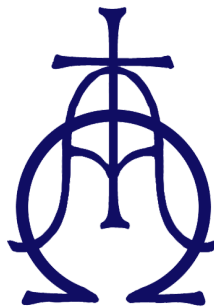


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Joy to the World!

Lessons and Carols

A very merry Christmas to you--even in these subdued times. You are invited to worship through music and scripture, with several beautiful options outlined below.

Friends, do look at the prayer list and keep all in your devotions, prayers, thoughts and heart. We now have COVID positive parishioners who are being treated. Please wear your masks over your nose and mouth, avoid outings, and stay safe. And keep praying!

December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas: A Celebration of Lessons and Carols
Our tradition is to have a service of scripture and carols for the first Sunday after Christmas. We will do this, but this year will partake of the riches of festal choirs from around the world.

The list below includes links. If you click on the bold and underlined words, you will be taken to the website that is hosting the Lessons and

Carols. My understanding is that all will be available as recordings on Sunday (or any day) as well.

Diocese of Southern Ohio Calvary Church Clifton

Thursday, Dec 24, 7.30 pm

Calvary Lessons and Carols

National Cathedral

Wednesday Dec 23, 6.00

National Cathedral Lessons and Carols

You can also sign up for a National Cathedral "Christmas Season Pass" which will send you links to all National Cathedral worship services

National Cathedral "Christmas Service Pass"

Cambridge University King's College Chapel

Thursday, Dec 24, 10 am

Friday, Dec 25, 8 am

King's College Cambridge Lessons and Carols

There are various other broadcasts in America from King's. This link will give you the King's website; scroll down and you will have several links to find a service or service recording.

King's College information

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An End of Year Shout-Out and Celebration

During this year of so much disruption, a major milestone passed by our congregation without appropriate notice or comment. Therefore, as we come to the end of 2020 let's give a big HURRAH!! of celebration and thanksgiving for **Maxine and Larry Thomas** who celebrated their **50th wedding anniversary** on August 8th.



Please pray with me:

Gracious God, you have blessed and consecrated the covenant of marriage so that it is for us an image of the unity between Jesus and his Church; send your blessings upon your servants Maxine and Larry that they they may continue to love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience. We give thanks for the 50 years, 4months, and 2 weeks of their marriage and for lives lived in faithfulness to you and love for each other that have magnified that love to extend it to the world. May their hearts and home be havens of blessing and peace. We pray this through Jesus, who walks with us in our life journey, and who blesses us with the gifts of fellowship and devotion. Amen.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
Gifts of sustenance for Baby Jesus--and all babies

Christmas Outreach: Diaper Drive

Please continue to bring your diapers for the FISH diaper drive. We will continue to take cash donations as well. This will be a difficult winter for many people.

Bless you in your everyday matters, and bless you every day.

December 27, 2020 Christmas 1

December 27, 2020 is Fourth Sunday

Scripture Readings for December 27

Note: the readings below are the lectionary readings assigned.
However, the readings for Lessons and Carols is different.
There's no harm in reading extra Bible verses!

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 147

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

*you can find copies of the scripture on our weekly devotional
at the bottom of this note*

Your Guide to Worship at Christ Episcopal and COVID-19

Due to high levels of COVID-19 in our county,
we are currently worshipping online

Here is a copy of the new **4 Dec Updated Worship Guidelines** (click on the bolded and underlined words) for worship during COVID. The bishops of Southern Ohio and Ohio have asked us to stay remote when we are **purple** or red. With the terrible spike in cases and COVID-related deaths, we will be remote until further notice--through December, and likely into January.

Click on the button below to check on Greene County's status

Ohio Dept of Health Map

Stewardship and Pledges

Please help us close the 2020 financial year with your remaining pledge, and please prayerfully consider what you can offer to in 2021. Call the church office for details.

Click on the button below if you'd like to give your pledge via the Diocese of Southern Ohio (this is set up especially for churches like ours). You can also mail or deliver your pledge to Becky at Nickell House.

Give pledge online

++Parish Prayer List++

Prayers for your daily devotions

Healing

For Pam, Rick, Heidi, Reynold, Lynn, John G., Bev H., Brad, John N, Rick B, Cynda, Connie, baby Amelia, Karen, Diana, Peter, Heather, David, Rev John T, Woody W, Bob M, Traci S, Rick F, Rogue C and family, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

In God's Nearer Presence

Infant son of Rogue C.

Coyla W.

Casey G.

Richard L.

Ruth

For all victims of COVID-19

All the victims of racial unrest

We pray for comfort and healing for those who grieve.

On-going prayer

Matt, Trisha, Reid, Trish, Carolyn, Shayna, Kathy, Steve, Dorothy, Marcia, Shirley, Terry, Arlene, Kim, Jill, Lynne, Cynthia, Tiffany, Heidi, Madysun, Ken, Lamar, Laura and Avis, John, Grandma Ann, Greg, Jess and Tim, Tom, Tawn, Autumn, and Marsha S.

Diocese of Southern Ohio

Please keep our diocese in your prayers, especially Bishop Ken, Bishop Nedi, and Bishop Wendell, and the Standing Committee who will be serving the diocese for the coming months as we discern the process for calling a new bishop.

++Christian Formation++

Weekly Devotional

Our readings this week include exploration of hunger--spiritual and physical hunger. Suzanne Guthrie's weekly devotional is found at the button below. At the top left hand corner you will find the readings of the week.

Here is the link for the weeks readings as well as the devotional **Edge of the Enclosure**

++Previous Sermons++

**Father Mike Kreutzer
Christ Episcopal Xenia on ZOOM
Sunday, December 13
Are you saved?**

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