

# **The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany February 5, 2017**



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**8:00 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 I – 8:00 am**

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

Salutation and response

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

**Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Gloria

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**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**Son of the Father, that takest away the sins  
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;**

**thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



## **The Word of God**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah  
Psalm 112:1-9

58:1-9a

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-12

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:13-20

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Paul Habersang

The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

Prayers of the People

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire

continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to the leaders of your church, and the participants in their ministries, that they may, both by their lives and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald our president and Phillip our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

*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!*

*Gluten free hosts are available upon request.*

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts:  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia!**

Distribution of Communion

**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

The Dismissal

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*



## **Welcome!**

*Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Pat Dupont.*

*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.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**Finance Committee meeting:** There will be a meeting of the Christ Church Finance Committee on Monday, February 6, 2017 from 6:30-7:30PM.

**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:**

**Praise and Pizza!** Our Pipes and Pizza was such a huge success that we decided to add a Praise and Pizza Event on **Sunday, February 19, 2017**. Please join us immediately following the 10:00AM service in the Sanctuary for an intergenerational question and answer event. Have you ever wondered why we have some traditions, or maybe what's on the altar and why? Come, be curious, see and ask! Snacks, drinks, pizza and dessert will be served! Many thanks to the Worship Committee and Altar Guild Ministry for making this possible. For More information, or to find out how you can help, please contact, Denise Womer, Youth and Family Director at [youthandfamilies@christchurchvt.org](mailto:youthandfamilies@christchurchvt.org) or 603-545-9488.

**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.

**Bee Moulton Flower Fund:** Would you like to remember a loved one or to offer your thanksgiving to God with the gift of flowers? If so, please fill out a flower fund slip and return it to the office along with your check. Fresh flowers from Botanica adorn our altar on the first Sunday's of every month.

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

**The Social Justice Ministry** was formed at Christ Church in October. We have been meeting once a month to plan and share updates, and members have been involved individually in a number of different issues. Those in which people have indicated interest are: homelessness, refugee resettlement, racism, communication, criminal justice, violence toward women, the Dakota pipeline, economic justice and climate change.

We are going to be generating a newsletter which will have information about upcoming events, including educational events, book discussions, films, meetings of organizations working on these issues, and related special projects, legislative advocacy, demonstrations. We will also have occasional short articles. We expect that the newsletter will come out by e-mail every couple of weeks.

If you are interested in receiving this newsletter by e-mail, you can sign up at church on Sunday mornings. We will have sign-up sheets in the parish hall for the next several weeks. – Marty Roberts

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

*(This initiative may need to be postponed due to the recent halt to welcoming refugees. More info will be forthcoming)*

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 SHARON WILSON during January. She may be reached at 802-244-8037 or by email at [sharonw52@comcast.net](mailto:sharonw52@comcast.net). If you are interested in participating, please speak with Sharon!

**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.

## **Christ Church Staff and Leadership**

Paul Habersang, *Priest-in-Partnership*

Beth Ann Maier, *Regional Deacon*

Lynnette Combs, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Bruce Story, *Senior Warden*

Ted Long, *Junior Warden*

Denise Womer, *Youth and Families Director*

Dierdre Allen, *Administrator*

## **Bee Moulton Flower Fund**

*In loving memory of Tim Sykas from Bill Beard.*

*In thanksgiving for Bee Moulton from Bruce and Connie Story.*

## 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>	Bruce Story (802-225-6343)
<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.*