all the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.

Verses:

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm.
2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn. Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

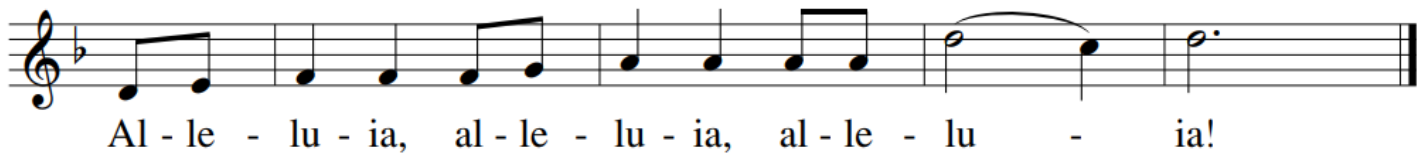
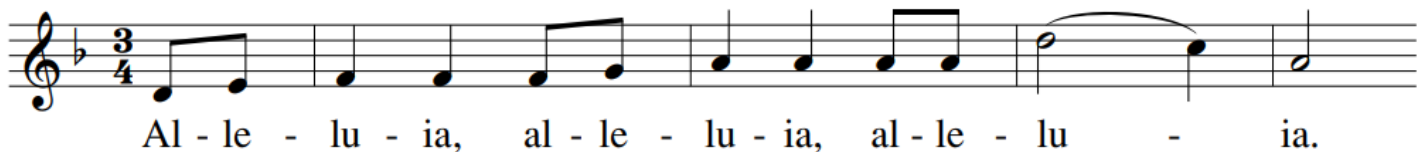
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOPSEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Taizé)

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GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Let us renew the Baptismal Covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Together let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring peace to the whole world so that all people may live and grow in love with one another, especially those living in Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Ukraine, and Haiti;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep safe those suffering from recent natural disasters as they rebuild their lives, especially those affected by the flooding in England, the wildfires in California, and the winter storms across the United States;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who serve in the military, education, nonprofits, healthcare, law enforcement, and anyone who cares for the well-being of others that they be supported in their efforts, especially David B., Shawn M., Jackie C., Doug C., Richard W., Eric C., Chris W., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Deonne H., Tony G., Timothy N., Jerome S., Tommy K., William S., Bianca D., Julie S., Rob H., Tom H., Joan H., Michael D., Mitchell H., and Wayne M.;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who are sick; suffering; ill; infirm; disabled; confined; homebound; hungry; thirsty; needy; homeless; imprisoned; and addicted, especially these persons on our Prayer List: Brennan, A.C., Bill A., John D., R.P., Vicki, T., Jane B., David L., Jeff L., Lisa S., Fran F., Mark S., Patty, Christine M., Lisa P., Katie C., Bill G., Don G., Michele, Bill F., Janice K., Tracy, Jim, Susan A., Emily D., Becca D., Katharyn H., Ben G., Frank D., Ollie R., Mary Lou W., and Vincent N.;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, as we especially remember Leslie “Les” Torrens, Richard Anthony “Tony” Untied, James Earl “Jimmy” Carter, Thomas Hawke, Theresa Marie Brumfield Means, Barbara Elizabeth Commo Oscar, Diane Carmela Talone Pastor, Donny “Don” Mignone, and Edward H. Riffert;

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[See the Announcements Section in the Bulletin for all the events happening around our Parish Church.](#)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

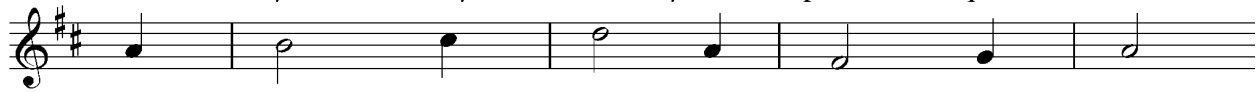
OFFERTORY HYMN

The sinless one to Jordan came

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1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
4 to heal and save a race un - done!
5 go forth with you a world to win:
6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
6 that with you died, and with you rose.

THE TABLE

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Lift Up Your Hearts

S 120

Celebrant *People* *Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

SANCTUS

**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.**

Holy, holy, holy

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We 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. On 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." 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, according to his command, O Father,

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Therefore, according to his command

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We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

EPICLESIS

And 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 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 Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, 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.

THE GREAT AMEN

Amen.

Amen

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Celebrant *People*
A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – FRACTION ANTHEM

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

O Lamb of God

S 163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Communion is distributed by kneeling or standing at the altar rail. You can receive the Body of Christ in the form of bread and the Blood of Christ in the form of wine from the common chalice. Please do not intinct (dip) the host. If you are unable to walk or kneel, you may stand or remain in your pew, and Communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest, as you are able. If the steps are difficult, please alert an usher for assistance.

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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 SENDING

BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

Amen.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

Amen.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join us today, we are glad that you are here. If you would like to learn more about the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region and Christ Church Ridley Park (CCRP), please go to our website and click “Join” under the Connect Tab: ChristChurchRidleyPark.org.

PRAYER

Adult Forum: The casual free-flowing conversation will continue every Sunday. We will start at 9:00AM in the Deppich Room. Starting after Christmas, Adult Forum will focus on Lectionary Based Bible Study.

Daily Office: Through Facebook or the Parish Website you can join Fr. Michael on Mondays through Saturdays for Morning Prayer at 8:30AM and Evening Prayer at 7:00PM. These services last about 10 to 15 minutes and include a Psalm, a Scripture Reading, and Intercessions for those in need. You do not even have to leave the comfort of your home. Join live or replay videos at your convenience.

Midweek Eucharist: Fr. Michael will preside over the Eucharist every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM. Not a morning person? Work on the weekends? Looking for a midweek faith practice? Then we will see you in the pews on Wednesdays. There will be no Midweek Services on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 or Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025. The Midweek Service will resume on Wednesday, January 29th, 2025.

Homebound Visits: Our Team of Lay Eucharistic Visitors are ready to bring communion to homebound parishioners. If you would like a visit and want to receive communion in your home, notify the Church Office so that it can be arranged for you.

Lay Ministers: Ministries are open to anyone who would be interested in being a Lector, Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitors, and Choir Members. Liturgy is the work of the people. We all can play a part in our Sunday prayer and we need re participation. We will train you in the process of each role. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to be included, please e-mail Office@ChristChurchRidleyPark.org.

Children’s Sunday School: This is creative and fun Christian Education using the Godly Play method for children Pre-K to 5th Grade which meets in the Whaley Room with Leader Sharon Cotter on Sundays at 10:00AM. It uses a play-filled method of invitation into Bible Stories and the Christian Tradition. We love to make art, share stories, and build relationships together while learning about our faith.

Refresh the Prayer List: We ask that you please inform the office if you are aware of anyone who can be added or removed from the Prayers of the People. To keep our lists up to date, it is helpful to know any changes in status.

Sacraments: The sacraments are for everyone! Christ Church is your neighborhood church, and we welcome all to grow in your faith journey. If you or a family member or friend need to be baptized, married, confirmed, visited while in the hospital or at home, or buried, please know our doors are open to you. You do not need to be a member; just reach out to the office and we will gladly try to assist you.

Upcoming Funeral Services

Edward “Ed” H. Riffert – Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 --- Visitation at 9:00AM & Service at 10:00AM
Leslie “Les” Torrens – Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 --- Visitation at 10:00AM & Service at 11:00AM

Feast of The Presentation or Candlemas: 40 Days after the birth of Christ we commemorate Jesus’s presentation in the Temple. It is traditional to bless candles on this date. On Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, feel free to bring candles from your home to be blessed. We will also celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise of Sebaste with the Blessing of Throats.

Healing Eucharist: In honor of the World Day for the Sick on Sunday, February 9th, 2025, we will have anointing and prayers for healing at both Services.

Guest Preacher: Dave Kasievich, the Headmaster of Saint James School will be the Guest Preacher on Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 at both Services. He will also be bringing some students to join us this morning. Saint James School is the only Episcopal school in Philadelphia providing a faith-based education for Grades 4 through 8 in the West Allegheny neighborhood.

SERVICE

Free Shared Meal: “The Gathering” is a free shared community meal for all! Christ Church is starting a new ministry of community on the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome to join in a time of food and company with no questions asked. If you need a meal or just want company, then this is the event for you. Our first meal will be lasagna on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 at 4:00PM in Musselman Hall. Please share this invitation with your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. There will be a Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 26th, 2025 at 9:00AM.

“Souper” Bowl Sunday: On this Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th, 2025 we remember all the local food pantries which help so many people in our neighborhoods. Bring in an extra item this week to help pantries in both Ridley Park and Essington.

COMMUNITY

Office Closed: The Church Office will be CLOSED on the following Dates:

Monday, January 20th, 2025 – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 3rd, 2025 through Friday, February 7th, 2025

Monday, February 17th, 2025 – Presidents’ Day Holiday

Savings Cards: Savings Cards are back for 2025 and are being sold for \$10.00 each. 17 Local Merchants are participating, and all proceeds will go to the Outreach Committee. Savings Cards can be purchased after Services or by contacting the Church Office.

Pledging for 2025: There is still time to consider your stewardship commitment and pledge as we prepare for the 2025 Annual Meeting. Pledging is a regular financial commitment discerned through prayerful consideration of our Church’s mission. It is important for Christ Church to know your stewardship commitment so that we can plan appropriately for our ministries in 2025. When you share your gifts, you enable our parish to continue its important ministries and programs. Submit a digital or physical pledge card, or you can call the church office to inform us of your pledge amount. Thank you!

Giving Envelopes: Giving Envelopes for Parishioners are now available. Booklets of Envelopes for Parishioners who requested them are located in the rear of the Church.

2025 Calendars Available NOW! Episcopal Church Calendars with Holidays, Feast Days, Lectionary Readings, and Seasonal Colors for 2025 sponsored by White-Luttrell Funeral Homes, Ltd. are now available to Christ Church Ridley Park Parishioners. They will be placed in the back of the Church and on the table inside the Green Doors. Please take one when you are here for Services.

Sponsor Weekly Flowers: Sponsoring of Weekly Flowers will return after the Feast of the Epiphany. Parishioners can sponsor Weekly Flowers starting on January 19th, 2025. You can sponsor Flowers in honor or memory of a person or occasion by: Going Online to the Church Website, Calling or E-mailing the Church Office, or Placing a Request in the Collection Basket. Requests should be submitted at least one (1) full week in advance to ensure that it will be listed in the Bulletin for a particular Sunday.

2025 Updated Directory Available NOW! The Updates to the Church Directory have been completed. A copy has been e-mailed out to all Parishioners, and there are limited Printed Copies available in the Church Office. If you need a Printed Copy, please contact Nick in the Office who can provide one to you in person or by mail.

Book Group: Join the Book Group on Tuesday, January 14th, 2025 at 2:00PM in the Deppich Room as we discuss a non-fiction work Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson. Much of the story is presented from the standpoint of the captains of the two vessels involved: the luxury liner Lusitania and the German Submarine U-20. Larson also brings to life a cast of unembellished characters using archival sources creating the dramatic and emotional tension of a contemporary thriller or spy novel.

De-Christmasing Assistance Needed: On Sunday, January 19th, 2025 at 10:00AM Eucharist please spend some time and help with undecorating the church from the Christmas season. It should only take a half hour. Please help yourself by adopting one or more poinsettias for your own home or someone who might appreciate a plant.

Christ Church Fun: Many time-honored parts of church life have been forgotten, and they need to be revived. We would like to see a simple weekly coffee hour return to Sundays. We would love to see potlucks or church gatherings happen in restaurants or in people's homes. We live in a time where we need to rebuild our community and overcome isolation. We need your help to make this fun community building happen so please share your thoughts and ideas with the Office or Vestry. Let 2025 be the year of bringing these essential parts of church life back to Christ Church.

Annual Parish Meeting: Save the date! On Sunday, January 26th, 2025, we will host our Annual All Parish Meeting, and we would love to have you there. A Hoagie Lunch will be provided. We will discuss our 2024 accomplishments and challenges, review and approve the 2025 budget, and nominate and vote on new Vestry Members. Your voice matters! If you are on a Parish Church Committee, please submit your Annual Summary Reports for 2024 to Nick in the Parish Church Office by Friday, January 17th, 2025. NOTE: There will only be one (1) Service on this day at 10:00AM.

Evening of Music: On Friday, January 31st, 2025 at 7:00PM in honor of the Feast of St. Brigid of Kildare, there will be a Music Festival with Br. Stefan Waligur. It will be a night of music Irish and Celtic music and storytelling in honor of Ireland's "Other Saint".

Go Deeper Online! Scan the QR code pictured here on the right with your smartphone camera to connect with Christ Church Ridley Park online platforms or visit linktr.ee/ccrp1 in your web browser. Watch livestreams, visit our website, sign up for lay ministries, give online, follow our social media, and so much more!



Feast Days of the Week:

Monday, January 13th, 2025: Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop

Thursday, January 16th, 2025: Richard Meux Benson, Priest, and Charles Gore, Bishop

Friday, January 17th, 2025: Antony of Egypt, Monastic

Saturday, January 18th, 2025: Confession of Saint Peter, Apostle

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held from Saturday, January 18th, 2025 to Saturday, January 25th, 2025.

Christ Church Ridley Park (CCRP) Leadership

The Reverend Michael Ruk, Interim Priest-in-Charge

Nicholas D'Amato, Parish Church Administrator

Guest Organist: Michael Lewis

Choir Members: Julie Wickland, Alice Berry, Carole Buchan, Robert Hand

Vestry Members: Sharon Cotter, Nicole Bowden, Eileen Capozzoli, Earl Dempsey, Bruce Horne, Nancy Mobley, Kathleen Okarski, Patrick O'Neill, Carol Parasink, Barbara Torrens, & Judy Yorke

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