Christ Church

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December 14, 2025: The Third Sunday of Advent

A Celebration of The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) - 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We are delighted that you are joining us for worship today. Everything needed to fully participate in today's worship is found in this Order of Service, taken from the Book of Common Prayer. All hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, located in your pews, at the numbers indicated in this Order of Service. If you need any assistance, do not hesitate to ask an usher for help. In The Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

THE PRELUDE

Voluntary V from Ten Organ Voluntaries Op. 5

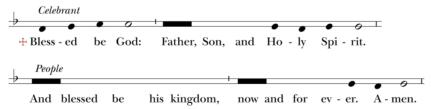
John Stanley (1712-1786)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

THE OPENING HYMN 71 Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes

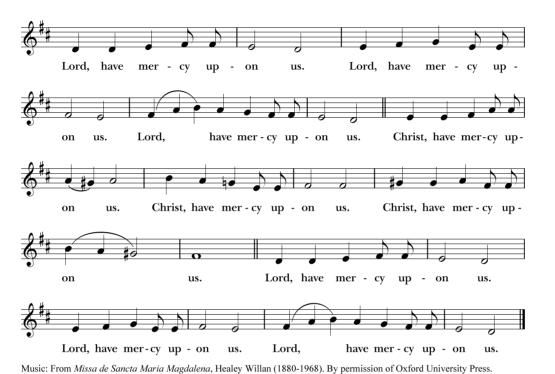
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION, all standing.



THE COLLECT FOR PURITY, prayed by the Celebrant.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING, read by Liz Giacoma.

Isaiah 35:1-10

Lector A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED: Psalm 146:4-9 Sung by the Choir. Remain seated.

Refrain sung once by the Choir, then once by all, and then wherever the Ris indicated.



- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.



7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah.

THE SECOND READING, read by Gloria Ryan.

James 5:7-10

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Lector A Reading from the Letter to James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

All stand for The Gospel Verse & The Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL VERSE, sung by the choir.

"Stir up, O Lord, thy strength: that thou mayest save us." - Psalm 80:2

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the

wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Stephen C. Tamke
Rector

THE NICENE CREED, prayed by all, 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, read by Phoebe Miller.

- Lector Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
- People That we all may be one.
- Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
- People That your Name may be glorified by all people.
- Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Sarah Archbishop Designate of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence our Bishop, and Stephen our Rector;
- People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
- Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Donald our President and Kathy our Governor;
- People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
- Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
- People That our works may find favor in your sight.
- Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
- People That they may be delivered from their distress.
- Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
- People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
- Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others..

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially, Charlie, John, John, Sarah, Jonathan, Sara, Beverly, Pattie, Sheila, Jody, Mimmi, Allie, Dominick, Jillian, Patti, Neil, Kristina, Jane, Sean, Annmarie, Mary-Ann, Cathleen, Myron, Lou, Stacey, Kawall, Thombi, Julia, Angelo, Lynn, Elletra, Debbie, Sydney, Meriam, Joan-Marie, Mark, Peter, Theresa, Al, Frida and Tom; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

The greens on the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God by the Christ Church Altar Guild. These flowers are great blessings which offer to us in their beauty the words of God's creation, for through flowers we see the poetry of Christ.

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.

Celebrant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy 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 CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION, all kneel or sit.

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS, prayed by the Celebrant.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Arr. Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At His feet the sixwinged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Please stand for The Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY, sung by all as the Offering Plates are brought forward.

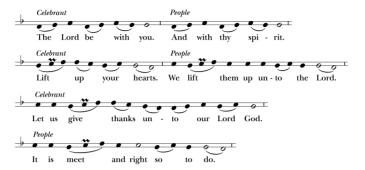
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise + Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II



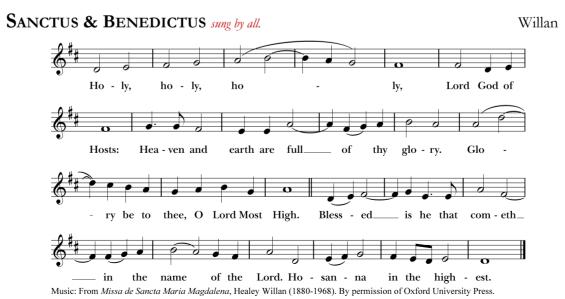
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The Celebrant continues,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



The people stand, sit, or kneel. Then, the Celebrant continues,

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

THE GREAT AMEN, sung by all.

McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)



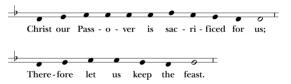
THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant introduces the prayer, saying

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

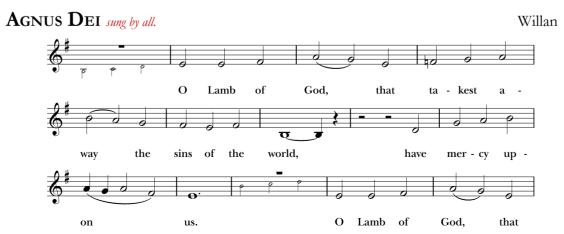
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

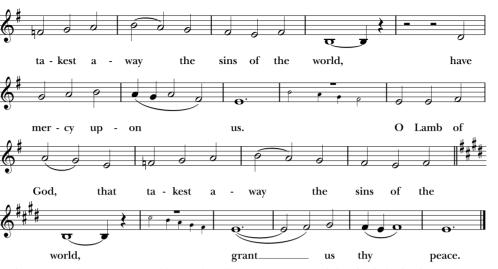
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. Silence is kept.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

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THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, prayed by all.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(for those joining via the live-stream to pray on their own)

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People together pray,

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING, all stand for the blessing.

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying:

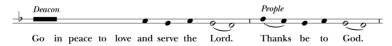
Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words,



THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



A FESTIVAL OF



NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th – A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

4:00 p.m. A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Festive reception follows in Parish House.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st — *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th – *Christmas Eve*4:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Incarnation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th – *The Feast of the Incarnation* | *Christmas Day*10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Incarnation (spoken)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th – *The First Sunday after Christmas*10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Christ Church Upcoming Events & News December 14, 2025

Sunday, December 14

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 1 (C) 9:00a.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)

10:00a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II (C & Z)

11:00a.m. Fellowship (PH)

4:00p.m. A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols (C)

5:00p.m. Festive Potluck Reception (PH)

Monday, December 15

6:00p.m. Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, December 16

6:30p.m. Parish Advent Book Study (PH &Z)

Thursday, December 18

9:00a.m. Morning Prayer (C)

Saturday, December 20

10:00a.m.. Greening of the Church, all are invited to help decorate.

Sunday, December 21

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 1 (C) 9:00a.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)

9:00a.m. Christ Church for Families service (PH) 10:00a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II (C & Z)

11:00a.m. Fellowship (PH)

11:15a.m. Daily Bread Ministry (PH)

Church (C) Parish House (PH) Tower Chapel (TC) Zoom (Z)

READERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 AT 10A.M.; HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Jeannine Daly: First Readings, Isaiah 7:10-16 Devin McKay: Second Reading, Romans 1:1-7 Debbie Czeglédy: Prayers of the People

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS: Sunday, December 14th 2024 at 4:00pm.

You are invited to join us at Christ Church as the Christ Church Choir under the direction of Leslie Fitzpatrick Waltzer, Organist and Director of Music Ministry leads the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. The congregation will participate in singing traditional Advent and Christmas carols. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to this joyous event.

A Festive Pot-Luck Reception consisting of appetizers and desserts to follow in the Parish Hall.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS THROUGH FLOWERS AND MUSIC

During the Christmas season the church is lovingly and beautifully adorned with seasonal greens and flowers, along with wonderful music that announce "The Savior is born!". The flowers and music are given

to the glory of God, and in memory of those we have lost but still hold dear as well as those whom we are thankful for. You are invited to honor loved ones and friends by making a donation for the *Greening of the Church and Music* in their names. The names of your loved ones will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. A mailing was sent with the Dedication Form and Donation Envelopes. Please provide a *SEPARATE* check for Music and/or Flower donations, noting "*Christmas Music*" or "*Christmas Flowers*" in the Memo Line. You may leave your donation in the Sunday collection plate, the Christ Church mailbox or mail to: 1351 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, NY 11030.

In order to be printed in the Christmas Order of Service bulletin, donations and dedication information must be received by Wednesday, December 18th.

TUESDAY EVENING ADULT ED. CLASS

ADVENT 2025 PARISH BOOK STUDY, December 16th: 6:30pm in the Guild Room or via Zoom

"Join Father Stephen and your fellow parishioners for the last discussion of this Advent meditation book study.

"For generations, readers have found in the writing of Evelyn Underhill the guidance to help them deepen their own interior lives in the Christian mystical tradition. In this lovely volume, Anglican author and editor Christopher Webber has carefully selected inspirational passages from Underhill's most significant works, providing readings for every day of Advent and Christmas - and sharing the timeless treasure of Underhill's spiritual vision."

You can purchase the book from Amazon or from Church Publishing.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH: Saturday, December 20th at 10a.m.

Join the Christ Church Altar Guild on *Saturday December 20th* at 10:00am in the Church as we decorate the Church for Christmas.

We will need your help hanging wreaths, placing flowers, tying bows, setting up the crèche, and more. If you're available on the 20th, please join us!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Diana Tadler (dtadler@me.com).

WEEKDAY WORSHIP: MORNING PRAYER, EUCHARIST, & MEDITATION AND EVENING PRAYER CANDLELIT MEDITATION AND COMPLINE

Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist Rite 1 is now celebrated on Thursdays in-person and on Zoom. It will be posted on our Facebook & YouTube pages each Thursday after 10:00a.m.

Candlelit meditation and compline will be held in the Chapel the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm.

FOOD PANTRY: TOILETRIES

The St. Mary's Food Pantry have a need for the items listed below.

Toilet paper	Tooth Paste	Tooth Paste	Soap	Feminine Products
Deodorant	Shampoo	Shampoo	Conditioner	Wipes
Moisturizer	Shaving Cream	Shaving Cream	Disposable Razors	

Thank you in advance for your support!



These greens on the Altar are given to the glory of God, by the Christ Church Altar Guild.

Coffee hour is hosted by Phoebe Miller.

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THE STAFF OF CHRIST CHURCH

The Reverend Stephen C. Tamke, Rector

Mrs. Leslie Fitzpatrick Waltzer, Organist & Director of Music Ministry

Mrs. Donna Cullinan-Gillis, Parish Administrator

Mr. Enrique Valdes, Sexton

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THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH

William Cornachio, Warden (2026) Elizabeth Giacoma, Warden (2027)

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