



CHRIST CHURCH
- PITTSFORD -

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING
LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

WELCOME! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are a visitor, we hope you leave as a friend; please complete a “welcome card” found in the pew racks. Please join us at the altar rail for Communion. You may request gluten free wafers from the clergy. We hope you will return!

CARE FOR OUR YOUNG CHILDREN. We have a terrific Sunday School program for kids, age 3 through high school. Sunday School Classes are held during the 10:00 am service for all ages.

On the second Sunday of each month, in lieu of Sunday School, children ages 3 years-5th grade are invited to join Children’s Chapel during the service. Children and youth in grades 4-12 are invited to serve in worship ministries on those Sundays.

We also offer nursery care for infants and children through age 2 at the 10:00 am service.



To use our hearing loop, activate the telecoil on your hearing aid/cochlear implant. Adjust the volume as needed.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am	Coffee Hour
9:00 am	Outreach Committee Meeting
9:00 am	No Adult Forum
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am	Children's Chapel and Nursery Care
11:00 am	Coffee Hour

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 PM	CODA
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 SHROVE TUESDAY

9:00 am	Stretch and Strengthen
12:00 pm	Caregivers' Luncheon
7:00 pm	Debtors Anonymous
6:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Spoken Service)
7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Service with Choir)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am	Coffee Hour
9:00 am	Adult Forum
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am	Sunday School Workshop and Nursery Care
11:00 am	Coffee Hour

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

ACOLYTES	Ethan and Avery Dunham
CHALICE MINISTERS	Laura Despard, Mary Ann Chiella
LECTORS	Sofia Leite, Dorothy Smith, Colin Smith
COUNTERS	Kay Marshman, Cork Young
USHERS	Wes Harries, Diane Wood
GREETER	Ana Cardina
LIVE STREAMING TECHNICIAN	Ray Preble

We are grateful for the hard work of the Altar Guild every week for their care of the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish.

All congregational hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pews unless otherwise noted. Service music is found in the front section of the hymnal.

Please stand as able.

VOLUNTARY

Hymn 135 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

SALZBURG

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S278

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Psalm 50: 1-6 *Deus deorum (sung by choir)*

- 1 *The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; **
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 *Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, **
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 *Our God will come and will not keep silence; **
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 *He calls the heavens and the earth from above **
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 *"Gather before me my loyal followers, **
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 *Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; **
for God himself is judge.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

The Presider invites the children to proceed to Children's Chapel in the Fellowship Hall by following Mrs. Sampson-Bouchard.

Hymn 421 All Glory be to God on High

ALLEIN GOTT

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Julianne Buenting

A time of silent reflection is kept after the sermon.

Please stand, as able.

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: 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 (*adapted from prayers by the Rev. Rick Morley and the Anglican Church of Canada*)

Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Christ Jesus, saying:
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

As the prophet Isaiah sang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your people, O God, to show forth the light of Christ, which pierces even the deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As the star rose high into the night sky, guiding the Magi from distant lands to the Christ-child; guide the whole world, O God, to your healing and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church, especially for the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we approach the election convention for our next Bishop. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed and those afflicted by violence, natural disasters, and war. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In the hope of eternal rest and peace in your presence, all-holy God, we pray for those who have died. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Presider

Holy God, hear our prayers, and kindle the flame of the Christ within us, that in our lives and service, we may rejoice to know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

(The children return from Children's Chapel during The Peace.)

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us. *Ephesians 5:2a*



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Light of the World, we know Thy praise
the angels and archangels raise, and all the host of Heaven;
More worthily than our faint hymns, whose jarring sound that glory dims,
Which God to Thee has given.*

*But thou didst not disdain to take our low estate,
or even to make the tomb thy resting place;
So Thou might bring into our night the dawn of Thine eternal Light,
Eternal Light to shine upon our face.*

*Nor death, nor hell, nor sin is Lord, but Thou, O Son of God.
Thy Word is now our sovereign law.*

*Therefore we thank Thee, and we pray Thy Light may shine unto the perfect day,
Thy Light may shine on us forevermore.*

Edward Capel-Cure (1828-1890)

Please stand, as able.

DOXOLOGY:

**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 HOLY COMMUNION (EP B, Expansive Language)

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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:

S. 128 SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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,
We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you,
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, the mother of God, and all your
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ
our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of
our salvation.

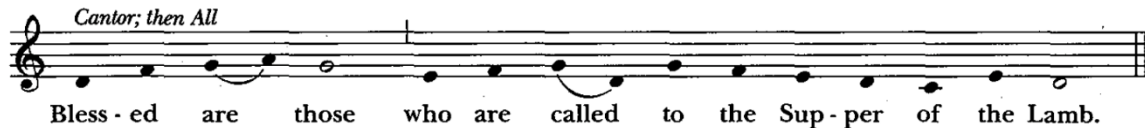
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor
and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM: S. 172



Cantor: Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

All: Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peoples. For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Presider 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.

Silence is kept as we prepare for communion.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The consecrated Bread is received in the open palm. The consecrated Wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it) or by dipping the wafer of consecrated Bread. You may request gluten free wafers from the clergy at the altar rail.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 314 Humbly I adore Thee

ADORO DEVOTE

HYMN 137 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

WAREHAM

All stand or kneel, as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider 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 BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and those you love, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

HYMN 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday

February 13, 6:00 pm

The Parish Life Committee will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 13. It's Mardi Gras, so "laissez les bons temps roulez" with beads, cajun/zydeco music, good food and good company.

We'll serve pancakes and sausage (with a vegan alternative provided). Please sign up in the entry of church.

Ash Wednesday

February 14

We will have services of Holy Eucharist with the distribution of ashes at **12:00 pm, (spoken service), and 7:00 pm (service with music and choir).**

Children's Chapel and Youth in Church

Sunday, March 10 during the 10 am Service

Volunteers are needed for Sunday School and the new monthly Children's Chapel! Please let Liz know if you are interested in helping out.

Children and youth in grades 4-12 are invited to get involved in the Sunday, March 10 services as acolytes, crucifer, chalice ministers, readers, ushers, greeters, and Children's Chapel assistant. Training is available and all are welcome! Please sign up by the Sunda School Office. Future dates for youth volunteers are April 14, and May 12.

CHRIST CHURCH PITTSFORD ADULT FORUMS SUNDAYS 9:00 AM

February 18 Lent I

Theological Bases of Lent

February 25 Lent 2

Spiritual Practices and Resources for Lent

(Both February 18 and February 25 presented by Richard Smith)

March 3 Lent 3

Liturgy in Lent

March 10 Lent 4

Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum

March 17 Lent 5

Lessons from Early Christianity in Ireland
(for St. Patrick's Day)

(March 3, 10 and 17 presented by Julianne)

Caregivers Luncheon

Tuesday, February 13 at 12:00 pm

Caregivers meets the second Tuesday of the month, right here at Christ Church. All participants must be caring for a loved one in their personal lives. We offer nourishments for the body, mind and soul. This group is lead by two very experienced caregivers: Jamie Hill and Laurie Sorge. This group is not limited to members of Christ Church, that means if you have a friend or relative or even "friend of a friend" in need, they are welcome. Please contact Cindy through the church office at 586-1226 or Laurie Sorge at 703-3503.

Women's Book Club

Thursday, Feb. 29 at 7:00 on Zoom

We will be reading *The Mountain in the Sea* by Ray Nayler. Humankind discovers intelligent life in an octopus species with its own language and culture, and sets off a high-stakes global competition to dominate the future. But no one has yet asked the octopuses what they think. Or what they might do about it. A near-future thriller, a meditation on the nature of consciousness, and an eco-logical call to arms, Ray Nayler's dazzling literary debut *The Mountain in the Sea* is a mind-blowing dive into the treasure and wreckage of humankind's legacy. For more information, please e- mail Suzanne Lee, leeharris@frontiernet.net.

Non Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, February 20 at 3:00 pm

We will discuss *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder. Kidder follows the work of Dr. Jim O'Connell as he creates a community of care for the homeless living on the streets--the "rough sleepers".

We will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 3:00 pm to discuss *Hitler's Aristocrats: The Secret Power Players in Britain and America Who Supported the Nazis, 1923-1941* by Susan Roland. Ronald examines the shadowy world of aristocrats and business leaders on both sides of the Atlantic who secretly aided Hitler and Nazi Germany.

We welcome all members of the parish and their friends to participate in the book club. Meetings will be held in a hybrid format with both in person attendance and via Zoom. To get more information about the book club, to be added to our distribution list or to suggest a book for discussion, please contact Jim Baroody, jimbaroody@gmail.com.

Outreach Lenten Collections 2024

A Meal and More is a community kitchen based at Christ Church Rochester. It offers a free hot noon meal to all in need every Sunday and Wednesday. The meals are prepared by a paid chef assisted by teams of volunteers who help prepare, set tables and serve the dinners. Christ Church Pittsford supports A Meal and More with volunteers, grants and donations of food and other needs.

Items Needed:

Canned Tomatoes: Crushed, Diced, or Sauce, 28 oz.

Dried Pasta: all types

Salad Dressing: Italian or Ranch

Canned vegetables: 28 oz. preferred

Zipper top sandwich bags

Fostering Hope NY, Inc. provides every child entering foster care in Monroe County with a backpack filled with age-appropriate toiletries, a stuffed animal, book, journal or coloring book and writing utensils. They are also working with the residential placement group at Hillside Family of Agencies, and the Crisis Nursery. Christ Church has provided them with stuffed animals in the past.

Items Needed For school age children and teens:

Socks, Hats and Mittens, and underwear.

Veterans Outreach Center is dedicated to providing high-quality individualized services to the men and women who served our country. In honor of Maundy Thursday, we will collect socks for those in need. This year they will go to the Veterans Outreach Center.

Items Needed: Socks for men and women.

Please Pray For:

Bertha Simpkins, friend of Mary Callaway, hospitalized;
Bill Pickett, friend of Mary Ann Chiella and Kay Marshman;
The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester bishop search and wisdom for the upcoming election convention.

ONGOING:

Scott Ornt; Karl Hendrickson; Frances; Bella O'Neil; Austin Kellogg; Barry Balonek; Trevor Smith; Olivia; Judi Bachelder; Beth; Steve; David Miller; Sarah McCurdy; Sarah Koopus; Anu Abhyankar; Dick Seils; Jean Snyder and family; Andrew Green; Joel Krenis; Susan Watt; Tom Frank; Jeannie Young; Carol Bates; Lisa Crocket; David; William Jackman; Ella Dyson; Sue Thomas; Lee McKee; Gene Johnson, John McCleod; Bill Shield; Matt Eggars; Angelina Gentry; Ron Young; Jane Wells; Claire Crump; Peter Hazelman; Joani Hauge and Theo Georgiev; Jonathan Ragan; Mike Longton; Leo Landhuis; Mary Lou; Carl Smith; Sandy Wallak; Sheila Siborg; Hilda Wiley; Chrystal Dudley; Patty Bolger; Margaret Angelline; Junie Bakken; Jose Fernandez.

We're grateful to be able to pray for our parishioners, family members, and friends who are in need, and we think it is important to make these concerns known to our community. We generally keep names on this list for about four weeks, unless we're aware of a continuing need. If we've removed a prayer request which you would like to appear for another 4-6 weeks, please call the church office. Thank you for your good help in bringing prayer requests to our attention.

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