

**The Third Sunday After the Epiphany  
January 22, 2017**



**10:00 AM  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Montpelier, VT**

**Christ Church is a Christian faith community that welcomes all, worships together, transforms lives, and engages in God's work in greater Montpelier and beyond.**

## The Holy Eucharist – Rite II – 10:00 am

*We invite you to observe silence before the service begins.*

Organ Prelude: *Dialogue in C*

Louis Marchand

Processional Hymn: #427, “*When morning guilds the sky*”

Salutation and response

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 of Praise: S278

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day.

BCP 215

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Word of God**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 5-13



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 afraid?

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;  
 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD  
 and to seek him in his temple.  
 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.  
 Even now he lifts up my head  
 above my enemies round about me.  
 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
 with sounds of great gladness;  
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.  
 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
 have mercy on me and answer me.  
 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.  
 Hide not your face from me,  
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
 You have been my helper;  
 cast me not away;  
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians	1:10-18
Sequence Hymn: #550, " <i>Jesus calls us</i> "	Verses 1, 2
The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew	4:12-23
<b>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</b>	
The Gospel of the Lord.	
<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>	
Sequence Hymn: #550, " <i>Jesus calls us</i> "	Verses 3, 4
Sermon	Rev. Lee Ferry
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
<b>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.</b>	

**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

Dear God, we pray for our world, for our country, and for our community. Please keep our streets safe, and help our leaders to make good decisions and not mess anything up. Let the people say, **Amen.**

We pray for the conflicts at home and around the world. Help us find a way to get along. Please bring peace and forgiveness into our hearts. Let the People say. **Amen.**

We pray for people who are homeless. Please help them be safe and find homes. We pray for people around the world who are poor. Please give them what they need so they can stay healthy and alive. Let the people say, **Amen.**

We pray for people who are sick or injured. Today, we pray especially for Today we pray for: Mack, Ida, Ernest, Charlotte, Laurie, Logan and for those whom you wish to name either silently or aloud. (Pause) Let the people say, **Amen.**

We pray for our church. Please help people feel at home here; help them feel safe here, and know that they have people around them who will help. Help us to be your light for this community. Let the people say, **Amen.**

We pray for ourselves and our friends. Help us stick to it when school is hard or boring and help us get a good education. Please help us get enough sleep. Let the people say, **Amen.**

We thank you for winter, for snow, skiing and sledding. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you, God, for parents who help us and keep us safe and support us and put good food on the table. Thank you for our health, for having more than enough stuff, and for all the people who help and protect us. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you, God, for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Help us to shine your light wherever we go. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you, God for Epiphany, and all the “Ah Ha” moments that lead us to you. Let the people say, **Amen.**

**An open door,**

**A roof above,**

**Safe homes for all,**

**In the power of love.**

The Concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

BCP360

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**

**Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We encourage you to offer your neighbor a sign of peace!*



# The Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's table!*

*In addition to traditional consecrated bread and wine, consecrated gluten free hosts and grape juice are available upon request.*

## The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *Hombres, Victoria!*

Francisco Guerrero

Translation: Humans, victory! That against all of hell the crying of a tender boy ensures our salvation.

Doxology: Hymn#380, vs. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.

Sanctus: S130

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 him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

**And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

**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

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S154

Distribution of Communion

Communion Anthem: *A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays*

Jean Berger

Communion Hymn: #444, "*Blessed be the God of Israel*"

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

**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

Recessional Hymn: #537, "*Christ for the world we sing*"

The Dismissal

Organ Postlude: *Recessional*

William Matthias

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

## **Welcome!**

*David Blythe is our Lay Eucharistic Ministers this morning.*

*Our Lectors this morning are the Youth of Christ Church.*

*Christ Episcopal Church's team of preachers reflects a variety of styles by bringing the Word of God to life in unique and relevant ways.*

*Your direct feedback is always welcomed and appreciated.*





## Christ Church Staff and Leadership

Paul Habersang, *Priest-in-Partnership*  
Beth Ann Maier, *Regional Deacon*  
Lynnette Combs, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
Rilla Murray, *Senior Warden*  
Ted Long, *Junior Warden*  
Denise Womer, *Youth and Families Director*  
Dierdre Allen, *Administrator*



### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting for Christ Episcopal Church will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2017 in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:00AM service. All are encouraged to attend this important meeting. **Year end 2016 financial reports and the proposed 2017 budgets are available now if you would like to review them prior to the meeting.**

**Rock Point Campaign** This past summer Christ Church received a surprise financial gift from the estate of our beloved friend, Pat Carruth. In response, the Vestry (elected leadership team) voted to set aside a portion of these proceeds along with some other proceeds from the Susan Howland Bequest, to create a matching fund of \$5000.00 in support of the Rock Point Capital Campaign. **Currently, we have already received \$2200.00 toward this match!** Anyone who would like to contribute to the Rock Point Capital Campaign can make checks payable to Christ Church with "Rock Point" in the memo section. When we have received the second \$5,000 in donations from our community, we will then send a check to Rock Point that will total \$10,000.00 as a total gift from Christ Church. Below is a link to a video that highlights the mission of Rock Point:

<http://www.rockpointvt.org/introductory-video>

## **Worship and Liturgy News & Events:**

**Interested in serving as a Chalice Bearer or Reader?** If anyone is interested in serving as a Chalice Bearer (LEM/Lay Eucharistic Minister) or a reader during Sunday services, we will be having a brief training/refresher on Sunday, January 22, 2017 immediately following the 10:00AM service. If you are interested in participating, please join us. Serving at the altar is easier than you may think and it is very appropriate to have clergy and lay folks serving collaboratively in our liturgy. Think about it!

**Linen!** Do you like to iron linen, or would you like to learn? The Altar Guild could use your help!!! Please contact Nancy Webb, 802-225-5926.

**Prayers for Peace:** On Fridays, from 12:30PM to 1:30PM, the sanctuary at Christ Church will be open for prayer and meditation. All persons are invited into this holy and safe space, to offer prayers for ourselves and others, to receive grace and healing.

**Book Discussion: March by John Lewis** Continuing on Sunday mornings at 9:00am, the Sunday morning book study group continues to read and study the March trilogy by Rep. John R Lewis. These books are a history of the American Civil Rights movement. We will discuss civil rights yesterday's, today and tomorrow using other sources including Bible study and current American civil rights activists. Join us at 9:00AM on Sundays mornings in the Parish Hall. See Rev. Bob Meyers for more information.

## **Social Justice Events and Ministry Opportunities:**

### **Welcome Gifts for Refugees...Showing Love to New Vermonters**

On February 12, 2017, we are taking a special offering to benefit a local organization assisting with refugee resettlement in Vermont. CVRAN (Central Vermont Refugee Action Network) was organized in April 2016 and works closely with VRRP (Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program) in Colchester. In 2017, Chittenden County is preparing to welcome 300 refugees from Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo and Bhutan, in addition to the 100 Syrians and Iraqis who are coming to Rutland.

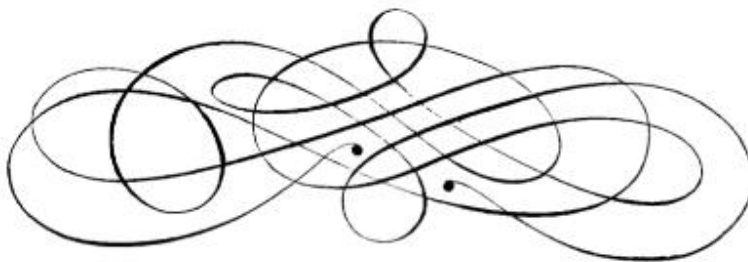
CVRAN is raising funds to purchase gifts of cutting boards and quality knife sets to welcome these newcomers. After our usual offering is collected, a basket will

be passed for this gesture of welcome and love. Our donations from Christ Church will be added to the offerings of several other local congregations who have expressed a desire to contribute. Checks may be written to CVRAN and earmarked “welcome gifts.” Your donations are tax-deductible. Wendy Dale is the Christ Church point person on this initiative. For further information about CVRAN, please contact: [diane.fitch@wright.edu](mailto:diane.fitch@wright.edu) or Peter Thoms at [peterthoms1@gmail.com](mailto:peterthoms1@gmail.com).

**NEW MINISTRY: Christ Church Connections (CCC)**

Christ Church Connections is a new ministry of mutual caring within this faith community. We promote connections by helping members in health or other personal crises (e.g., visits, meals, cards, prayers, home Eucharist). If your family or someone you know could use a visit or other help, please contact KATE MONTROSS during January. She may be reached at 802-272-6434 or by email at [ktandme@gmail.com](mailto:ktandme@gmail.com). If you are interested in participating, please speak with Kate or Rilla Murray (272-2663 or [rillamurray@gmail.com](mailto:rillamurray@gmail.com)).

**Email Distribution List:** If you would like to be added to our weekly email distribution list, please contact Dierdre Allen in our office to add your address to the weekly communications. Thank you.



## The Missions & Ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jackie Mills-Brown (802-223-2243)
<b>Choir/Music</b>	Lynnette Combs (802-371-5066)
<b>Christ Church Tours</b>	Joan Sabens (802-476-2040)
<b>Communications Team</b>	Kathy Preis (802-522-8219)
<b>Diocesan Representatives</b>	Virginia Catone (802-229-9898) Dave Simpson (802-859-9060)
<b>Discretionary Fund for Community Outreach</b>	Virginia Catone, (802-229-9898)
<b>Finance Committee</b>	John Jaworski (802-476-4942)
<b>Food Shelf</b>	Bill Beard (802-223-2137)
<b>Full Ladle Soup Kitchen</b>	Sharon Wilson (802-244-8037)
<b>Hospitality Committee</b>	Aldora Chamberlin (802-461-5527)
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Chalice Bearers/Lectors</b>	Steamer Walke (802-223-3632)
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitor/Home Communion</b>	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
<b>Pastoral Care Committee</b>	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234) Kathy Preis (802-522-8219)
<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Rev. Beth Ann Maier (802-793-4234)
<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	Maggie Thompson (802-454-4635) Rilla Murray (802-272-2663)
<b>Stewardship Committee</b>	Bruce Story (802-225-6343)
<b>Sudan Communion</b>	Deb Jerard (802-223-0531) Martha Holden 802-229-9036)
<b>Youth and Families Ministry</b>	Denise Womer (603-545-9488)
<b>Vestry (elected leadership team)</b>	Rilla Murray (802-272-2663)
<b>Usher/Greeter Ministry</b>	Jody Pettersen (802-522-6171)
<b>Worship Committee</b>	Rev. Paul Habersang (802- 223-3631)

*Would you like to get involved or learn more about these ministries? If so, please contact the persons listed so you can become active in our ministries.*