The Holy Eucharist

RITE II

The Nativity of Christ

December 24th, 2025 • 7pm





WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time worshipping at Christ Church, we are especially delighted by your presence. Your hopes, dreams, fears, and mess are all welcome in this space.

If you would like to know more about Christ Church, please fill out one of the newcomer cards in your pew and place it in the plate at the offering or hand it to an usher. You may also fill out the form online using the QR code in your pew. We look forward to getting to know you.

CHILDREN

We are a community for all ages, and children are especially welcome to run around, play, and cry in the sanctuary during the worship service. There is a corner on the north side (on your left if facing the altar) with toys and books, and all are welcome to use it. We hope you and your children feel welcome and comfortable here.

Nursery care for children up to four years old is available downstairs during the service. It is a bit confusing to find the nursery, so please ask a greeter to accompany you!

Children's safety is of total importance. Each adult working with children has passed a background check and completed mandatory safety training. No child is ever alone with an adult.

COVID PRACTICES

Masks are required and available at the door.

Why are we still masking?

- 1. Because Covid, alongside other airborne viruses, is still causing death and chronic illness, and it is preventable. Most of us will never meet the people whose lives are ended or permanently changed by thoughtless spreading of disease in public, but that does not mean we should not protect them. Jesus brought healing, not illness, to his people.
- 2. Because masking is a form of access. Masking is necessary for people whose immune systems are compromised or vulnerable: people with cancer, people with transplants, people with autoimmune diseases, pregnant people, the elderly, and babies who are not old enough to be vaccinated. We do not believe only the able-bodied should be able to attend worship safely.
- 3. Because we are a sacrificial tradition. Jesus died on the cross for the liberation and salvation of all, and asked us to lay down our lives for our friends. If an hour or two of mild discomfort allows all people to participate, and prevents the death and disabling of the most vulnerable in our society, then we cheerfully and wholeheartedly invite that discomfort.

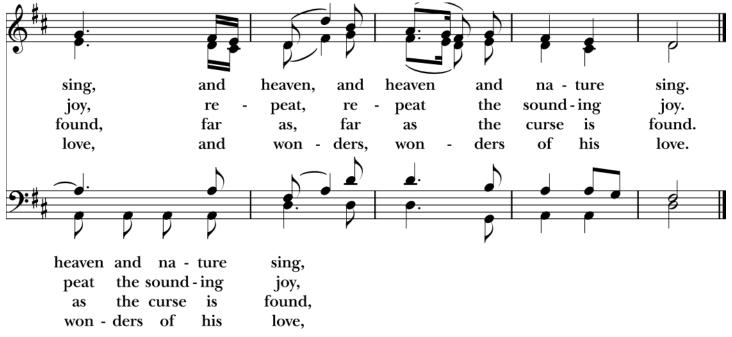
Questions may be directed to Rev. Shelly: revshellyfayette@gmail.com

Air Movement and Filtration: We have upgraded our HVAC system to provide significantly increased air circulation. Additionally we have added HEPA-level filtration as well as UV scrubbers that sanitize the air in the sanctuary.

Testing for Preacher: The only person who will remove their mask during the service will be the preacher. The sermon is the portion of the service where there is no written and visual corollary. So, it is important for people to be able to hear the preacher clearly and lip reading is essential for many. The preacher will take two rapid antigen tests, 48 hours apart, before the service.

We Gather in God's Name





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The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The four candles on the Advent Wreath and the Christ candle are lit. An individual is invited forward to light the candles and say:

The four candles we have lit during Advent represent hope, peace, joy, and love. All of them are manifest in the one we light tonight: the Christ Candle. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our wildness. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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.**



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson Isaiah 62:6-12

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;

all day and all night

they shall never be silent.

You who remind the Lord,

take no rest,

and give him no rest

until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored;

but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord,

and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people;

build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,

"See, your salvation comes;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord";

and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

All

- 1. You reign / O God; let the earth rejoice; * let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2. Clouds and darkness are round about you; *

righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.

3. A fire goes before you *

and burns up your enemies on every side.

4. Your lightnings light up the world; * the earth sees it and is afraid.

- 5. The mountains melt like wax at your presence, O God, * at your presence, O God of the whole earth.
- 6. The heavens declare your righteousness, * and all the peoples see your glory.
- 7. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! * Let all gods bow down before you.
- 8. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments, O God.

 For you are God,
- 9. most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10. You love those who hate evil; you preserve the lives of your saints and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11. Light has sprung up for the righteous and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12. Rejoice in God, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy Name.

The Second Lesson Titus 3:4-7

Reader A reading from the letter to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - What child is this

GREENSLEEVES



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Presider People The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O 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.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Shelly Fayette

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

Presider In peace let us pray to God our Redeemer.

Intercessor Christ born for us, Child of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you.

Holy God,

People hold us in your love.

Intercessor Wonderful Counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the

mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth

Holy God,

People hold us in your love.

Intercessor Mighty One, all authority rests on your shoulders: guide the leaders of all peoples and bring in your

realm of justice and righteousness.

Holy God,

People hold us in your love.

Intercessor Everlasting God, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless

our families and renew our communities.

Holy God,

People hold us in your love.

Intercessor Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who

suffer your gift of wholeness and peace, especially Paul and Liz, Frank and Judy, James, David, Richard, Mary, Pat, Northsea, Edie, Kay, Marie, Nora, Joanne, Laura, Ellie, Kaila, Carolina,

Kathleen, Hamied and his family, and Reverend Shelly. And those we now name...

Holy God,

People hold us in your love.

Intercessor Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in

you, especially those we now name...

Holy God,

People hold us in your love.

Presider Holy One, just as angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne, we bring to you our

offerings of prayer;

All Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

All And also with you.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE Offertory Sentence

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:14-15

Christ Church exists because of all our offerings - time, labor, money, prayer, creativity, kindness. At this time, you are invited, not pressured, to make a financial offering to support our vision, and as an act of gratitude for God's abundance in your life. Your one-time, weekly, or annual gift to us funds our street ministries, allows our staff to grow, bolsters our discipleship and formation, and keeps the lights on. You may donate online at christchurchseattle.org, clicking the donate button. You can also mail your gift to Christ Church at 4548 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle, WA, 98105. You can also donate via text; text the amount you wish to give (5, 10, etc.) to 206-222-7262. Thank you. We are grateful for your generosity.

Offertory Hymn

Of our Maker's love begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Caity Anderson-Patterson, mezzo-soprano

Of our Maker's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be, Thou art Alpha and Omega, Thou the source, the ending Thee, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore.

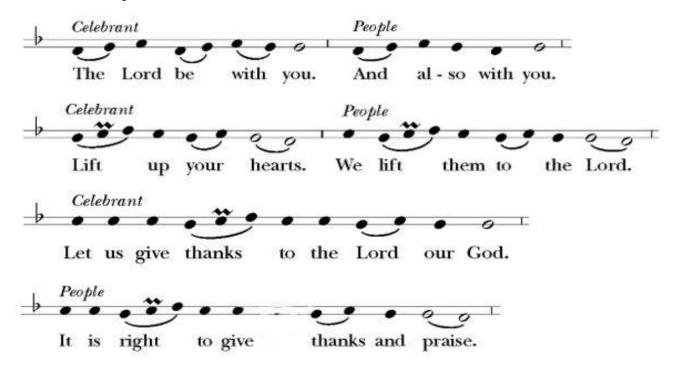
At Thy word the worlds were framèd; Thou commanded, it was done: Heav'n and earth and depths of ocean,
In their threefold order one;
All that grows beneath the shining
Of the moon and burning sun—
[Evermore and evermore.]

O that birth forever blessèd, When the virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior into this place And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face—
[Evermore and evermore.]

This is he whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord, Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word; Now he shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its God— [Evermore and evermore.]

O ye heights of Heav'n adore him! Angel hosts Thy praises bring! All dominions bow before Thee To exalt our God, we sing. Let no tongue on Earth be silent,

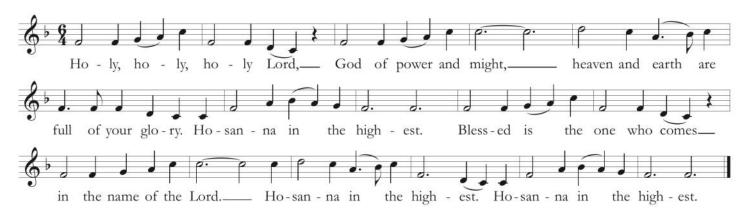
Eucharistic Prayer



Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus



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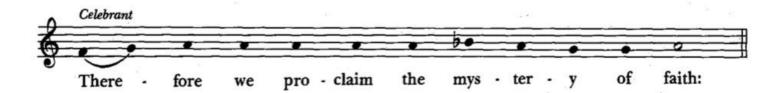
Presider

O God, you are holy and gracious: 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, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus 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, Jesus 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, Jesus 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."

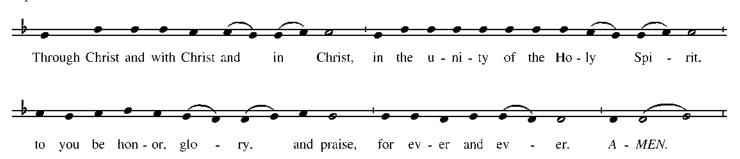




Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Reign. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:





Chant adaptations by Bruce E. Ford, 1992.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

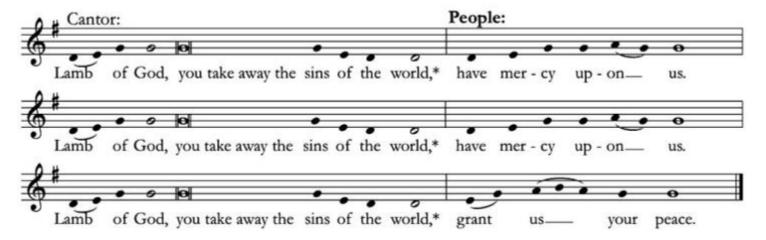
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever.

The Breaking of the Bread



Communion

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

All are welcome at God's table. All are welcome to receive Communion. You may choose to either stand at the altar rail or kneel. The priest will place a piece of bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the priest know. A Eucharistic minister will present the cup, please carefully guide it to your lips. For reasons of public health, please do not dip the bread into the wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that the totality of Jesus is fully present in both the bread and wine. When we receive only bread we are still receiving complete communion.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. You may also remain reverently in your seat.

Communion Anthem - Creator of all time and space

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Caity Anderson-Patterson, mezzo-soprano

Creator of all time and space We read your image on each face Great Spirit of the cosmic whole, You made us body, mind and soul

We thank you for the human mind In mystic harmony designed For word and image, dream and thought For lessons learned, and answers sought

O God of planet, moon and sun We wonder knowing all you've done That you befriend the human race And fill our lives with love and grace

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Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries.

that we are living members of the Body of Christ,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Christ, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Candle Lighting

The people light each other's candles in the dark and quiet.

Closing Anthem

Silent Night!

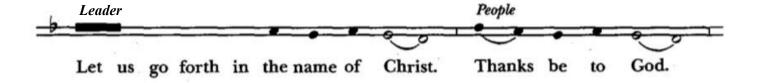
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Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!" Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King: "Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born."

The Dismissal



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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In Loving Memory of:

Ben Jackson and Pat, Judie, and Grant, from Nelda Parker

Jessie Nugent and Ralph and Margarit Johnson, from Tom and Pat Johnson

Cindy Hector and Sara Hart, from Linda Donaldson

Nancy and Charles "Dick" Kravako, from Caity Anderson-Patterson

Remembering Carol, from Evan and Ellen Degrasse

Faye, Mahlon and Lonnie Gane, and Elisabeth, David and Ron Harris, from Joslin Harris-Gane

Kylee Nicholson-Gordon, from Carlotta Han

My longtime friend Arlene Levison Slye, from Heidi Massuco

Caitlin Danisher

And in Honor and Thanksgiving for:

The celebration of family together for Christmas, from Becky Haver Christ Church, from Yukiko Hendrich, Linda Donaldson and those who wish to stay anonymous.

Daily Bread

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve 7:00pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II, Carols and Candlelight - The Rev. Shelly Fayette, *presiding* and preaching

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas Day 10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II - Danielle Hope *preaching*, The Rev. Shelly Fayette *presiding* Joyful worship, pajamas welcome

Sunday, December 28, 2025 - The First Sunday after Christmas

10:00am - Morning Prayer - Danielle Hope residing and *preaching*,

11:30am - Street Chaplaincy

Office Hours will be irregular until the new year. Please feel free to reach out to Basil over email and they will get back to you as soon as they see it!

Street Chaplaincy Help give comfort to our unhoused neighbors!

Street Chaplaincy is a ministry that walks around with basic supplies and snacks for our unhoused neighbors around the University District after church services every Sunday, rain or shine.

Come walk with us today and discover how this ministry unfolds each Sunday. We meet in Wilson Hall at about 11:30am and walk the neighborhood from noon to 1:30pm.We'd love to show you more about this important work.

If you would like to volunteer to help with street chaplaincy, use the following link: https://tinyurl.com/ CEC-street

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Board Game Night 2026 Update

Our board game night is moving to a new schedule! Starting in January, we're going to meet quarterly on Thursdays (previously monthly on Mondays). The first quarterly game night will be on Thursday, January 15th, at 7pm. Game night will NOT happen in December. Hope to see you there!

Sunday Morning Choir Hiatus

Pick-up choir will be on hiatus through the holidays and will resume in 2026. Thank you all for sharing your voices and making 2025 such a joyous year of song!

Fiber Arts Group 2026 Update Monday, December 1st at 5:30pm

Our fiber arts group will be moving meetings to the second Tuesday of the month starting in January. The first meeting will be on 1/12 from 5:30pm to about 7:00pm here at CEC in Wilson Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Basil in the office at office@christchurchseattle.org or 206.633.1611 information.

Join the Vestry at Christ Church!

As the year comes to a close, we are getting closer to our annual meeting in January when the parish elects new vestry members. The vestry is a group of elected parishioners who make decisions regarding the church's business, financial and property matters as well as other parish life decisions. We meet once a month after church with Rev. Shelly and the treasurer. There is also a vestry retreat in February. If you are interested in serving on the vestry or have questions, please talk to Rev. Shelly, Becky Haver, or any other vestry member!

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