



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary	<i>Toccata and Pastorale</i>	Johann Pachelbel
Introit	<i>The Lord is My Light</i>	Frances Allitsen
Processional Hymn (<i>standing</i>)	<i>"Songs of thankfulness and praise"</i>	Hymn 135

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

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 (*sung in unison*) Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (9:1-4) .

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 Dominus illuminatio (standing)

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then /shall I/ fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then/ shall I be a/fraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one /thing I /seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord/ all the days of my /life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty/ of the /Lord *
and to /seek him in his /temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe/ in his/ shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me /high upon a /rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts /up my /head *
above my enemies round a/bout me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds/ of great /gladness; *
I will sing and make /music to the/ Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, /when I /call; *
have mercy on /me and answer /me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say,/ "Seek my /face." *
Your face, Lord,/ will I /seek.
- 12 Hide not your/ face from /me, *
nor turn away your /servant in dis/pleasure.



13 You have been my helper;
cast me /not a/way; *
do not forsake me, O /God of my sal/vation.

The people sit

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (1:10-18).

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn (*standing*) *"They cast their nets in Galilee"*

Hymn 661

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (4:12-23).

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed *spoken in unison, standing*

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 Form VI

Standing or kneeling

BCP 392

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Pause*) For all people in their daily life
and work;

People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all bishops
and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially
Mary Ruth, Cindy, Lauren, Sue, Noah, Julia, Linda, Irene, Ruby, Pat, Hilda, Betty
and Maria (*Pause for intercessions*) Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*Pause for thanksgivings*)
We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*Pause for intercessions*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Reader and People, kneeling or standing

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem "Saw You Never in the Twilight" Austin Lovelace

The Doxology (sung in unison, standing) "Hymn 380 v. 3" Old 100th

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.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B *Standing* BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up our hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S-125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Standing or kneeling

We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S-138

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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.

Fraction Anthem (sung in unison)

Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

"Follow me"

Matthew 4, Psalm 119

Communion Hymn

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Hymn 304

Once all have received, the celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 366

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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn (standing)

"Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

Hymn 381

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Johann Gottfried Walther

The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God

and in Loving Memory of

Phyllis S. and Roger I. Wall, MD

Virginia Hensley Isley and Bernard Posey Isley

By Linda and Ran Isley and children

in memory of their parents and grandparents

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday Bible Study is reading and discussing highlights of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. We meet in the Parish House at 9:30 am, and all are invited to join the conversation.

Sunday services at 10:30 am - Rite II, w/HE Rev. John Adams presiding

Religious Life Sunday

Today is Religious Life Sunday, as founded by a 2022 resolution of General Convention, on which we celebrate Episcopalians living under vows. In the Episcopal Church, the religious life includes monastic communities, where monks and nuns live together in accordance with a rule of life, and dispersed communities, whose members live in their own homes. In addition to regular habits of prayer and service, members of religious communities often serve the wider church by teaching about prayer practices, leading retreats, and providing spiritual friendship. At Christ Church, Br. Pete Budde is a member of the dispersed Brotherhood of St. Gregory, who, following the example of St. Gregory the Great, seek to support the clergy, the servants of God, in the pastoral care of all. For more information about the religious life in the Episcopal Church, please visit religiouslifesunday.org.

Homeless Drop-in Ministry Ending

In response to congregational concerns, the Vestry voted to cease ministering to the homeless in the Undercroft no later than April 13, and thus the homeless drop-in ministry has ended as of January 19.

Wednesday Eucharists

At Noon on Wednesdays, Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building).

Loaves & Fishes

January Loaves & Fishes has been canceled; we hope to return in February.

Video Operators Wanted

We are looking for people who are comfortable with computers and would be willing to help us livestream our services every Sunday. Please talk to Fr. John if you would be willing to learn the (not overly complicated) routine and join the rotation.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **January - March: Beef Stew (15-20 oz.)** For the month of January: **toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

Winter Weather Policy

When we experience inclement winter weather on a Sunday morning, there will still be a 10:30 worship service in the church, but Fr. John encourages you to stay home if you feel you cannot arrive in safety, even if you are scheduled to serve. During the week, if Martinsville Public Schools are closed, the Office will also be closed.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Kelly Cain

Chalicers: Natalie Coleman, Jay Dickens

Acolyte: Catherine Maxwell. Elizabeth Maxwell

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Ben Lewis, Kyle Trent, Rebin Titus

Altar Guild: Team Four – Becky Farrar, Susan Smith,

Natalie Coleman, Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone

Counters: Natalie Coleman, Hank Long

2023 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Hank Long, Senior Warden; Ruby Stultz; Rebin Titus; Pat Walmsley

Year 2: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Beverly Lyle, Treasurer; Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 1: Pat Bondurant, Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Will Zimmer