

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



CHRISTMAS DAY I  
DECEMBER 25, 2022

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.*

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

10:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
*The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366*

PRELUDE

*Away in a manger*, Arr. Victor Labenske  
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Hymnal 93**, *Angels from the realms of glory*  
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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

HYMN AT THE GLORIA

**Hymnal 96, vs 1, 2** *Angels we have heard on high*

1. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

**(Refrain)** *Glo—ria in excelsis Deo, Glo—ria in excelsis Deo.*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? **(Refrain)**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 62:6-12

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."

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

## PSALM 97

The LORD is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.  
**Clouds and darkness are round about him, \***  
**righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**  
A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.  
**His lightnings light up the world; \***  
**the earth sees it and is afraid.**  
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
**The heavens declare his righteousness, \***  
**and all the peoples see his glory.**  
Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.  
**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \***  
**because of your judgments, O LORD.**  
For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**The LORD loves those who hate evil;  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS 3:4-7

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.

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

#### GOSPEL HYMN

**Hymnal 107, Good Christian men rejoice!**  
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#### THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-20  
*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.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

#### SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

*A period of silence will be kept.*

THE NICENE CREED, p. 358 (*Please stand*)

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor:* On this holy night as we come to give thanks to God for loving us so deeply that he made himself known to us in his son Jesus.

Loving God, as we celebrate the birth of your son Jesus, help us remember that in his birth you have given us the gift of yourself; and let your Spirit arouse in our hearts a joy so great that we know the wonders of your love and be filled with comfort, hope, joy and peace.

-May we see in Christ's birth your Divine light

**-and rejoice with the heavens on this holy morning.**

Gracious God, as we ponder the mystery and miracle of Jesus' birth, give us the humility to offer to others the same compassion, forgiveness, mercy, love and grace you give to us.

-May we follow your star and reflect its light

**-and rejoice in your love on this holy morning.**

Merciful God, comfort, heal, and give your peace to all who are suffering, especially those for whom this season is a time of grief. We lift up to you now those we hold in our hearts [*names may be offered aloud*]. We also ask that you guide and protect our nation and leaders, your Church in this place and throughout the world, our families, and all of us who are seeking to glorify you, not only with our words but with our lives.

-May we be transformed by your love and your light

**-and rejoice in the peace of this holy morning.**

*Presider:* Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of your son Jesus. May all who hear our words share our wonder and joy and set forth on a journey that leads them to you.

-In the name of your son Jesus we pray to you, O Lord.

**-AMEN.**

*Presider:* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE *All stand.*

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

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## DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 vs. 4, *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The people remain standing)*

**Book of Common Prayer, p. 361**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds:*

**Book of Common Prayer, p. 361**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

**Tune: Land of Rest**

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...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 *(Please stand)*

*Presider:* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:*

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All people who hunger for God are invited to receive communion. Please form a single file line down the center aisle and receive the consecrated bread and wine. The priest will place the bread in your hands and you can dip the bread into the wine and consume them together then.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*It came upon a midnight clear, Arr. Victor Labenske*  
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 365 (*Please stand*)

*Presider and 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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Hymnal 99**, *Go tell it on the mountain*  
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DISMISSAL

*Presider:* Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Hark the herald angels sing*, Arr. Victor Labenske  
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**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

***Presider:*** The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

***Director of Music:*** Molly Noel

***Piano and Organ:*** Amanda Gessler

***Cantor:*** Scott MacCracken

***Acolyte***

Phyllis Townsend

***Reader***

Phyllis Townsend

***Greeter/Usher***

Lynn Russell and Stoney Davis

***Fellowship Host***

Peter Grenney

**VESTRY**

Warren Klug (Sr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer), Lindsay Gorman (Jr. Warden), Diana Rumsey (Clerk),  
Joel Shannon, Donna Rowlands, Peter Grenney, Cari Kuhlman, Jay Webster, Tracy Murtagh



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for our In-Person Service at 10:00 am

Broadcasting Live at 10:00 am  
[ChristChurchAspen.org](http://ChristChurchAspen.org)

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# **The Sunday News Page**

December 25, 2022, Christmas Day I

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Campbell Lincicome and Geraldine Webster Dellenback  
by Patti and Jay Webster*

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my Parents and Family  
by Diana Rumsey*

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH**

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please sign in at the front table.  
We would love to get to know you better.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

12/25 Joy Stryker, 12/26 Lois Sando, 12/26 Remy Lamping

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

12/27 Trish and Kurt Adam

## **THE CHRIST CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

The Christ Church offices will be closed from Monday, December 26 through Saturday, December 31. See you on Sunday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

## **NEW YEARS DAY SUNDAY SERVICE**

Please note: on Sunday, January 1, 2023 there will be one service at 10:00 a.m.

## **FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 8 AT 9 AM**

Join us between Services at 9 a.m. on Sunday January 8 (the second Sunday in January). Donations are appreciated and everyone is welcome! Some say it's the best breakfast in Aspen...come along and decide for yourself.

## **"OUR COMMUNITY LISTENS" Register Now!**

Start the new year focused on strengthening relationships, as Christ Church welcomes the community to attend Bob and Cynthia Chapman's "Our Community Listens" (OCL) Feb. 7-9, 8.30am-4.30pm. OCL is the highly acclaimed 3-day course designed to help you learn how to listen effectively, express yourself clearly and build better relationships. Register using this link: <https://connect.chapmancommunities.org/e/our-community-listens-aspen-february-7-9-2023>.

## **2023 STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship gives us the opportunity to pledge to give back to God a portion of our financial resources through the mission and ministry of Christ Church. Packets containing information and pledge cards for your financial gifts for 2023 are available now. Packets have been mailed out, or you may pick one up on the front table in the Narthex. For more information, contact Kathy at [kathyklug@gmail.com](mailto:kathyklug@gmail.com) or Eric at [epelander@yahoo.com](mailto:epelander@yahoo.com).

## **SUNDAY RIDES TO CHRIST CHURCH**

Some of our Christ Church Parishioners are seeking rides to and from the Church on Sundays this winter. If you think you may be available to help or need more information, please contact Marisa at [marisa@christchurchaspen.org](mailto:marisa@christchurchaspen.org).

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at the Mountain Chalet**

Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug, [warrenklug1@gmail.com](mailto:warrenklug1@gmail.com), for details.